

# Belize: Birding & Nature

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

(GO) = Seen or heard by guides only

(YE) = Yucatan Peninsula Endemic

**Totals: 222 species of birds, 10 species of mammals, 8 species of reptiles & amphibians, 5 species of insects**

**Summary:** This delightful two-lodge tour provided a great opportunity to tour northern Belize and sample a variety of avian habitats, enjoy good food, excellent local guides, and fine accommodations. Quite a nice bird and mammal list, with extraordinary sightings of a few things and life birds for all. On a fine tour like this, it is hard to call out the highlights, but some of the notable finds included two Ocelots on a night trip, a Least Bittern in the reeds (again on a night boat ride), nice looks at several of the Yucatan endemics (Yellow-lored Parrot, Yucatan Woodpecker, Black Catbird), a feasting Barn Owl, and an incubating Ornate Hawk-Eagle.

**BIRDS (222 species recorded, of which 3 were heard only and 11 seen by guides only):**

## **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (2)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—A large flock flying at a bit of a distance from the boat at Crooked Tree Lagoon.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*—Seen by the guides at Crooked Tree when flying off and then again a few at Laguna Seca.

## **GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (3)**

**Plain Chachalaca** *Ortalis vetula*—Seen or heard on three days at Lamanai Outpost Lodge.

**Crested Guan** *Penelope purpurascens*—This large, arboreal Cracid was found on four days in and around Chan Chich Lodge

**Great Curassow** *Crax rubra*—Adult males and females were well seen on the road while driving to and from the Escarpment, but perhaps most unusual was a check sitting in the road we spotted while driving to Gallon Jug for the Farm tour. Though we wondered if it was injured, when Luis went to pick it up, it dashed off the road into the forest—a very unusual sighting of this species in natal plumage.

## **PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (1)**

**Ocellated Turkey** *Meleagris ocellata* (YE)—A ubiquitous species in and around Chan Chich, basically impossible to miss there! A few males were observed courting females—fascinating behavior with the ocellae that give them their names very visible on their tails.

## **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (9)**

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Although probably more widespread than it seemed, we recorded this common pigeon on 2 days, mostly flying off rapidly on a mission!

**Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa*—(GO) A fly-by bird seen by the guides at Crooked Tree.

**Red-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas flavirostris*—By far the most commonly encountered pigeon, this species was seen or heard on eight days of the tour.

**Short-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas nigrirostris*—A pigeon of the tall tropical forest, we saw or heard these on two days at Chan Chich.

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*—Found on five days of the tour, in many open or semi-open areas.

**Ruddy Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon montana*—(GO) Fly-by birds seen on two days by the guides at Chan Chich.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—Seen or heard on four days of the tour, but generally only when it flew off a road or trail in front of us.

**Gray-headed Dove** *Leptotila plumbeiceps*—Heard by Vidal during the Lamanai Maya site walk and seen on one of the morning walks at Chan Chich

**White-winged Dove** *Zenaida asiatica*—Seen or heard on four days of the trip when at Lamanai Outpost Lodge or nearby

### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (3)**

**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris*— Seen or heard on four days of the trip when at Lamanai Outpost Lodge or nearby

**Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia*—(HO) Heard during the boat trip down the New River

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—Surprisingly seen on only one day at Chan Chich

### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (2)**

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis*—Roosting bird spotted during the boat trip down the New River

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albigollis*—Seen during the night boat trip at Lamanai and either seen or heard on four days at Chan Chich

### **POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (1)**

**Northern Potoo** *Nyctibius jamaicensis*—Two individuals found on the night drive at Gallon Jug Farm

### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)**

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi*—Several flying overhead on one of the morning walks at Chan Chich

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (8)**

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora*—Seen on four days at Chan Chich, regularly visiting and defending the feeders there

**Long-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis longirostris*—Seen on all five days at Chan Chich, either coming to the feeders or foraging on flowers

**Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis*—Found on three days at Chan Chich at a variety of sites, though never at the feeders

**Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliosthryx barroti*—First seen on the afternoon hike on the Sac Be Trail at Chan Chich and then again the next morning near the feeders

**Green-breasted Mango** *Anthracothorax prevostii*—Seen twice, first at Crooked Tree Lagoon and again from the boat on the trip back to Lamanai from the savanna walk

