# Belize: Three Great Lodges | Species List November 10 – 20, 2022 | with Naturalist Journeys



# With local guides and Pat Lueders and the following trip participants: Laurie, Doug, Cathy, Jack, Thomas, Robert, Livia, Steve, Callie, David and Cindy

Our enjoyable and successful tour of Belize included stays at three beautiful and unique lodges, and we saw 252 species of birds, including 14 species of hummingbirds, plus 12 species of mammals, and three different snakes, under the expert leadership of our talented local guides: Isaias at Black Rock Lodge, Mike at Pook's Hill, and Steve at the Lodge at Big Falls.

#### **Compiled by Pat Lueders**

# BIRDS (252 species recorded, of which 9 were heard only):

#### **TINAMOUS: Tinamidae**

Little Tinamou Crypturellus soui—Heard both at Pook's Hill and at Big Falls, and seen briefly at Big Falls.

#### **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Seen on the drive from the airport and various flyovers throughout the tour.

# **GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae**

**Plain Chachalaca** *Ortalis vetula*—Seen almost daily at all three lodges.

#### **GREBES: Podicipedidae**

**Least Grebe** Tachybaptus dominicus—Seen best on the visit to the dump near Big Falls.

## **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*—Seen when we drove through towns.

Pale-vented Pigeon Patagioenas cayennensis—Seen perched when we stopped on our way to Tunich Ha Reserve.

**Short-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas nigrirostris*—A flyover on the road to Black Rock, and another perched at Pook's.

Plain-breasted Ground-Dove Columbina minuta—Nice looks on the road to Black Rock.

Ruddy Ground-Dove Columbina talpacoti—Seen almost daily at most locations.

Blue Ground-Dove Claravis pretiosa—We followed a pair that were actively nest building on our walk at Pook's.

White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi—Seen on the ground at Black Rock.

**Gray-chested Dove** *Leptotila cassinii*—Seen on our walk at Big Falls.

White-winged Dove Zenaida asiatica—Many were perched on utility wires on our drives around Black Rock.

Mourning Dove Zenaida macroura—Occasional looks on our drives from Black Rock.

#### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae**

**Groove-billed Ani** Crotophaga sulcirostris—Frequently seen along the roadsides at all three lodges.

Squirrel Cuckoo Piaya cayana—Great looks at a very cooperative individual behind the Black Rock dining area.

#### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae**

Lesser Nighthawk Chordeiles acutipennis—An individual was flushed on our walk at the Spanish Lookout gravel pit.

Common Pauraque Nyctidromus albicollis—Fun watching the one that Callie found on the grounds at Big Falls.

#### **POTOOS: Nyctibiidae**

Northern Potoo Nyctibius jamaicensis—On our night drive at Black Rock, we saw five, a new lodge record!

#### **SWIFTS: Apodidae**

White-collared Swift Streptoprocne zonaris—Occasionally seen soaring over the Forest Reserve Gate at Mountain Pine Ridge.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift Panyptila cayennensis—Seen in flight during visits to Mountain Pine Ridge and the dump.

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae**

White-necked Jacobin Florisuga mellivora—Frequent visitor to the feeders at Black Rock and Green Hills.

**Long-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis longirostris*—Seen at the feeders at Black Rock and in the gardens at Caracol and Tunich Ha Reserve.

**Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis*—Seen just once, coming to flowers at Tunich Ha Reserve.

Purple-crowned Fairy Heliothryx barroti—Great photo opportunities of perched birds at Caracol and Tunich Ha.

Green-breasted Mango Anthracothorax prevostii—Many found by Isaias in a flowering tree at Rio Maya Farm.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*—A beautiful male; found feeding on purple flowers when we visited the dump.

Canivet's Emerald Cynanthus canivetii—Also seen at the dump on its favorite flower!

Wedge-tailed Sabrewing Pampa curvipennis—Strikingly beautiful! Seen well at Caracol and at the Butterfly Ranch.

**Violet Sabrewing** *Campylopterus hemileucurus*—Males and females visiting a flowering tree at Caracol.

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird Phaeochroa cuvierii—Frequent visitor to feeders at the Green Hills Butterfly Ranch.

