Puerto Rico Birding & Nature
Species Report | February 2 – 8, 2026
With Naturalist Journeys

Compiled by host Rick Weiman with 7 adventurous clients that included Eileen, Rich, Christine, Barbara, Katherine, Gretchen, and Vivian with local guide Alcides Morales.

This report summarizes our Naturalist Journeys tour of Puerto Rico in February of 2026 and the species heard or observed. Our group of 7 clients, plus myself and our local guide Alcides Morales, circled the island and its birding hotspots in 6 bird-filled days, identifying by sight or sound 115 species of birds, including all of the islands 19 endemic bird species including the critically endangered Puerto Rican Amazon.

The species report eBird link below is for the main part of the tour from February 3 – 8 and it details the 115 species of birds our group either observed or heard during the main tour.

Puerto Rico Birding & Nature 2026 - eBird Trip Report

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The following is a list of additional species we were also lucky enough to find during the trip.

MAMMALS: (1)

Rhesus Macaques *Macaca mulatta (I)* - This tour was pretty light on mammals however we did see several of these monkeys in the wild one early evening when we visited El Cayul-Bermeja to search for the Puerto Rican Owl. These monkeys are native to Asia and according to our guide probably swam to the mainland from nearby Cayo Santiago, an island which is home to about 1,000 free-roaming rhesus monkeys being studied by the Caribbean Primate Research Center (CPRC). The center is dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge and human health by fostering world-class research on non-human primates.

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS: (6)

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana (I)*—Spotted basking in trees several times during the tour. Iguanas are native to Central and South America, but were introduced to Puerto Rico in the 1970s through the pet trade. Some of these pets were released into the wild and have now become a full-blown pest.

Brown Anole *Anolis sagrei*—Very common lizard, often on the ground or in leaf litter and on hotel walls and stairwells.

Red-tailed Boa Constrictor *Boa constrictor constrictor (I)* —Kathy spotted a large one crossing a path in Maricao State Forest. This non-venomous snake is native to tropical South America. Rick found a smaller one later in the trip.

Puerto Rican Slider *Trachemys stejnegeri stejnegeri* —Quite a few of these turtles were basking on logs in the Carrizales Wetlands. A relative of the pond slider.

Coqui Tree Frog *Eleutherodactylus Coqui*—This small frog was heard singing "ko-kee" every day (and night) but never actually observed despite our best efforts.

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Cane Toad *Rhinella marin (I)*—Another invasive species in Puerto Rico. Rich found a young one at Laguna Cartagena.

Some additional very neat animals encountered at lunch one day at Pura Pesca restaurant in Palmas Altas were Sally Lightfoot crabs on rocks near the ocean, a Green Moray Eel in the same area, and a Hermit Crab we rescued.

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