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*—Seen on two days, once when driving out of Crooked Tree and again on one of the field trips at Chan Chich

**White-bellied Emerald** *Amazilia candida*—Found at Chan Chich on the Gallon Jug Farm tour

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl*—Widespread and ubiquitous, foraging on flowers and at feeders, found on all nine days of the tour

### **RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)**

**Russet-naped Wood-Rail** *Aramides axillaris*—This very charismatic rail was found on 4 days, 2 each in the Lamanai area and at Chan Chich

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*—Found twice, first on the night boat trip at Lamanai and again on the sunset cruise

**Ruddy Crake** *Laterallus ruber*—(HO) Heard calling from the boat during the sunset cruise at Lamanai

#### **LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)**

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*—This unique wading bird was found on 4 days, first at Crooked Tree Lagoon and then again on most of the days at Lamanai

#### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*—Several seen from the boat at Crooked Tree Lagoon

#### **JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)**

**Northern Jacana** *Jacana spinosa*—Found on all 4 days at Lamanai and again at Laguna Seca

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (3)**

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—Seen twice, first at Crooked Tree Lagoon and again at New River Lagoon, both times from a boat

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*—Found once at Crooked Tree Lagoon

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*— Found once at Crooked Tree Lagoon

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (2)**

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*—Several individuals flying by the boat during the Crooked Tree Lagoon visit

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*—Many flying by the boat during the Crooked Tree Lagoon visit

#### **STORKS: Ciconiidae (2)**

**Jabiru** *Jabiru mycteria*—A few seen at a bit of a distance at the end of the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat tour

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*—Several seen during the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat trip and one seen at New River Lagoon during the sunset cruise

#### **ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—Only found once on the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat trip

#### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—A pretty ubiquitous and common bird found in almost all aquatic habitats with open water on five days

#### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)**

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*—Flock of at least 26 seen flying at Crooked Tree Lagoon

#### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (13)**

**Pinnated Bittern** *Botaurus pinnatus*—At least two seen sticking their heads out of the grasses at Laguna Seca, though kind of far away

**Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis*—Amazingly, spotted by Eddie from the boat during the New River Lagoon night trip, roosting in cattails

**Bare-throated Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma mexicanum*—This attractive tropical heron was found on 3 days, both at New River Lagoon and at Chan Chich, with both immatures and adults found

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—Found on 5 days at many sites with appropriate aquatic habitat

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—Found on 6 days at many sites with appropriate aquatic habitat

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—Found on 4 days, mainly in and around New River Lagoon

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*—Found on 3 days at several sites, with by far the largest numbers in the Blue Creek ricefields

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*—Only found on one day on the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat tour

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—A common and widespread species, frequently seen from the road, in a variety of fields and pastures throughout the tour

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*—Found on four days in and around New River Lagoon

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Several seen from the boat on the Crooked Tree Lagoon tour

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*—(GO) An immature identified by Vidal during the boat trip to the savanna walk

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius*—This totally unique heron was found on two days, first on the Crooked Tree Lagoon tour, later that same day on the trip down the New River, and finally during the New River Lagoon night boat trip

### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (3)**

**White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus*—Seen on three days at Crooked Tree and New River Lagoon

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*—Found only on the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat trip

**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja*— Found only on the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat trip

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (4)**

**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa*—Seen soaring overhead on one day at Chan Chich during a field trip

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—Found on five days at numerous sites

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—Found on eight days at almost all sites visited

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*—Successfully identified on two days at Crooked Tree Lagoon and during the savanna hike at Lamanai

### **OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—Found on three days, most commonly at Crooked Tree Lagoon, but also at New River Lagoon

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (12)**

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*—One flew over the Escarpment view point at Gallon Jug

**Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus*— One flew over the Escarpment view point at Gallon Jug

**Ornate Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus*—One bird, presumably an incubating female, seen at the nest on the Escarpment trip

**Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis*—This elegant, wetland-inhabiting raptor was well-seen from the boat at Crooked Tree Lagoon

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—Seen on four days at Crooked Tree and New River Lagoons, including during the night boat trip

**Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus*—Well seen by the group on the Gallon Jug Farm tour

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*—One flew over the road during the Gallon Jug Farm tour

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga*—A nicely perched individual of this species was seen from the boat at Crooked Tree Lagoon

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*—This very widespread raptor was found on six days of the tour during many of our field trips

**White Hawk** *Pseudastur albicollis*—Seen once flying over the group at Chan Chich

**Gray Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus*—Seen by the group on the Gallon Jug Farm tour

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*—One high soaring bird over Lamanai on the day we arrived there

### **BARN OWLS: Tytonidae (1)**

**Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*—One very well seen on the night drive at Gallon Jug Farm as it sat in a tree and consumed dinner!

