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**Belize Birding and Nature Tour Species List**

With Peg Abbott, expert local guides, and 13 participants: Joan, Dixie, Jane, Steve, Chuck, Signe, Rich, Terry, Ed, Beth, Gingy, Bud, and Alex

Compiled by Peg Abbott

(H)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(Y)= Yucatan regional endemics

(#) = Number of days encountered in parentheses

**SUMMARY:** A wonderful tour, based in three premier lodges, from which we saw over 250 species of birds, including all the iconic tropical species. We had 7 species of woodpeckers, almost thirty flycatchers, 14 hummingbirds, 5 kingfishers, 20 species of warblers, and in the mammal realm, a tamandua, two species of monkeys, and two elusive cats: Jaguar and Margay! We had sunset cocktails as herons poured in, walks under immense tree canopies, garden landscapes dripping with birds and blooms, Mayan Ruins, a most compatible group, a lot of laughter and fun, too many good meals, and a great sense of renewal and excitement from seeing so many wild species. Our lodge hosts made us so welcome. Peg celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends old and new. A grand adventure indeed.

**BIRDS**

**Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major* (5) Seen by the first van as we left Pook's Hill, heard on four other days – amazing melancholy call.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* (2) Seen in small farm ponds in numbers of a dozen to thirty

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* (1) Scoped on the water of the New River Lagoon from the restaurant of Lamanai, a group of six birds.

**Plain Chachalaca** *Ortalis vetula* (5) First seen at close range at the Zoo, we had them at each location, most visible at Pook's Hill.

**Crested Guan** *Penelope purpurascens* (3) Seen daily at Chan Chich once there, 1 or 2 at a time.

**Great Curassow** *Crax rubra* (3) Great views of three individuals while driving through the Rio Bravo Conservation Area to Chan Chich. On subsequent days we saw a few other individuals and a pair near the Suspension Bridge at dusk.

**Black-throated Bobwhite** *Colinus nigrogularis* (1) Great looks at a covey in the savanna we explored one morning from Lamanai. They were very cooperative, feeding in ruts of the open two-track road that traversed the area.

**Ocellated Turkey** *Meleagris ocellata* (5) (Y) What a bird to have as a common species! Once at Chan Chich and Rio Bravo Conservation Area, we had them daily, on the lawn, in the trees, on the trails and in dense forest. Their feather pattern is stunning.

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* (3) Seen each day we were at Lamanai -- a pair hanging around the ruins area dock, and two up the canal we followed on our sunset cocktail cruise.

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana* (2) Seen from our lunch restaurant going in to Lamanai, and then a high flying flock from Lamanai.

**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* (1) Seen by all that came in early to Belize City. Common (Steve saw 12 at a time!) along the waterfront near the Great House.

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (5) Common in water habitats.

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus* (1) Seen near the waterfront of Belize City.

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* (5) Quite common on the waterways around Lamanai and at some of the smaller wetland areas from our time at Pook's Hill.

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* (1) Seen on the waterfront of Belize City.

**Bare-throated Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma mexicanum* (3) Seen really well at a hidden pond at Chan Chich, but we then found a very bold individual by the Suspension Bridge that ignored us as it fished and caught some impressive feed!

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* (5) Small farm ponds and larger wetlands, 1-3 per day.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* (7) Graceful and present almost daily, often posing for good photo ops.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* (4) Less common than Great Egret, but when encountered, we saw more individuals, 2-12 at a time. In the lagoon where we parked our boat for sunset at Lamanai, there were numerous widely spaced individuals.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* (2) First seen going into Lamanai, then posing on our venture down ancient Mayan Canals.

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* (3) Seen well on our boat ride into Lamanai.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* (8) Quite common, roosting numbers in the hundreds on our sunset cocktail cruise at Lamanai.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* (4) Great views, individuals here and there on small ponds.

**Agami Heron** *Agamia agami* (1) Quick spotlight views on the night boat cruise at Lamanai.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* (2) Good looks from Lamanai on the night boat excursion.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* (3) All night sightings from Chan Chich.

**White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus* (3) Seen as flyovers, three or four at a time, from Lamanai.

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* (1) Seen on the waterfront in Belize City.

**Black Vulture** *Corabyps atratus* (10) Seen daily, huge numbers by a dump we passed coming out of Pine Ridge country.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* (9) Seen almost daily in small numbers.