Azure-crowned Hummingbird Saucerottia cyanocephala—Seen on our visit to Mountain Pine Ridge.

**Cinnamon Hummingbird** *Amazilia rutile*—Only a few quick glimpses at this difficult-to-see species, feeding in the gardens at Hopkins Inn.

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl*—The most common hummingbird for the tour, seen daily at all locations.

White-bellied Emerald Chlorestes candida—Seen at close range at Green Hills Butterfly Ranch.

# **RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae**

Russet-naped Wood-Rail Aramides albiventris—Seen on the edge of the pond at the Belize Botanical Garden.

**Sora** *Porzana carolina*—(**HO**) Many distinctive vocalizations heard on the visit to the dump.

Common Gallinule Gallinula galeata—Scoped on a distant pond from the Nim Li Punit overlook.

**Ruddy Crake** *Laterallus ruber*—(**HO**) Heard numerous times on our visit to the dump.

**Gray-breasted Crake** Laterallus exilis—(HO) Heard well during the visit to the dump.

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae**

**Killdeer** Charadrius vociferus—Only seen at the airport in Punta Gorda on the last morning.

## JACANAS: Jacanidae

**Northern Jacana** *Jacana spinosa*—Seen on the visit to the Spanish Lookout ponds and on the road from the airport.

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae**

Sanderling Calidris alba—Seen on the pier at Hopkins Bay Inn at high tide with other shorebirds and terns.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—"Spotted" at the Mennonite beach, Hopkins Bay, and also at the beach at Punta Gorda.

Solitary Sandpiper Tringa solitaria—Seen at the Mennonite beach in Spanish Lookout.

Willet Tringa semipalmata—Seen on the pier at low tide at the Hopkins Inn beach.

Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes—Seen at the Mennonite beach in Spanish Lookout.

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae**

**Laughing Gull** Leucophaeus atricilla—Seen sitting on the pier during visit to Punta Gorda beach.

Forster's Tern Sterna forsteri—Seen on pier with Laughing Gulls at Punta Gorda beach.

Royal Tern Thalasseus maximus—Large numbers perched on the pier during low tide at Hopkins Bay.

Sandwich Tern Thalasseus sandvicensis—Perched with other terns on the pier at Hopkins Bay.

#### **STORKS: Ciconiidae**

**Wood Stork** Mycteria americana—Seen in the Hopkins Wetlands and flying over during our visit to the dump.

#### FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird Frequta magnificens—Seen soaring over the beach at Hopkins Bay.

#### **ANHINGAS: Anhingidae**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—Seen drying its wings at the pond near the dump.

#### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae**

Brown Pelican Pelecanus occidentalis—Seen flying at Hopkins Bay and sitting on the water at the beach at Punta Gorda.

#### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae**

**Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis*—**(HO)** Heard vocalizing during our visit to the dump.

Great Blue Heron Ardea herodias—Two seen when we visited the gravel pit area in Spanish Lookout.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—Seen often in the fields at many locations.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—Seen with other waders on our visit to the dump.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*—Seen on the river at the Mennonite beach and at the dump.

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*—Seen with other waders during visit to the dump.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—Seen daily in fields with cattle, of course!

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*—Where else? ...at the dump.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*—Perched in trees at the beach at Punta Gorda and at the Spanish Lookout Countryside Park.

**Boat-billed Heron** Cochlearius cochlearius—Nice find by Steve, a pair with a nest and a juvenile at pond near the dump.

# IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White Ibis Eudocimus albus—Seen feeding at the Hopkins Wetlands.

#### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae**

**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa*—A highlight, six found along with 50 Black Vultures drying their wings along the road to Manfredi Village.

**Black Vulture** Coragyps atratus—Great looks at 50 drying off after a rainstorm along the road to Manfredi Village.

**Turkey Vulture** Cathartes aura—Seen almost daily at many locations.

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*—Our best and closest looks were of four birds in flight when we visited the dump.

## **OSPREY: Pandionidae**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—Seen soaring over Hopkins Bay beach.

#### **HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae**

White-tailed Kite Elanus leucurus—Two seen perched and soaring when we visited the dump.

Ornate Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus ornatus—Scope views of a pair across the river from Black Rock Lodge.