### **OWLS: Strigidae (1)**

**Central American Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium griseiceps*—Heard by Dave early one morning at Chan Chich

### **TROGONS: Trogonidae (4)**

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** *Trogon massena*—One found on the first morning walk at Chan Chich

**Black-headed Trogon** *Trogon melanocephalus*—Seen or heard on four days of the tour at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

**Gartered Trogon** *Trogon caligatus*—Seen or heard on three days of the tour at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*—Only found on one day, on the very last field trip of the tour, on the Sac Be Trail at Chan Chich Creek

### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (4)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—Encountered on four days, mostly near larger water bodies such as at Crooked Tree and New River Lagoons

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*—Found on three days at Crooked Tree and on the New River

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*—This typically hard to find kingfisher was seen on two days, extremely well both times! First was a very close view at Crooked Tree Lagoon and the second was on the New River Lagoon night boat tour.

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*—Found on five days at a variety of sites, including larger lakes and smaller rivers and streams

### **PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (2)**

**White-necked Puffbird** *Notharchus hyperrhynchus*—Found on three days of the tour, twice in and around Lamanai and again at Chan Chich

**White-whiskered Puffbird** *Malacoptila panamensis*—This lovely, forest-dwelling, puffbird was found twice on one day, both on the road to the Escarpment and again on the road to Laguna Seca

### **JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)**

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*—Pairs of this elegant species were seen on two days at Chan Chich

### **TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (2)**

**Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus*—Seen on one day by some of the group on the Gallon Jug Farm tour

**Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—The national bird of Belize, this classic tropical bird was found on three days at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (9)**

**Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Seen only once, on a fence post outside Crooked Tree Lagoon from the car!

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani*—Found on two days at Chan Chich

**Yucatan Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pygmaeus* (YE)—Well seen by the entire group on the savanna walk

**Golden-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes aurifrons*—Found on four days, the commonest woodpecker at places like Black Orchid Resort and Lamanai Outpost Lodge and surroundings

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Dryobates fumigatus*—This tall forest woodpecker was only seen on one day on the Escarpment field trip

**Pale-billed Woodpecker** *Campephilus guatemalensis*—The largest woodpecker in Belize, this species was seen on two days at Chan Chich

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*—Found on three days at Chan Chich, where a young bird could be seen sticking its head out of a nest cavity right in front of the Lodge

**Chestnut-colored Woodpecker** *Ceelus castaneus*—Seen by the guides at Lamana Maya Site and again at Chan Chich

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus*—This very attractive woodpecker (actually a close relative of the Northern Flicker) was seen twice, once from the boat on the New River and again during the walk around Indian Church

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (3)**

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans*—

**Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*—Seen on two days at Gallon Jug, presumably the same bird each time (as it was in the same tree!)

**Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis*—This elegant falcon was seen on two days, first at Crooked Tree Lagoon and again at Lamanai

### **PARROTS: Psittacidae (8)**

**Brown-hooded Parrot** *Pyrilia haematotis*—(GO) Identified by guides when flying over by call and flight pattern

**White-crowned Parrot** *Pionus senilis*—Seen or heard on six days at several locations at both Lamanai and Chan Chich; a couple of times, perched birds were spotted for closer examination through scopes

**Red-lored Parrot** *Amazona autumnalis*—The most frequently encountered parrot, this large and noisy species was found at many sites near both Lamanai and Chan Chich

**Yellow-headed Parrot** *Amazona oratrix*—This endangered species was seen once as a fly-by while in the boat at Crooked Tree Lagoon

**White-fronted Parrot** *Amazona albifrons*—Found on two days at Lamanai, including by the Lodge and on the savanna walk

**Yellow-lored Parrot** *Amazona xantholora* (YE)—Well seen by the entire group on the savanna walk at Lamanai

**Mealy Parrot** *Amazona farinosa*—This larger and noisier parrot was found on four days at Chan Chich, often right in the plaza area