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus* (1) Just one individual, but terrific views on our boat ride into Lamanai

**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa* (2) Seen at High Ruins at Lamanai, and at Chan Chich from the staff housing area.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* (1) Seen from the waterfront at Belize City and then on one day of our tour, the boat ride into Lamanai.

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus* (2) Seen on the drive from Lamanai to Chan Chich, and then in the agricultural area of Gallon Jug at some distance.

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* (2) Seen on two days from Lamanai, on our cocktail cruise we saw dozens, including immatures.

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* (1) Seen on the drive in to the Zoo, by Alex.

**Common Black-Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus* (1) Seen on the boat ride into Lamanai.

**Great Black-Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* (1) Seen and heard well as we enjoyed flocks of egrets flying by in sunset light from Lamanai.

**Roadside Hawk** *Buteo magnirostris* (7) Common, vocal, encountered, one or two at a time on most days.

**White Hawk** *Pseudastur albicollis* (4) Seen well from each location, all individuals in flight.

**Gray Hawk** *Buteo nitidus* (1) One seen on the phone wires on the drive from the airport to meet up with the group at Belize Zoo.

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus* (1) Seen only on our ride into the boat launch for Lamanai.

**Black Hawk Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus* (1) One high flying individual seen from the housing area at Chan Chich.

**Gray-necked Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajanea* (2) Two seen at Lamanai on the waterfront by the dock. individuals with one bathing, then another under a clothesline at the housing area for staff at Chan Chich.

**Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica* (1) Amazing looks at this secretive species, roosting, on our night boat trip from Lamanai.

**Limpkin** *Aramus gurauna* (4) Seen on the trip out of Belize City and then all days from Lamanai, great looks at them and their food, the apple snails.

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* (1) Seen on the boat trip from Lamanai and in small farm pond in the Mennonite country adjacent to Lamanai.

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus* (2) Seen on the roads at night from Chan Chich.

**Northern Jacana** *Jacana spinosa* (3) Seen in Belize City, then three days of our tour at Lamanai and the travel day to Chan Chich.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* (1) Farm ponds of Mennonite Farm area.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* (1) Seen on tidal flats of Belize City.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* (1) Seen in Belize City, and in small farm pond near Lamanai.

**Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago delicata* (1) Great looks in a small farm pond with other shorebirds near Lamanai.

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (2) Belize City and on travel day.

**Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* (1) A new finding from year's past, comfortably settled into the Mennonite farm area adjacent to Lamanai.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* (4) Seen daily from the Lamanai area.

**Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa* (3) Seen as quick fly bys when on the trails at Pook's Hill; from Lamanai, we had one perched, providing photo ops.

**Red-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas flavirostris* (3) Lamanai and Chan Chich, though regular visitors to the latter commented on how scarce they are this year.

**Short-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas nigrirostris* (5) Seen at all locations.

**Plain-breasted Ground-Dove** *Columbina minuta* (1) Seen in farm country, good numbers of 20 or more

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* (3) All locations, but few individuals.

**Blue Ground-Dove** *Claravis pretiosa* (1) (H) Heard repeatedly on our trails exploration at Pook's Hill.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* (4) Seen on one day and heard the others, Pook's Hill and Lamanai.

**Gray-headed Dove** *Leptotila plumbeiceps* (2) Seen two days at Chan Chich, one morning quite cooperative in the distance on the road track.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* (3) Great bird, we enjoyed best views in front of the dining area at Lamanai where they seemed to pose. Enjoyed their calls announcing presence.

**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris* (5) Great views of this species on several days.

**Vermiculated Screech-Owl** *Scotopelia bouvieri* (1) Seen on one night drive from Chan Chich.

**Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix perspicillata* (1) Mario spotted a roosting individual and quietly brought us up to see it, some got flight views, and we all got an evening serenade at Pook's Hill.

**Central American Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium griseiceps* (3) (H) Heard from both Pook's Hill and two nights from Chan Chich.

**Mottled Owl** *Ciccaba virgata* (2) The first night drive group at Chan Chich had a glimpse, the second a good view at the end of the drive.

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* (1) Wonderful views of a roosting individual on the boat ride into Lamanai spotted by Captain George.

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* (5) The most common nocturnal species throughout; one landed on the porch next to Alex at Chan Chich.