Northern Harrier Circus hudsonius—Seen hunting over the fields at Spanish Lookout.

Great Black Hawk Buteogallus urubitinga—A juvenile was perched along the road to Caracol.

Roadside Hawk Rupornis magnirostris—Seen often, usually along the side of the road!

White-tailed Hawk Geranoaetus albicaudatus—A pair seen in flight when we visited the dump.

Gray Hawk Buteo plagiatus—Seen during our visit to the Mennonite beach and at the Nim Li Punit Maya site.

**Broad-winged Hawk** Buteo platypterus—Found at Black Orchid Resort in flight.

**Short-tailed Hawk** Buteo brachyurus—Great views of one flight over the road at Mountain Pine Ridge.

## **OWLS: Strigidae**

**Middle American Screech-Owl** *Megascops guatemalae*—**(HO)** We heard at two stops during our night drive at Black Rock.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*—Heard, and eventually located by Isaias, when we visited the Belize Botanical Garden.

**Mottled Owl** Strix virgata—During our night drive, we observed one on the road trying to catch a tarantula!

**Black-and-white Owl** *Strix nigrolineata*—Finally! Seen well in tree above the pool at Big Falls on our last night. **Striped Owl** *Asio clamator*—Two seen perched on utility wires during our night drive from Lodge at Big Falls.

# **TROGONS: Trogonidae**

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** *Trogon massena*—Wow! Close up looks of a male as it was eating plums at the Belize Botanical Garden.

**Black-headed Trogon** *Trogon melanocephalus*—Our most common trogon for the tour, happily seen at all locations. **Gartered Trogon** *Trogon caligatus*—This was a target bird, and we were fortunate to get great looks at one at Nim Li Punit Maya site.

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*—Another target species for our tour, we also had excellent views of this bird along the Blue Creek trail.

# **MOTMOTS: Momotidae**

**Tody Motmot** *Hylomanes momotula*—Always a group favorite, we enjoyed watching a pair in the woods at Caracol. **Lesson's Motmot** *Momotus lessonii*—We worked hard for this elusive species and were rewarded on our walk at Pook's Lodge.

#### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—We saw a pair of these large kingfishers at the lake at Spanish Lookout's Countryside Park.

Amazon Kingfisher Chloroceryle amazona—Seen perched at the lake at Countryside Park.

Green Kingfisher Chloroceryle americana—Vocalizing and flying along the creek at the Spanish Lookout gravel pit.

#### **PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae**

White-necked Puffbird Notharchus hyperrhynchus—Seen well twice, at Pook's Lodge and on our walk at St. Herman's Blue Hole.

White-whiskered Puffbird Malacoptila panamensis—Seen often and in pairs at Caracol, Pook's Hill and Blue Hole.

## **JACAMARS: Galbulidae**

Rufous-tailed Jacamar Galbula ruficauda—Seen at the Belize Botanical Garden, Countryside Park and Pook's Hill.

#### **TOUCANS: Ramphastidae**

**Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus*—Seen often, especially at the feeders at Black Rock, often in large groups. **Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—Another favorite, seen often at many locations.

#### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae**

**Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Seen at the ranger station on the return drive from Caracol.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker Melanerpes pucherani—Seen at Caracol and when we walked at Pook's Hill.

**Golden-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes aurifrons*—The most common woodpecker for this tour, it was seen often at most locations.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker Dryobates fumigatus—Heard, then spotted by Steve from the lodge at Big Falls.

**Pale-billed Woodpecker** *Campephilus guatemalensis*— An Impressive woodpecker! We saw this species at Pook's Hill and at Big Falls.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*—Not considered rare, but our group only saw this rather conspicuous woodpecker once, during our walk at Big Falls.

**Chestnut-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus castaneus*—What good luck to hear and see this impressive species at the Countryside Park!

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus*—We saw this beautiful woodpecker during our stop at the Forest Reserve Gate at Mountain Pine Ridge.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae**

Laughing Falcon Herpetotheres cachinnans—Found perched atop a pole on our drive to the Lodge at Big Falls.

Crested Caracara Caracara plancus—A lucky sighting near the main highway on our return to Black Rock Lodge.

American Kestrel Falco sparverius—Observed in its classic hover-hunting style over the fields when we drove around Black Rock.