**Olive-throated Parakeet** *Eupsittula nana*—Found on four days at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (3)**

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Found on three days at Lamanai, most often in pairs and eventually allowing some sort of decent look after persisting

**Dot-winged Antwren** *Microrhoptias quixensis*—A pair seen from the vehicle during the Escarpment field trip at Chan Chich

**Dusky Antbird** *Cercomacroides tyrannina*—One seen (not very well) at Chan Chich Lodge

### **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (3)**

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*—Found at Lamanai Maya Site while touring the area

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropyrinchus*—One nicely seen during a walk around Chan Chich Lodge in the plaza area

**Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*—Seen in the fruiting fig tree at the Lamanai Maya Site

### **MANAKINS: Pipridae (2)**

**White-collared Manakin** *Manacus candei*—Found on three days at Lamanai and once at Chan Chich; the latter being the best looks at a full-plumaged male at Laguna Seca

**Red-capped Manakin** *Ceratopipra mentalis*—Only seen once, but spectacularly well, when a male came to feed on a fruiting tree right in front of the porch at Chan Chich Lodge

### **BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (3)**

**Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor*—Found on one day at Chan Chich by the Suspension Bridge

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata*—Found on four days of the tour at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

**Rose-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus aglaiae*—Found on three days of the tour, including a beautiful male with full rose throat at Black Orchid after our initial arrival in Belize

### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (20)**

- Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*—Seen on the last full day of the tour, bathing in Chan Chick Creek from the Sac Be Trail
- Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*—Seen once, at Bats Landing while waiting for the boat down the New River
- Yellow-olive Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—Found on two days, first at Bats Landing and again on the walk in Indian Church village
- Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet** *Ornithion semiflavum*—This small, but distinctive, flycatcher was found at the Lamanai Maya Site and again on the Gallon Jug Farm tour
- Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma imberbe*—Found by a few of the group at Lamanai at close enough range to see the non-existent beard?!
- Greenish Elaenia** *Myiopagis viridicata*—Found on the Lamanai Maya Site visit
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*—(GO) Heard by the guides on one of the walks around Lamanai
- Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus*—Probably more common than we saw, but only recorded on one day at Chan Chich
- Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Found on two days, first by Bird's Eye View Lodge at Crooked Tree (a beautiful male) and then a female at Gallon Jug on our way into Chan Chich
- Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus*—(HO) Heard from the boat along the New River
- Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—Found on two days, from the boat along the new River and on the Gallon Jug Farm tour
- Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—By far the most common *Myiarchus* of the trip, this one was found on six days at many sites
- Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—A frequently seen or heard flycatcher, this one was found on the first five days of the tour, though seldom in the high forest near Chan Chich
- Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—This kiskadee-lookalike was found on 2 days, at Crooked Tree Lagoon and on the Escarpment trip
- Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—One of the most common and ubiquitous flycatchers, they were seen on all 10 days of the tour
- Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes luteiventris*—This species, a breeding season migrant in Belize, was found at the Lamanai Maya Site and on one of the walks at Chan Chich
- Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—The other of the most common and ubiquitous flycatchers, they were seen on all 10 days of the tour
- Couch's Kingbird** *Tyrannus couchii*—Extremely difficult to separate from Tropical Kingbird, this species was identified by the guides on two days by sound and seen on the savanna walk at Lamanai
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus forficatus*—This elegant flycatcher was seen once in the fields at Gallon Jug
- Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*—Found on three days of the tour, first at the Blue Creek ricefields and then again on two outings at Chan Chich

### **VIREOS: Vireonidae (8)**

- Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Found by Eddie and Dave at Bat's Landing, prior to boarding the boat to Lamanai Outpost Lodge (GO)
- Green Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius pulchellus*—(GO) Identified by song by Luis on one of the walks at Chan Chich
- Lesser Greenlet** *Pachysylvia decurtata*—Found twice, first at Lamanai Maya Site and again at Chan Chich
- White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus*—Found on one day at Lamanai Maya Site
- Mangrove Vireo** *Vireo pallens*—Seen or heard on two days at Crooked Tree Lagoon and on the savanna walk at Lamanai
- Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons*—Found on one of the walks at Lamanai
- Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus*—(GO) Seen by Dave on one of the mornings at Chan Chich
- Yellow-green Vireo** *Vireo flavoviridis*—Found on one day at Chan Chich by the Suspension Bridge

### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (1)**

**Brown Jay** *Psilorhinus morio*—A noisy and conspicuous bird, frequently seen in flocks, this jay was found on six days in many sites at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)**

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—Found on two days at Lamanai

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis*—Found on three days at Crooked Tree Lagoon and at Lamanai

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*—Found on three days at Crooked Tree Lagoon, Lamanai, and on one of the Chan Chich field trips

**Mangrove Swallow** *Tachycineta albilinea*—The common swallow over bodies of water, this species was found on four days at Lamanai on several trips

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*—Presumably birds migrating north, found at a variety of sites on three days of the tour

### **GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (3)**

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocampus melanurus*—Found only once, on the Gallon Jug Farm tour

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea*—Seen on two days, first at Crooked Tree Lagoon and again on the savanna walk at Lamanai

**Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila plumbea*—Seen on the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat tour

### **WRENS: Troglodytidae (4)**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—Seen by the group on the first afternoon at Black Orchid Resort

**Spot-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius maculipectus*—This relatively common, but excruciatingly hard to see, wren was seen or heard on six days of the tour at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

**White-bellied Wren** *Uropsila leucogastra*—Another hard to see species, this was found on the Gallon Jug Farm tour

**White-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucosticta*—(GO) Seen and heard by Dave on a solo walk on the trails at Chan Chich Lodge

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (3)**

**Black Catbird** *Melanoptila glabrirostris* (YE)—Well seen by the entire group on the outing with Vidal to the savannas on the opposite shore of New River Lagoon from Lamanai Outpost Lodge

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*—One of the more common migrants found, they were seen on six days of the tour at several sites

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*—Found on three days, most obviously at Black Orchid Resort, but also at Lamanai and while traveling

### **THRUSHES: Turdidae (2)**

**Wood Thrush** *Hylocichla mustelina*—A roosting bird seen in a shrub right by the trail during the night walk at Lamanai Outpost Lodge

**Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi*—This robin-like thrush was commonly encountered in many places and found on seven days of the tour

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (3)**

**Scrub Euphonia** *Euphonia affinis*—Found on three days at the Lamanai Maya Site, on the Indian Church walk, and on the savannah walk at Lamanai

**Yellow-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia hirundinacea*—The most commonly encountered *Euphonia* on the tour, this species was found on six days at many sites, mostly notably while feeding on ripe custard apples in a tree at Chan Chich

**Olive-backed Euphonia** *Euphonia gouldi*—This very elegant *Euphonia* was seen on four days at several sites in Lamanai and Chan Chich

### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (3)**

- Botteri's Sparrow** *Peucaea botterii*—Pretty well seen by the group on the savanna field trip at New River Lagoon
- Olive Sparrow** *Arremonops rufivirgatus*—Not well seen, but identified with Luis' help, by the group on the savanna field trip at New River Lagoon
- Green-backed Sparrow** *Arremonops chloronotus*—(GO) Seen by Dave on a solo walk on the trails at Chan Chich Lodge

### **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae (1)**

- Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens*—This skulking migrant was seen by the group on an afternoon walk at Lamanai and again by the guides the following day there

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae (12)**

- Eastern Meadowlark** *Sturnella magna*—Found on two days, first at the Blue Creek ricefields and again in the Gallon Jug cattle pastures
- Yellow-billed Caciue** *Amblycercus holosericeus*—Seen by most of the group (or at least glimpsed!) on an afternoon walk at Lamanai after being heard by the guides the previous day
- Black-cowled Oriole** *Icterus prothemelas*—The most commonly encountered oriole of the trip (and a resident species), these were seen on six days of the tour at many sites at Lamanai and Chan Chich
- Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius*—The most common migrant oriole of the trip, these were found on five days of the tour in a variety of sexes, ages, and plumages; mostly at Lamanai, but also at Chan Chich
- Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus*—Found on two days at Lamanai
- Yellow-tailed Oriole** *Icterus mesomelas*—A pair very well seen at close range in the reeds on the boat trip to New River Lagoon
- Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula*—Found on three days of the tour at Lamanai and Chan Chich
- Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*—Found year-round in Belize, these were seen at Crooked Tree and New River Lagoons in appropriate marsh habitat
- Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus*—Found on two days, once at Lamanai and once at Chan Chich
- Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*— Found on two days, once at Lamanai and once at Chan Chich
- Melodious Blackbird** *Dives dives*—A common and widespread species, these were seen and heard on all nine days of the tour
- Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Rather conspicuous and noisy near human habitat, these were found on six days of the tour

