

Panama Birding & Nature Species List | April 4 – 11, 2026 with Naturalist Journeys



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We visited various locations around the Canopy Tower, including Pipeline Road, Ammo Dump, Summit Ponds, Lake Gatun and the Chagres River. Then from the Canopy Lodge we visited feeders nearby plus several local trails. The weather was largely good apart from the last couple of days when we experienced some short showers.

Notable sightings included Great Tinamous, a pair of Crested Owls near Canopy Tower, a cooperative Streak-chested Antpitta along the Pipeline Road, a pair of Black-faced Antthrushes near the Canopy Tower, a Tayra at the Discovery Tower, and a Uniform Crake at the Canopy Lodge feeders.

BIRDS 241 species were recorded of which 13 were heard only, and 1 was introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 241 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you’re new to eBird, be sure to click “Show All Details” on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and insects we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS: (16)

Didelphidae: American Opossums

Central American Woolly Opossum *Caluromys derbianus*— Seen at night from Canopy Tower.

Common Opossum *Didelphis marsupialis*—

Megalonychidae & Bradypodidae: Sloths

Hoffman’s Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*—

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*— One at Lake Gatun.

Emballonuridae: Sac-winged Bats

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*— Seen on the Chagres River boat trip.

Molossidae: Free-tailed Bats

Little Mastiff Bat *Molossus molossus*— Probably the one flying around inside Canopy Tower.

Callitrichidae: Marmosets and Tamarins

Geoffroy's Tamarin *Sanguinus geoffroyi*— Seen on Lake Gatun boat trip, and crossing road near Canopy Lodge.

Cebidae: New World Monkeys

Western Night Monkey *Aotus zonalis*— Seen at Gamboa Rainforest Reserve.

White-faced Capuchin *Cebus capuchinus*— Seen on Lake Gatun boat trip.

Mantled Howler *Alouatta palliata*— Seen and heard in many place at and around Canopy Tower.

Sciuridae: Squirrels

Variiegated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*— Seen along Pipeline Road.

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*— Seen at Canopy Lodge feeders.

Hydrochaeridae: Capybaras

Lesser Capybara *Hydrochaerus isthmius*— Seen at night at Ammo Dump.

Dasyproctidae: Agoutis

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*— Seen commonly throughout.

Procyonidae: Raccoons & Allies

Kinkajou *Potos flavus*— Seen at night from Canopy Tower.

Mustelidae: Weasels, Otters & Allies

Tayra *Eira barbara*— Exciting record - seen from the Discovery Tower.

REPTILES: (11)

Crocodylidae: Crocodiles

American Crocodile *Crocodylus acutus*—Seen during Lake Gatun boat trip and at Pipeline Road.

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodiles*— Seen at Ammo Ponds.

Gekkonidae: Typical Geckos

Asian House Gecko *Hemidatylyus frenatus*— Seen at Canopy Lodge.

Sphaerodactylidae: Sphaeros & Allies

Yellow-headed Gecko *Gonatodes albogularis* —Seen at Canopy B&B feeders.

Iguanidae: Iguanas

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—Seen in several places around Canopy Tower.

Spiny-tailed Iguana *Ctenosaura similis*— Seen by Chagres River mouth and at Ammo Ponds.

Corytophanidae: Basilisk Lizards

Common Basilisk *Basiliscus basiliscus*— Seen at Canopy Lodge.

Teiidae: Whiptails and Tegus

Middle American Ameiva *Holcosus festivus*—Seen along Pipeline Road.

Four-lined Whiptail *Holcosus quadrilineatus*— Seen by Summit Ponds.

Colubridae: Colubrid Snakes

Western Parrot-Snake *Leptophis occidentalis*- Seen at Summit Ponds, being mobbed by tanagers and warblers.

Emydidae: Pond and Box Turtles

Nicaraguan Slider *Trachemys grayi* —Seen at the Summit Ponds.

INSECTS

BUTTERFLIES: (28)

Hesperiidae : Skippers

Plain Longtail *Spicauda simpliciis* —Seen around the Canopy Lodge.

Esmerelda Longtail *Urbanus esmereldus*—Seen around the Canopy Lodge.

Falcate Skipper *Spathilepia clonius* —Seen around the Canopy Lodge.

Fridericus Spreadwing *Quadrus fridericus* —Seen around the Canopy Lodge.

Papilionidae : Swallowtails

Polydamas Swallowtail *Battus polydamas*—Several seen at the Canopy Tower.

Western Giant Swallowtail *Heraclides rumiko*—Several seen at the Canopy Tower most days.

Pieridae: Whites and Sulphurs

Cloudless Sulphur *Phoebis sennae*—Seen at Canopy Tower and Gamboa Rainforest Reserve.

Dark Apricot Sulphur *Phoebis argante*—Seen at the Canopy Tower.

Lycaenidae: Blues and Hairstreaks

Lincoides Stripe-Streak *Arawacus lincoides*—Seen near Canopy Lodge.

Fine-lined Stripe-Streak *Arawacus sito* —Seen at La Minas.

Nymphalidae:

Leafwing *Memphis philumena*—One inside the Canopy Tower.

Confusa Tigerwing *Methona confusa*— Seen at Canopy Lodge and La Mesa.

Green Longwing *Philaethria diatonica*—Seen at the Canopy Tower.

Julia Heliconian *Dryas iulia* —Common at and around Canopy Tower and Lodge.

Zebra Longwing *Heliconius charithonia*—One feeding on Lantana at the Canopy Lodge.

Sara Longwing *Heliconius sara*—One feeding on Lantana at the Canopy Lodge.

Crimson-patched Longwing *Heliconius erato*—Seen at the Summit Ponds and along Pipeline Rd.

Tiger Longwing *Heliconius hecale* —Seen at the Canopy Tower.

Spot-celled Sister *Adelpha basiloides* —Seen at the Canopy Tower.

Phylaca Sister *Adelpha phylaca* —Seen at the Canopy Tower.

Orange Mapwing *Hypanartia lethe*—Seen around the Canopy Lodge.

Variable Crescent *Eresia ithomioides* —Seen at La Minas.

Orange-patched Crescent *Anthanassa dusilla*—Seen around the Canopy Lodge.

White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*—Common at and around Canopy Lodge.

Banded Peacock *Anartia fatima*—Common at and around Canopy Lodge.

Rusty-tipped Page *Siproeta epaphus*—Seen at Canopy Lodge and La Mesa.

Common Morpho *Morpho helenor*—Seen around the Canopy Lodge.

Amathonte Morpho *Morpho amathonte*—Seen at and around Canopy Lodge.

MOTHS: (3)

Tiger Moth *Oxyptera laeta* – Seen at entrance to Canopy Adventure.

Giant Butterfly-Moth *Telchin etymnius*—Seen at Canopy Lodge.

Apistosis judas – Landed on people at the Discovery Tower.

GRASSHOPPERS (1)

Grasshopper (no English name) *Piezops ensicornis* Endemic to Panama, and known from the El Valle area.