**Yucatan Nightjar** *Antrostomus badius* (4) (Y) First good views on our night boat trip from Lamanai, then all nights of the Chan Chich night excursions.

**Northern Potoo** *Nyctibius jamaicensis* (2) Two of the night drives at Chan Chich, good views.

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi* (3) One day from Lamanani, and two days out of Chan Chich – twenty or more at a time and vocal.

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* (7) At all locations, great to watch but aggressive at feeders.

**Long-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis longirostris* (8) A common species at feeders, amazing to be able to photograph and observe at close range. Also heard and seen on trails.

**Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis* (5) Seen at Pook's Hill and Chan Chich, infrequent visits to feeders.

**Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliathryx barroti* (2) Quick views on a far feeder at Green Hills Butterfly Farm and then amazing views of one bathing in the river at a secretive spot at Chan Chich.

**Green-breasted Mango** *Anthracothorax prevostii* (3) Seen in the wild mainly, water areas.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris* (1) Seen one day, walking at Indian Church Village outside of Lamanai.

**Canivet's Emerald** *Chlorostilbon canivetii* (1) Seen well on a trail, feeding on flowers near Pook's Hill.

**Scaly-breasted Hummingbird** *Phaeochroa cuvierii* (2) Not common, but vigilant viewing at feeders gave us views on two days at the Green Hill Butterfly Farm and Chan Chich .

**Wedge-tailed Sabrewing** *Campylopterus curvipennis* (1) Green Hills Butterfly Farm feeders.

**Violet Sabrewing** *Campylopterus hemileucurus* (1) Green Hills Butterfly Farm feeders.

**White-bellied Emerald** *Amazilia candida* (6) Common and widespread.

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl* (10) By far the most common hummingbird at all locations. We especially enjoyed watching territorial males vie for feeder dominance at Lamanai.

**Cinnamon Hummingbird** *Amazilia rutila* (1) Seen ahead of the tour by Rich and Terry, and then on our day at the savanna at Lamanai.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris* (1) A male was perched boldly at the village edge on our walk one morning from Lamanai, keen on flowers he was feeding on.

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** *Trogon massena* (5) Trogons are iconic, and this species cooperated fully. They consumed seeds that seemed impossible to down.

**Black-headed Trogon** *Trogon melanocephalus* (6) Seen at all locations, but at Chan Chich they seemed to vie for our attention -- posing, preening and ubiquitous.

**Gartered (Violaceous) Trogon** *Trogon caligatus* (4) Pook's Hill gave us great views as they fed in fruiting trees, we found them again at Chan Chich.

**Tody Motmot** *Hylomanes momotula* (2) Gilberto sought out an individual in a quiet part of the forest, the afternoon die-hards got fine views.

**Blue-crowned Motmot** *Momotus coeruliceps* (2) (H) We thought we could find this one, but while hearing them regularly in early morning hours they remained secretive at Chan Chich.

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* (5) All locations, vocal, and common. Most common at Lamanai due to the river proximity.

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon* (2) Seen on two days, smaller ponds of the Pook's Hill area

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona* (1) Great views of one during our Lamanai days.

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* (4) All locations, posing for us, and one sleeping on our night boat cruise from Lamanai was precious.

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea* (1) Amazing views of an intent fisherman at work, a hidden pond at Chan Chich.

**White-necked Puffbird** *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* (1) Two individuals seen well, scope views in Indian Church Village.

**White-whiskered Puffbird** *Malacoptila panamensis* (4) Our first encounter was at Pook's Hill where we had a very tame bird first thing in the morning. Terry had a visit from one at her cottage. We saw them again two days at Chan Chich.

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* (2) Heard on trails at Pook's Hill, then seen well on the cocoa plantation area of Chan Chich, posing above the trail.

**Emerald Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus prasinus* (2) Calls and glimpses of a bird flying over the road at Chan Chich near the Suspension Bridge.

**Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus* (7) The common presence of this species amazed us. We watched them feeding on fruit, saw them flying, interacting, posing. Iconic tropical gems!

**Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus* (8) Seen in smaller numbers than the aracaris, but always magnetic.

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani* (4) First good views in the lower open meadow at Pook's Hill, then at Chan Chich we had them around the casitas and plaza.

