

Belize: A Week at Black Rock Lodge

Species List | July 19 – 25, 2026

with Naturalist Journeys



Compiled by Naturalist Journeys host guide James P. Smith with field contributions from our wonderful group; Ava & Scott, Terrie & Robert, Karen & Kyle, Kimberly, Clare, Jason and Pete. The success of this tour wouldn't have been possible without our highly accomplished local guides, Isaías and Jeffry from Black Rock Lodge.

A single-base trip with six nights at the much-loved Black Rock Lodge. From there we explored Mountain Pine Ridge, the Mennonite Community of Spanish Lookout, Belize Botanical Garden and Caracol National Monument as well as the bird-rich environs of Black Rock Lodge itself. We had incredible luck with weather though admittedly it was fairly hot, but the much anticipated 'green season' rains never really appeared until the day we departed.

The eBird link below details a group list of about 190 bird species including some with photos and audio. The list includes a small number of 'heard-only' and 'leader-only' observations usually indicated within the comments. Highlights were of course many but certainly included; Orange-breasted Falcon, Scarlet Macaw, Striped Cuckoo, White-winged Becard, Rose-throated Tanager and no less than 11 species of hummingbird! Being a summer tour we found a number of breeding species not seen on our winter trips including Streaked and Sulphur-bellied Flycatchers, and Yellow-green Vireo.

If you click on "Show All Details" on the right side of the eBird list you will see the details of each sighting;

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

MAMMALS (9):

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso* – a small colony roosting on a large boulder over the Macal River at Black Rock Lodge.

Yucatan Black Howler Monkey *Alouatta pigra*— heard frequently throughout, and seen well at Spanish Lookout and Chiquibul Forest Reserve.

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica* – a lone individual appeared outside Kim's cabin on the 23rd.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*— quite easy to see at Black Rock, often foraging around the cabins.

Yucatan Gray Squirrel *Sciurus yucatanensis*— seen during the morning walk at Black Rock on the 20th.

Central American Red Brocket *Mazama temama* – Pete had the great fortune to see this uncommon deer on Black Rock Road during his transfer to the lodge on the 19th.

Virginia Opossum *Didelphis Virginia* – one spotlighted in the old citrus orchard off Black Rock Road on the night safari.

Ocelot *Leopardus pardalis* – one crossed Black Rock Road right in front of Isaias's vehicle in the early stages of the night safari on the 19th, one of those rare 'right place, right time' moments!

Kinkajou *Potos falvius* – one spotlighted by Jeffry for the lucky folks in his vehicle during the night safari.

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS (10):

Morelet's Crocodile *Crocodylus moreletii* – a smallish individual in the Macal River on the first morning at Black Rock was somewhat overshadowed by a half-dozen or more impressive specimens in the crocodile reserve at Spanish Lookout on the 22nd.

Asian House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* – frequently found in the cabins around the lodge.

Rainbow Ameiva *Holcosus undulates* – one greeted us in the parking lot as we arrived at Black Rock Lodge on the 19th and Karen noted another at the lodge on the 23rd.

Ghost Anole *Anolis lemurinus* – one spotted by Pete near his cabin on the 20th.

Brown Anole *Anolis sagrei* – one spotted by Pete in the parking lot of Sister's Café, Spanish Lookout on the 22nd.

Brown Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus* – quite common, often seen around the feeders at Black Rock as well as other locations such as Aguacate Lagoon.

Black Spiny-tailed Iguana *Ctenosaura similis* – a ground-dwelling species frequently seen around boulder piles and along roadsides. Noted on at least four days of the trip.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana* – several found near the organic gardens at Black Rock including an impressive male photographed by Pete on the 23rd.

Brown's Leopard Frog *Lithobates brownorum* – several spotted by a small pond at Black Rock Lodge on the first morning.

Central American Gulf Coast Toad *Incillus valliceps* – one found and photographed at Black Rock Lodge on the first morning.

BUTTERFLIES (minimum of 26 species identified) with generous contributions from Pete Siminski;

Banded Peacock *Anartia fatima*

White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*

Pale Owl-Butterfly *Caligo telamonius*

Common (Blue) Morpho *Morpho helenor*

White Morpho *Morpho polyphemus*

Crimson-patch *Chlosyne janais*

Gaudy Checkerspot *Chlosyne gaudialis*

Theona Checkerspot *Chlosyne theona*

Mexican Crescent *Phyciodes pallescens*

Iphidamas Cattleheart *Parides iphidamas*

Mexican Fritillary *Euptoieta hegesia*

Variegated Fritillary *Euptoieta claudia*

Zebra Longwing *Heliconius charithonia*

Banded Orange Heliconian *Dryadula phaetusa*

Julia Heliconian *Dryas iulia*

Mexican Heliconian *Heliconius hortense*

Postman *Heliconius melpomene*

Yellow Angled-Sulphur *Anteos maerula*

Barred Sulphur *Eurema daira*

Cloudless Sulphur *Phoebis sennae*

Great Southern White *Ascia monuste*

Red-sided Swallowtail *Mimoides phaon*

Guatemalan Kite Swallowtail *Eurytides epidaus*

Malachite *Siproeta stelenes*

Laviana White-skipper *Heliopetes laviana*

Hermes Satyr *Hermeuptychia hermes*

OTHER FAUNA;

Giant Red-winged Grasshopper *Tropidacris cristata*

Black Witch *Ascalapha odorata*

Silver Garden Spider *Argiope argentata*

Scorpion sp. *Scorpiones*