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (14)**

- Louisiana Waterthrush** *Parkesia motacilla*—Seen on two days, probably the same bird, foraging in Chan Chich Creek near the Suspension Bridge
- Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*—Found on five days of the tour by the group or guides in a variety of wetland habitats
- Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*—Found on three days at Bats Landing and twice at Chan Chich
- Tennessee Warbler** *Oreothlypis peregrina*—This relatively nondescript neotropical migrant was found on three days at Lamanai
- Gray-crowned Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis poliocephala*—Seen by the group at Bat's Landing while doing a bit of birding before boarding the boat to Lamanai Outpost Lodge
- Kentucky Warbler** *Geothlypis formosa*—Found by most of the group as it came to drink and bathe in Chan Chich Creek on the last full field day
- Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*—Found on three days in the New River Lagoon area
- Hooded Warbler** *Setophaga citrina*—Found on six days of the tour, most often at Chan Chich, where a beautiful male was hopping around on the ground outside one of the cabins!
- American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*—Found on three days at Lamanai and one at Chan Chich
- Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*—Only found once, on the walk through Indian Church village

- Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*—Easily the most widespread and common neotropical migrant, though most were still in basic plumage, these were found on nine days of the tour
- Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*—Found on three days near or at Lamanai
- Yellow-throated Warbler** *Setophaga dominica*—Found on the first four days of the tour at Black Orchid Resort and Lamanai and, oddly, by Dave on the porch of the waiting room at the Gallon Jug airstrip
- Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*—Found on two days on two field trips at Lamanai

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (9)**

- Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*—Seen or heard by the group and guides on six days of the tour at Lamanai and Chan Chich
- Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica*—(GO) Seen by Dave on a solo walk on the trails at Chan Chich Lodge
- Red-throated Ant-Tanager** *Habia fuscicauda*—A pair of these were seen poorly on one of the afternoon walks at Lamanai
- Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*—Found first by the guides at Crooked Tree Lagoon and then again by the group from the boat on the way back from the savanna walk
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus*—Found by the guides at Bats Landing and by the whole group during the walk through Indian Church village
- Blue-black Grosbeak** *Cyanoloxia cyanooides*—Seen first on one of the walks at Lamanai and then on three days at Chan Chich, where it sometimes visited the flowers and bird bath in front of the orch
- Blue Bunting** *Cyanocompsa parellina*—Found on two days at Chan Chich (one of which had photographic evidence obtained by Ivan)
- Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*—Found on two days at Crooked Tree Lagoon and again by the guides on the Gallon Jug Farm tour
- Painted Bunting** *Passerina ciris*—A male found by Roger among the large group of birds feeding on ripe Custard Apples in the Staff Housing area at Chan Chich Lodge

#### **TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (9)**

- Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus*—Oddly, only found once on the tour on the walk through Indian Church village
- Yellow-winged Tanager** *Thraupis abbas*—This very attractive and sometimes easy-to-see tanager was found on five days at both Lamanai and Chan Chich
- Golden-hooded Tanager** *Tangara larvata*—Found on two days at Chan Chich, often in flocks while foraging or feasting on fruit
- Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—Found on six days at Lamanai and Chan Chich, sometimes right from the porch while eating at the latter Lodge!
- Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*—Only found on one day on a visit to the fruiting custard apple at Chan Chich
- Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*—Found on four days in a variety of sexes and plumages in and near the Lamanai area
- Morelet's Seedeater** *Sporophila moreletii*—This attractive, but tiny, seedeater was found many times at most sites on a total of eight days of the tour
- Black-headed Saltator** *Saltator atriceps*—This loud and noisy saltator was seen four days both at Lamanai and at Chan Chich
- Cinnamon-bellied Saltator** *Saltator grandis*—This species, formerly part of the Grayish Saltator complex, was found once on the walk around Indian Church