**Golden-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes aurifrons* (10) Seen and heard daily.

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Veniliornis fumigatus* (1) One sighting on the Mayan Ruins walk our last day at Lamanai.

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Piculus rubiginosus* (2) Well seen at Chan Chich.

**Chestnut-collared Woodpecker** *Celeus castaneus* (2) This was one of our most sought-after species, and we all finally got good views on our last days at Chan Chich on the Norman's Temple trail with Gilberto.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* (4) All locations.

**Pale-billed Woodpecker** *Campephilus guatemalensis* (5) This bold woodpecker heralded its presence through the forest, and we had fine views. Great bird to be quite common, seen multiple times some days.

**Barred Forest Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis* (1) (H) Heard at very close range on the Sylvester Village Road at Chan Chich but in dense vegetation.

**Collared Forest-Falcon** *Micrastur semitorquatus* (1) Seen by a few of our group in very dense vegetation after quite a search on the Lamanai Ruins trail system.

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpotheres cachinnans* (4) Amazing views of a vocal individual, perched up boldly just off the porch of the restaurant at Lamanai. Heard on several days, including a duo that were calling insistently on the Sylvester Village Road at Chan Chich as we tried to be patient for other species.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* (1) One individual seen in the Mennonite farm country.

**Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* (1) Savanna habitat gave us views of a regal individual spotted by Peg from a long ways away, and we all crept up for good views.

**Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* (3) Great views around the ruins of Lamanai.

**Brown-hooded Parrot** *Pyrilia haematotis* (3) Seen only at Chan Chich, mainly in flight except for some distant scope views on the Hillbank Road.

**White-crowned Parrot** *Pionus senilis* (4) Pook's Hill and then all days at Chan Chich.

**Red-lored Parrot** *Amazona autumnalis* (11) Seen daily.

**White-fronted Parrot** *Amazona albifrons* (3) Seen three days, best views in the lower meadow from Pook's Hill, scope views one morning.

**Yellow-lored Parrot** *Amazona xantholara* (1) (Y) Quick fly by look at two on the Savanna ramble.

**Mealy Parrot** *Amazona farinosa* (5) Seen at Pook's Hill and then all days at Chan Chich.

**Olive-throated Parakeet** *Eupsittula nana* (9) Seen well, at all locations.

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* (3) Best looks at Pook's Hill, intriguing species!

**Dot-winged Antwren** *Microrhopias quixensis* (2) Seen on two days at Chan Chich in mixed flocks.

**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis* (1) One individual seen by the "kingfisher" pond at Chan Chich.

**Dusky Antbird** *Cercomacroides tyrannina* (1) Seen in a mixed flock with the Plain Antvireo at Chan Chich.

**Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis* (3) (H) *This elusive species gave us a good background chorus as we searched for forest species*

**Scaly-throated Leaftosser** *Sclerurus guatemalensis* (2) (H) *Vocal early mornings at Chan Chich*

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* (2) Seen on two days from Pook's Hill

**Ruddy Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla homochroa* (1) Seen at Chan Chich in the Cocoa Plantation area at close range.

**Tawny-winged Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla anabatina* (2) Good views on two days, Pook's Hill and Chan Chich.

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* (1) Good views in the mixed flock we encountered at the Pine forest edge near the gate of Pine Ridge Preserve.

**Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster* (5) This very vocal woodcreeper was our most common of the tour.

**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus* (1) It was our last morning walk at Chan Chich when we finally got good looks at this tiny tropical species.

**Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet** *Ornithion semiflavum* (1) Great views by Norman's Temple in a mixed flock.

**Greenish Eleania** *Myiopagis viridicata* (2) An elusive species, finally seen well by the water feature at Chan Chich.

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus* (2) Views of one as the rain poured down from the staff area at Chan Chich were great, seen again in mixed flock in the forest.

**Northern Bentbill** *Oncostoma cinereigulare* (1) (H) Chan Chich.

**Common Tody Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* (1) Savanna visit from Lamanai.

**Eye-ringed Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus brevirostris* (2) Seen in forests of Chan Chich.

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* (2) Pook's Hill and Lamanai.

**Stub-tailed Spadebill** *Platyrinchus cancrominus* (2) Very good looks from a trail at Pook's Hill, then heard on Sylvester Village Road at Chan Chich.