# **PARROTS: Psittacidae**

**White-crowned Parrot** *Pionus senilis*—This was one of the highlights when we had the opportunity to get close looks at a flock of these parrots as we walked along road to Black Rock. Exciting!

Red-lored Parrot Amazona autumnalis—Heard and seen perched on drive at Black Rock and at other locations.

**Mealy Parrot** Amazona farinosa—A pair of these large parrots were seen in flight at Pook's Lodge.

Olive-throated Parakeet Eupsittula nana—We finally had good looks at this parakeet at the Tunich Ha Reserve.

#### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae**

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*—Mike helped us locate this vocalizing, skulking species in the woods at Pook's Hill.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Another group favorite, we saw and heard both males and females often.

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis*—Fun seeing this family of three on our afternoon walk at Pook's Hill.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina*—Wow! Often a difficult species to see, but with Steve's help, we had great looks at four!

**Bare-crowned Antbird** *Gymnocichla nudiceps*—This species was vocalizing and rather conspicuous in the parking area at Big Falls.

#### **ANTTHRUSHES: Formicariidae**

**Mayan Antthrush** Formicarius moniliger—**(HO)** We worked hard, without luck, to see a vocalizing bird at the Nim Li Punit Mayan site.

## **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae**

Olivaceous Woodcreeper Sittasomus griseicapillus—Nice looks at Black Rock Lodge and Blue Creek.

Ruddy Woodcreeper Dendrocincla homochroa—(HO) Heard by our guide at Pook's Hill.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper Glyphorynchus spirurus—Seen well at Caracol and Nim Li Punit.

**Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*—Heard often, we were able to get a good look at this large woodcreeper at Pook's Hill.

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*—This beautiful woodcreeper was seen at the Mennonite beach.

**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus*—Heard first, then seen well at the Countryside Park.

**Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Automolus ochrolaemus*—Found by Mike on our walk at Pook's Hill, the group was able to enjoy good views of this bird.

Rufous-breasted Spinetail Synallaxis erythrothorax—Steve found a pair on our walk at Big Falls.

## **MANAKINS: Pipridae**

White-collared Manakin Manacus candei—We had great looks at a male on our walk at Big Falls.

**Red-capped Manakin** *Ceratopipra mentalis*—We were treated to a fabulous experience, observing a courting male and female next to the Black Rock Lodge dining room.

## **BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae**

**Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor*—Seen on our visit to the Mennonite beach.

Masked Tityra Tityra semifasciata—Seen a few times, but our best views were on our walk at the Lodge at Big Falls.

**Northern Schiffornis** *Schiffornis veraepacis*—We were extremely fortunate to have excellent, close-up looks at this skulker at Countryside Park, Spanish Lookout.

White-winged Becard Pachyramphus polychopterus—(HO) Heard on our walk on the property of Big Falls.

**Gray-collared Becard** *Pachyramphus major*—Our guide, Isaias, was excited to find this uncommon species at the Belize Botanical Garden.

# SHARPBILL AND ALLIES: Oxyruncidae

Royal Flycatcher Onychorhynchus coronatus—(HO) We heard one and then worked hard, but without luck, to see it.

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae**

Stub-tailed Spadebill Platyrinchus cancrominus—Seen on our walk at Pook's Lodge.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher Mionectes oleagineus—Seen often, especially on walks at Pook's Hill.

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*—Found on our walk during the visit to Caracol.

**Northern Bentbill** *Oncostoma cinereigulare*—A surprise sighting on our trip to Tunich Ha Reserve.

**Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus sylvia*—Fun spotting this species just after seeing the Common Tody-Flycatcher, a nice comparison.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*—Best seen on our walk along the road at Big Falls.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher Tolmomyias sulphurescens—Heard, and then seen, on the visit to the Mennonite beach.

**Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet** *Ornithion semiflavum*—With some effort, we were eventually rewarded with good looks after locating this diminutive flycatcher on the grounds at Caracol.

Greenish Elaenia Myiopagis viridicata—Fleeting looks with mixed feeding flock on walk at the Countryside Park.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia Elaenia flavogaster—Seen well at Black Rock and Belize Botanical Garden.

Mistletoe Tyrannulet Zimmerius parvus—Seen on our walk at Blue Creek.