## MAMMALS (10 species recorded):

- Gray Four-eyed Opossum** *Philander opossum*—One well-seen (or, at least as well as possible in the dark!) during the night walk at Lamanai Outpost Lodge; both the eye shine of the real eyes and the two “fake” eyes were well seen
- Yucatan Black Howler Monkey** *Alouatta pigra*—Recorded by the group by sight or sound on every day of the tour except the last (we must have slept in!), sometimes providing a wake-up call in the morning
- Central American Spider Monkey** *Ateles geoffroyi*—Found on two of the outings on different days at Chan Chich
- Deppe’s Squirrel** *Sciurus deppei*—This tall forest squirrel was seen twice at Chan Chich
- Yucatan Squirrel** *Sciurus yucatanensis*—Seen at Black Orchid Resort on the very first day of the tour
- White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*—Easily seen in open areas at Chan Chich, including sometimes right in the plaza
- Central American Red Brocket** *Mazama temama*—Seen briefly as it darted off the road from the vehicle on one of the driving trips at Chan Chich
- White-nosed Coati** *Nasua narica*—A lone male and then a large group of females/young seen during the Lamana Maya Site visit
- Ocelot** *Leopardus pardalis*—Amazing views of two different individuals in the cattle pastures at Gallon Jug during the night drive from Chan Chich Lodge—one of the highlights of the tour!
- Fishing (or Greater Bulldog) Bat** *Noctilio leporinus*—Several seen foraging over New River Lagoon during the night boat ride from Lamanai Outpost Lodge

## REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (8 species recorded):

- Morelet’s Crocodile** *Crocodylus moreletii*—The common croc in Belize, it was found on six days whenever in a boat or near appropriate aquatic habitat
- Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—Found on three days, including large males and small, bright green females
- Black Spiny-tailed Iguana** *Ctenosaura similis*—Only found from the boat when coming back from the savanna walk at Lamanai
- Brown Basilisk** *Basiliscus vittatus*—Seen twice, once at Lamanai and again at Chan Chich
- Marine (or Cane) Toad** *Rhinella marina*—Heard calling during the night boat ride at Lamanai and seen around the little pond near Lamanai Outpost Lodge during the night hike
- Rio Grande Leopard Frog** *Lithobates berlandieri*—Several seen around the little pond near Lamanai Outpost Lodge during the night hike
- False Fer-de-Lance** *Xenodon rabdocephalus*—One found dead on the entrance road to Chan Chich Lodge during the last walk of the last day
- Mediterranean Gecko** *Hemidactylus turcicus*—Heard often at Lamanai, some of these even ventured onto the daily activity video screen to learn about the next day’s activities!

## INSECTS (5 species recorded):

- White Peacock** *Anartia jatrophae*—Seen in the field at Bats Landing and resting during the night hike at Lamanai
- Pale Owl-Butterfly** *Caligo telamonius*—Seen resting during the night hike at Lamanai and again flying at Chan Chich
- Mexican Cycadian** *Eumaeus toxea*—One seen by the group as we neared the end of the savanna walk at Lamanai
- Monarch** *Danaus plexippus*—Part of the Central American resident population, one was seen foraging on milkweed during the Gallon Jug Farm tour
- Katydid sp** *Philophyllia sp*—One of these landed on a chair at Black Orchid Resort, apparently stopping by to say hello!

**LOCATIONS AND NOTES:**

Day 1: March 23, 2022; arrivals in Belize City, Black Orchid Resort

Day 2: March 24, 2022; Crooked Tree Lagoon, Bird's Eye View Lodge, Bats Landing, boat trip on New River and New River Lagoon to Lamanai Outpost Lodge

Day 3: March 25, 2022; Lamanai Maya Site, Lamanai Outpost Lodge, New River Lagoon night boat trip

Day 4: March 26, 2022; Lamanai Outpost Lodge, Indian Church village, New River Lagoon sunset cruise, night walk at Lodge

Day 5: March 27, 2022; savanna walk (including boat trip there and back), drive to Chan Chich Lodge through Blue Creek, Chan Chich Lodge

Day 6: March 28, 2022; Chan Chich Lodge

Day 7: March 29, 2022; drive to the Escarpment, drive to Laguna Seca, Chan Chich Lodge

Day 8: March 30, 2022; Gallon Jug Farm, Chan Chich Lodge (including Sac Be Trail)

Day 9: March 31, 2022; Chan Chich Lodge, Gallon Jug airstrip, flight to Belize City, departures from Belize City