**Royal Flycatcher** *Onychorhynchus coronatus* (1) Quick looks on our final morning walk at Chan Chich.

**Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terenotriccus erythrurus* (1) Seen one day at Chan Chich.

**Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher** *Myiobius sulphureipygius* (1) Seen on our final morning walk at Chan Chich, Sylvester Village Road.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** *Contopus virens* (1) Seen with a reassuring call in the garden area at Chan Chich

**Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus* (2) Chan Chich.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** *Empidonax flaviventris* (2) Seen on our last two days at Chan Chich.

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus* (4) Seen well, confiding at their winter residence.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* (4) Lovely species of open areas.

**Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* (5) Seen at multiple locations, but one above the rain shed of the housing area of Chan Chich was memorable.

**Yucatan Flycatcher** *Myiarchus yucatanensis* (1) (Y) One sighting on our challenging day bucking the weather at the edge of the Pine Ridge country.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* (4) Seen well, at least a day at each location

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus* (4) Pook's Hill and Chan Chich.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (3) Best seen just outside the museum at Lamanai

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* (3) Good views in open country.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* (5) Alerted by calls, we found them at each location

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* (7) One of our most common sightings, often posing.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* (8) Seen in Belize City and then eight days of our journey, vocal and common.

**Couch's Kingbird** *Tyrannus couchii* (1) Likely encountered on more than this one day, at Indian Church village they were vocalizing and we could be sure of identification.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus forficatus* (1) Seen off the verandas of the Great House in Belize City, photographed.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savanna* (4) Seen in the Mennonite farm area and at Gallon Jug.

**Rufous Piha** *Lipaugus unirufus* (1) Seen on the Back Plaza trail in the company of Central American Spider Monkeys, scope views.

**White-collared Manakin** *Manacus candei* (6) This was a garden bird at Pook's Hill, happily feeding in the Firebush, so we all had fine looks here. We heard them at the edge of Indian Church Village from Lamanani, and saw them on the Cocoa Plantation walk at Chan Chich.

**Red-capped Manakin** *Pipra mentalis* (4) It is hard to get a cuter "common" bird than this, again due to the Firebush being in fruit, we had amazing views and photo opportunities at this little dynamo.

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* (4) A favorite for many, this boldly patterned bird dressed in white stands out against the tropical green, multiple scope views.

**Northern Shiffornis** *Schiffornis veraepacis* (1) Vocalizing and seen well on our day at the Hillbank Road and Cocoa Plantation, Chan Chich.

**Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* (3) Gardens of the plaza, and roosting near the Suspension Bridge at Chan Chich.

**White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus* (4) Seen at Pook's Hill, and in the mixed flocks we encountered while birding the Mayan ruins of Lamanai.

**Mangrove Vireo** *Vireo pallens* (1) Seen well in the wild at the Belize Zoo.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons* (1) Seen just the one day, from the road edge of the Pine Ridge Reserve, in that mixed flock we saw it well.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* (2) Seen at Pook's Hill and then again our last day at Chan Chich.

**Tawny-crowned Greenlet** *Tunichiornis ochraceiceps* (1) First heard, and then the next day seen, in a flock encountered on the Sylvester Village trail.

**Lesser Greenlet** *Pachysylvia decurtata* (6) Frequent encounters, often in groups of 3 or 4, mixed with other species, vocal.

**Green Shrike Vireo** *Vireolanius pulchellus* (2) (H) We heard its very distinct three note even call both days on the Sylvester Village trail from Chan Chich.

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* (1) We worked for this one, finally got good views on the savanna day from Lamanai. Heard on a few other days.

**Brown Jay** *Psilorhinus morio* (7) First seen well at the Belize Zoo, we then had them every day for our first week, social and vocal. On village walks from Lamanai they were really easy to see.

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* (3) Seen around Belize City and going into Lamanai, from Lamanai one day. This is the resident martin.

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis* (1) Seen on the travel day from Pook's to Lamanai, our guide thought they were some of the migrants coming back through.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor* (1) Seen in good number around farm country of the Mennonites and the drive to Chan Chich from Lamanai.

**Mangrove Swallow** *Tachycineta albilinea* (5) Abundant around the large river at Lamanai, also seen on travel days.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* (4) Seen in good number (50+) on four days, best seen on the savanna day from Lamanai.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* (2) Seen in low numbers, one or two, in open country.

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* (5) Heard from Lamanai in the village, but seen each day, very tame around the water feature at Chan Chich.