**Northern Tropical Pewee** *Contopus bogotensis*—Seen perched near the Lodge at Big Falls.

Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens—Found on our visit to the Belize Botanical Garden.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Empidonax flaviventris—Nice looks during our walk on the grounds of Caracol.

Least Flycatcher Empidonax minimus—Seen on our walk at Pook's Lodge.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Always an exciting species, we watched both males and females at the Rio Maya Farm.

Bright-rumped Attila Attila spadiceus—We watched a bird flying excitedly from tree to tree on our visit to Nim Li Punit.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—A very active pair was interacting at the Mennonite beach.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Seen well on our walk at the Forest Reserve Gate at Mountain Pine Reserve.

Great Kiskadee Pitangus sulphuratus—Seen almost daily at most locations.

Boat-billed Flycatcher Megarynchus pitangua—Great views during visit to the Belize Botanical Garden.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—Seen often at many locations.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Heard and seen often at many locations.

Couch's Kingbird Tyrannus couchii—Heard and seen at Rio Maya Farm, Big Falls, and Tunich Ha Reserve.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus forficatus*—This was an exciting sighting, seen perched on utility wires on our visit to the Rio Maya Farm area.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus savana—A life bird for many, seen on the wires on our visit to the Rio Maya Farms.

#### **VIREOS: Vireonidae**

**Tawny-crowned Greenlet** *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*—Nice looks on our visit to Tunich Ha Reserve.

Lesser Greenlet Pachysylvia decurtata—Seen many times including at the Belize Botanical Garden and at Big Falls.

White-eyed Vireo Vireo griseus—Seen frequently at many locations.

Mangrove Vireo Vireo pallens—Seen on our walk at the Forest Reserve Gate at Mountain Pine Ridge.

Yellow-throated Vireo Vireo flavifrons—Seen often in mixed feeding flocks at many locations.

Plumbeous Vireo Vireo plumbeus—Seen on our walk at the Caracol Mayan ruins.

Philadelphia Vireo Vireo philadelphicus—Good looks on our visit to Nim Li Punit.

# **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae**

**Brown Jay** *Psilorhinus morio*—Seen and heard often at many locations.

# **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae**

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Stelqidopteryx serripennis—Frequently seen over fields at many locations.

Gray-breasted Martin Progne chalybea—Spotted in the air while birding along the road to Tunich Ha Reserve.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*— Seen over the town of Punta Gorda.

Mangrove Swallow Tachycineta albilinea—This attractive swallow was seen often whenever we were near water.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*—Seen flying over the marsh at the dump.

#### **GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae**

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—We worked hard and finally saw two of this vocal species at Tunich Ha.

White-browed Gnatcatcher Polioptila bilineata—Seen on our walk at Mountain Pine Ridge.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Polioptila caerulea—Two pair were seen on our visit to Belize Botanical Garden.

#### **WRENS: Troglodytidae**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—Very active and seen daily around the Big Falls pool.

Band-backed Wren Campylorhynchus zonatus—Another frequent visitor to the pool and porch at Big Falls.

Spot-breasted Wren Pheugopedius maculipectus—Wow! Great looks at this hard-to-see and very handsome species at

the Countryside Park.

White-bellied Wren Uropsila leucogastra—(HO) Heard daily at Pook's.

White-breasted Wood-Wren Henicorhina leucosticte—Heard often, and seen by a few in our group, at the Forest Reserve Gate.

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae**

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*—One of the most common species seen on our tour; this familiar visitor was everywhere!

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus qilvus*—Seen in towns and at the Mennonite beach.

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae**

Gray-cheeked Thrush Catharus minimus—Seen on our walk at Black Orchid Lodge.

Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus—Seen well on the grounds at the Tunich Ha Reserve.

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina—Another winter resident seen daily at most locations.

Clay-colored Thrush Turdus grayi—Seen often at many locations.

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*—Seen in good numbers on the streets of Punta Gorda.

#### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae**

Yellow-throated Euphonia Euphonia hirundinacea—A frequent visitor to the feeders at Black Lodge.