**Carolina (White-browed) Wren** *Thryothorus ludovicianus* (1) (H) Heard our last morning calling away on the Sylvester Village Road at the turn-around point.

**Band-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus zonatus* (1) This big wren was a big hit, feeding in bromeliads and putting on quite a show. We got the scopes on it, wonderful! At the entrance to Chan Chich from the road.

**Spot-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius maculipectus* (4) Seen on two days, heard on two, we worked hard at Lamanai to get them in view, with success.

**White-bellied Wren** *Uropsila leucogastra* (1) Seen one day at Chan Chich, heard other days while there.

**White-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucosticta* (7) Seen on two days, one was fairly cooperative at Pook's Hill on our before breakfast ramble, then another pair, with chasing, came out for a peek as we walked to the Sylvester Village Road. The other days we heard it and did not take more time for a view.

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus* (2) Seen two days, the same territory on Sylvester Village Road.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea* (2) Seen one day in the Pine Ridge country in a mixed flock, and then one day in Indian Church Village at Lamanai.

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* (1) A notable find at Chan Chich, right on the main entry road, hanging out there this winter though normally not common there.

**Wood Thrush** *Hylocichla mustelina* (6) Great to see this beautiful thrush that has declined so much in number. Belize is a major wintering area for them, and we saw 3-5 individuals on most days. One loved to bath in the water feature at Chan Chich.

**Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi* (10) Seen on all days except on our day to Pine Ridge country. Common, vocal, maybe 5+ as individuals per day, and at times group of 3-4 in fruiting trees.

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis* (10) Seen all days except our travel day between Pook's and Lamanai, encountered as individuals and pairs or duos, several times a day. First seen at the Zoo.

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* (3) Seen on three days in more open country, best views from the lunch spot at Cheers.

**Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapilla* (2) This jaunty species was found at each location, one day each.

**Worm-eating Warbler** *Helmitheros vermivorum* (1) One individual seen in a quiet pool bathing, wonderful. At Chan Chich.

**Louisiana Waterthrush** *Seiurus motacilla* (5) Missing from the first part of our trip, we have them five days at the Mayan ruins, and then Chan Chich.

**Northern Waterthrush** *Seiurus noveboracensis* (4) We did not work each bird, seeing numerous waterthrushes, but textbook individuals were noted on 3 days. Less common than Louisiana.

**Black-and-White Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* (7) Seen almost daily, one or two individuals in mixed flocks at all locations.

**Tennessee Warbler** *Oreothlypis peregrina* (2) Seen infrequently, less common than other warblers.

**Kentucky Warbler** *Geothlypis formosa* (4) One individual at the 'bathtub' on the creek we visited our last full afternoon at Chan Chich.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas* (3) Seen only in the Mennonite farm country along a fence row, quite confiding.

**Hooded Warbler** *Setophaga citrina* (6) This stunning warbler was first spied at the Belize Zoo, and then noted on four days, widespread.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* (5) Our most numerous warbler, encountered daily, male and female, immatures. Very confiding and very much at home in the tropical realm.

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana* (2) Most memorable was the individual by the Mayan ruins visitor center at Lamanani, who posed for close inspection. We had another in Indian Church Village.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia* (9) A frequently encountered warbler for us, seen almost daily.

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca* (1) Seen one day while at Pook's Hill.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia* (3) Belize City and then three days at Chan Chich, another species that loved the water feature.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga fusca* (3) Best seen from Pook's Hill, in the gardens of the lodge in flocks with other species. Also picked one up at Chan Chich in the Back Plaza area. .

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronate* (4) Seen at all three locations, in more open country, one individual was catching insects in the grass by the Suspension Bridge at Chan Chich as they do in migration, not the typical expected behavior.

**Yellow-throated Warbler** *Setophaga dominica* (4) Seen frequently, one or two at a time, in bright plumage. They were present at all locations including the Pine Ridge habitat.

**Grace's Warbler** *Setophaga graciae* (1) Seen in the Pine Ridge country in a mixed flock. Peg was surprised to see them overlapping terrain with Yellow-throated, nice to compare in a short period of time! Singing.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens* (6) Present in flocks at all locations.

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens* (3) Seen on our day to the Pine Country, then heard one other day.

**Black-throated Shrike-Tanager** *Lanio aurantius* (2) Heard calling loudly off Sylvester Village Road, Peg took a look thinking, "Ants!" while a Jaguar crossed the road, wow!! Sort of overshadowed looking at this handsome bird...

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* (3) Seen just one day, on our walk to the Lamanai ruins.

**Golden-hooded Tanager** *Tangara larvata* (1) Seen all three days at Chan Chich, what a show stopper! They were feeding on fruits and made quick visits to the shrubs around the water feature.

**Yellow-winged Tanager** *Thraupis abbas* (5) Subtle colors but pretty and confiding, often seen around our lodgings or the staff housing areas.

**Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* (4) A nectar-rich yellow flowering tree was magnetic to this beautiful species. We saw them very well, and when we did it was a half dozen or so at a time.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* (2) Seen at Pook's Hill and then two days from Lamanai, but with the passage of a cold weather front, they were not doing their Johnny Jump-Up show.

**White-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila torqueola* (7) Musical and common, a dozen or more per day, we enjoyed this patterned species.

**Black-headed Saltator** *Saltator atriceps* (4) The more common of the saltator species seen. Vocal, gorging themselves on fruit, first good looks at Pook's Hill just outside our cabins.

**Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Seen on three days, mainly open country.

**Botteri's Sparrow** *Peucaea botterii* (1) Seen well and singing on our day to the savanna from Lamanai.

**Green-backed Sparrow** *Arremonops chloronotus* (2) Seen one day by a few, heard another, off Sylvester Village Road of Chan Chich.

**Rusty Sparrow** *Aimophila rufescens* (1) Spied by Signe and Chuck and shared with others, great looks on our Pine Ridge day.

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava* (1) Male and female seen in the misty day we had in the pine habitat.

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* (7) Seen frequently, a great signature bird for the area, one we recognized clearly.

**Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica* (1) Seen one day, a pair up by Norman's Temple at Chan Chich.

**Red-throated Ant-Tanager** *Habia fuscicauda* (3) Encountered on three days, typically a pair or family group, at Pook's Hill and then again at Chan Chich.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus* (2) Seen at each location, in small numbers, when encountered they were typically in fruiting trees, three to four at a time.

**Blue-black Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa cyanoides* (1) Seen well at both Pook's Hill and Chan Chich.

**Blue Bunting** *Cyanocompsa parellina* (3) Seen in tall grass on the Indian Church Village walk one morning.

**Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea* (3) Seen two days from Lamanai, one a young rusty individual, in open habitat of the Indian Church Village.

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea* (3) Seen only at our last location, Chan Chich.

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus* (3) Seen in open country, a half dozen or so at a time.

**Eastern Meadowlark** *Sturnella magna* (2) Great to see this familiar species in open country.

**Melodious Blackbird** *Dives dives* (8) This vocal, bold species was entertaining at every turn, seen in all locations.

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* (6) Widespread in the first half of our trip, in Belize City and on travel days, in agricultural areas, absent from Chan Chich.

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* (1) Just quick glimpses of two fly-by birds while in the Mennonite country.

**Black-cowled Oriole** *Icterus prothemelas* (1) A lovely species, seen first at Pook's Hill one day, then seen on all days in the wild lush forests of Chan Chich.

**Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius* (6) Seen fairly commonly, with other species.

**Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus* (1) Seen in the lower meadow area of Pook's Hill one morning walk.

**Yellow-backed Oriole** *Icterus chrysater* (1) Watching this vocal species courting on the savanna was one of the highlights of the trip, so vivid we delayed our views of Aplomado Falcon to scope them and enjoy!

**Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula* (2) Seen on two days, both times with Rose-breasted Grosbeaks.

**Yellow-billed Cacicque** *Amblycercus holosericeus* (4) Encountered on four days, Chuck found the first furtive individual. We then had a few other chances, always solo birds, in lush vegetation, but vocal.

**Montezuma Oropendola** *Psarocolius montezuma* (2) Those of us with past days at Chan Chich. remember the colony behind the bar well, these are gone, but it seems another colony is starting up on the Cocoa Plantation area of Hillbank Road, great to see them. Scope views. Also heard from Pook's.