**Olive-backed Euphonia** *Euphonia gouldi*—Frequent visitors, males and females, to the Black Rock feeders.

Lesser Goldfinch Spinus psaltria—Vocalizing at the top of a pine tree at the Spanish Lookout gravel pit.

## **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae**

Green-backed Sparrow Arremonops chloronotus—Seen on the grounds of Black Rock Lodge.

**Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantiirostris*—Steve worked hard for us to get good looks at this beautiful sparrow on the walk at Big Falls.

#### YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae

Yellow-breasted Chat Icteria virens—We heard and finally saw this winter visitor at Pook's Hill.

## **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae**

**Eastern Meadowlark** Sturnella magna—Many were seen on our drives in the agricultural areas.

Yellow-billed Cacique Amblycercus holosericeus—Quick views on our visit to the Belize Botanical Garden.

Montezuma Oropendola Psarocolius montezuma—Seen on our walk at Pook's Hill.

**Black-cowled Oriole** *Icterus prosthemelas*—A beautiful bird, seen often, but our best views were at the Big Falls feeders.

Orchard Oriole Icterus spurius—Males and females seen well on our walk on Black Rock Road.

**Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus*—Seen in the palm trees at the airport.

**Spot-breasted Oriole** *Icterus pectoralis*—We chose to eat lunch at Perline's Restaurant hoping to see this beautiful bird! **Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus qalbula*—Seen often, great views at the Big Falls feeders.

Bronzed Cowbird Molothrus aeneus—Seen around the grain elevators near Big Falls.

**Melodious Blackbird** *Dives dives*—Seen and heard almost daily at many locations.

Great-tailed Grackle Quiscalus mexicanus—Seen and heard often at many locations.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae**

Ovenbird Seiurus aurocapilla—Seen well at Black Orchid, Black Rock and Nim Li Punit.

**Louisiana Waterthrush** *Parkesia motacilla*—Seen and heard frequently on walks at Black Rock.

Northern Waterthrush Parkesia noveboracensis—Seen at the Mennonite beach and at Big Falls.

**Blue-winged Warbler** *Vermivora cyanoptera*—A life bird for a few, we had quick glimpses on our visit to Mennonite beach.

Black-and-white Warbler Mniotilta varia—One of the most frequently seen warblers at many locations.

**Tennessee Warbler** *Leiothlypis peregrina*—Seen best at the fruit feeder at Black Rock.

**Gray-crowned Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis poliocephala*—Good looks at individuals perched and vocalizing on the Black Rock Road.

**Kentucky Warbler** *Geothlypis formosa*—Seen at all three locations along the trails.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*—With other migrants, feeding along the fence line on the road to Black Rock.

**Hooded Warbler** *Setophaga citrina*—We were pleasantly surprised to see this lovely warbler at many locations.

American Redstart Setophaga ruticilla—Another winter warbler seen with mixed feeding flocks almost daily.

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*—Spotted by Isaias on our visit to the gravel pit, and foraging with other migrants at the Forest Reserve Gate.

Magnolia Warbler Setophaga magnolia—Another warbler that was seen often at many locations.

Yellow Warbler Setophaga petechia—Seen at most locations near water.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga pensylvanica*—Nice looks with mixed feeding flocks at Black Rock and Belize Botanical Garden.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*—A large number in various plumages in the pines at Mountain Pine Ridge.

Yellow-throated Warbler Setophaga dominica—Seen at most locations in beautiful breeding plumage.

Grace's Warbler Setophaga graciae—Foraging with Yellow-rumps at Mountain Pine Ridge.

Black-throated Green Warbler Setophaga virens—Seen well at Black Rock, Belize Botanical Garden, and Caracol.

Rufous-capped Warbler Basileuterus rufifrons—Vocalizing and foraging low in bushes along Mountain Pine Ridge Road.

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae**

**Rose-throated Tanager** *Piranga roseogularis*—Isaias' known location for this rarer species on the walk at Mountain Pine Ridge-Forest Reserve Gate.

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava*—Male and female perched in view on walk along Mountain Pine Ridge Road.

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*—Seen and/or heard daily at all locations.

**Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica*—Seen on our visit to Caracol.

Red-throated Ant-Tanager Habia fuscicauda—Great views on walks at Pook's Hill and Big Falls.