**Scrub Euphonia** *Euphonia affinis* (2) Seen early on in the trip, at Pook's and en route to Lamanai.

**Yellow-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia hirundinacea* (4) This species was seen often in the tree canopy, often with other species. The little mob coming in to sleep by the Suspension Bridge.

**Olive-backed Euphonia** *Euphonia gouldi* (2) Seen on two days, the best views were on the trail down to the meadow from Pook's. We found a pair stripping pieces of palm fibers, obviously nest building, fun!

255 species recorded, of which 8 were heard only.

## Mammals

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso* (2) Seen on the night spotlight boat trip from Lamanai. Identification by our local guides.

**Fishing (Greater Bulldog) Bat** *Noctilio leporinus* (2) Our guides got this species in the lights on our night boat cruise, good looks for this one.

**Greater Sac-winged Bat** *Saccopteryx bilineata* (2)

**Great Fruit-eating Bat** *Artibeus lituratus* (1)

**Yucatan (Mexican) Black Howler-Monkey** *Alouatta pigra* (9) Fabulous views of this species, howling, feeding, resting, moving, interacting – mother's with young. Their sounds woke us in the night, greeted us at dawn. Our first group was arrival night at Pook's Hill – magical.

**Central American Spider-Monkey** *Ateles geoffroyi* (5) Great views on our days at Chan Chich. We watched them daily, around the plaza, on the trails, feeding voraciously.

**Raccoon** *Procyon lotor* (1) Seen by one of the night drives in spotlight.

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* (4) Seen as we came into Chan Chich in the Rio Bravo Conservation Area. They were fairly tame around the lodge and Gallon Jug.

**Red Brocket Deer** *Mazama americana* (1) One furtive individual seen on our drive into Chan Chich.

**Deppe's Squirrel** (3) *Sciurus deppei* Present at Chan Chich.

**Yucatan Squirrel** (3) *Sciurus yucatanensis* (3) Seen at the Belize Zoo and then at the ruins at Lamanai.

**Central American Agouti** (4) *Dasyprocta punctata* (4) Seen along trails not far from the lodges at each location.

**Tamandua** *Tamandua mexicana* (1) A fabulous sighting as our boat was whizzing back from the Savanna trip to breakfast, seen by part of the group. We did a fast turnaround to find it again and it vanished into thin air (or thick vegetation).

**Common Opossum** *Didelphis marsupialis* (1) Seen on the third night drive, in spotlight.

**Margay** *Leopardus wiedii* (1) An incredible find for our second night drive group, seen alongside the road, and in the spotlight, for photos! This is an endangered cat and a tremendous find, wow.

**Jaguar** *Panthera onca* (1) When we heard that a group from our company had seen a Jaguar two weeks before, we thought our chances might be even less. So when Rich quietly said, "Jaguar on the road", we gasped! Four of the group got at least a glimpse, wonderful.

16 species.

## Reptiles and Amphibians

**Black Iguana** *Ctenosaura similis* (1) Seen on the grounds of the Belize Zoo.

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana* (1) With the cold weather they were up atop shrubs catching sun and from Pook's Hill we got scope views.

**Striped Basilisk** *Basiliscus vittatus* (1) Great views on fenceposts of the Mennonite farm country. Seen on two other days, both Lamanai and Chan Chich.

**Forest Frog** (1) Identified by our local guides, tiny frogs in the grass of the big meadow below Pook's Hill.

**House Gecko** *Hemidactylus frenatus* (3) Great little night chorus in our rooms at Pook's Hill

**Morelet's Crocodile** *Crocodylus moreletii* (5) Widespread, and readily seen, large and small!

**Box Turtle** *Terrapene carolina*

**Slider, sp. (Mesoamerican?)** Individuals seen several times in wetland environments.

**Fer de Lance** *Bothrops asper* (1) The magical night drive that found the Margay also had a four foot Fer de Lance on the road, wow!

## Butterflies

**Pink-checked Cattleheart** *Parides eurimedes*

**Cloudless Sulphur** *Phoebis sennae*

**Large Orange Sulphur** *Phoebis agarithe*

**Julia** *Dryas iulia*

**Banded Peacock** *Anartia fatima*

**White Peacock** *Anartia jatrophae*

**Monarch** *Danaus plexippus*

**Zebra Longwing** *Heliconius charithonia*

**Heliconian, sp.**

**Common Morpho** *Morpho peleides*

**And many others, still working on ID's through our photos!**