Black-faced Grosbeak Caryothraustes poliogaster—Found in trees close to the lodge at Pook's Hill.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Pheucticus Iudovicianus—Seen and heard on our walk at Big Falls.

**Gray-throated Chat** *Granatellus sallaei*—Wow, what a beautiful bird! Isaias' known location for this rare species on the walk from the Forest Reserve Gate.

Blue-black Grosbeak Cyanoloxia cyanoides—Hiding in a tree along the road at Pook's Hill, but we all got good looks.

Indigo Bunting Passerina cyanea—Mostly molting young males and females on fence lines along Black Rock Road.

#### TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae

**Crimson-collared Tanager** *Ramphocelus sanquinolentus*—Beautiful bird! Seen on our walk at Pook's Hill and Nim Li Punit.

Scarlet-rumped Tanager Ramphocelus passerinii—Perched up for photos on our visit to the dump.

Blue-gray Tanager Thraupis episcopus—A pair was seen at Black Orchid and at the Mennonite beach.

Yellow-winged Tanager Thraupis abbas—Seen on our walk and coming into the fruit feeders at Black Rock.

Golden-hooded Tanager Tangara larvata—Sadly, only quick glimpses at this beautiful tanager on the walk at Big Falls.

Red-legged Honeycreeper Cyanerpes cyaneus—Males and females seen well coming to feeders at Black Rock.

**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*—All at Black Rock were very excited that males and females had just started visiting the feeders.

Blue-black Grassquit Volatinia jacarina—Frequently seen on all visits to roadside habitats.

Thick-billed Seed-Finch Sporophila funerea—Seen along the road in bushes at Big Falls.

Variable Seedeater Sporophila corvina—Seen feeding with other seedeaters along the road to Big Falls.

Morelet's Seedeater Sporophila morelleti—Seen almost daily in appropriate habitats.

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola—Seen in a flowering tree with hummingbirds on arrival to Caracol.

**Buff-throated Saltator** Saltator maximus—We saw this species frequently coming to feeders at Big Falls.

Black-headed Saltator Saltator atriceps—Seen at the Belize Botanical Garden and coming to the feeders at Big Falls.

Cinnamon-bellied Saltator Saltator grandis—Good looks at three individuals at the dump.

# **MAMMALS**

**Common Opossum** *Didelphis marsupialis*—Seen on the night drive at Black Rock.

**Proboscis Bat** Rhynchonycteris naso—Visiting hummingbird feeders at Pook's Hill.

**Yucatan Black Howler Monkey** *Alouatta pigra*—A family with juveniles in a tree at Black Orchid and heard often at other locations.

**Deppe's Squirrel** *Sciurus deppei*—Found foraging at Nim Li Punit Mayan site.

Yucatan Squirrel Sciurus yucatanensis—Seen often at many locations.

Central American Agouti Dasyprocta punctata—Adults and juveniles seen daily on grounds of Big Falls.

**Kinkajou** *Potos flavus*—Seen on our night drive at Black Rock.

White-nosed Coati Nasua narica—Spotted by a few at Black Rock.

Gray Fox Urocyon cinereoargenteus—Seen on our night drive and again during the day on Black Rock Road.

**Tayra** *Eira Barbara*—Seen crossing the road on our drive at Big Falls.

## **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**

Morelet's Crocodile Crocodylus moreletii—Loafing on a rock in the river when we drove to Caracol.

Mesoamerican Slider Trachemys venusta—Seen on ponds on our visit to Spanish Lookout.

Green Iguana Iguana — Some quite large individuals were seen, especially on our visit to Spanish Lookout.

Black Spiny-tailed Iguana Ctenosaura similis—Seen along the road on the drive from Belize City.

Brown Basilisk Basiliscus vittatus—Seen daily at most locations.

**Rose-bellied Lizard** *Sceloporus variabilis*—Spotted on the walk at Pook's Lodge.

**Central American Gulf Coast Toad** *Incilius valliceps*—Seen along many ponds and on wet trails.

Middle American indigo snake (blacktail cribo) Drymarchon melanurus—Spotted from the van on Black Rock Road.

**Fer de Lance** *Bothrops asper---*We were excited to see this six-foot-long, very dangerous snake, on the road during the night drive at Black Rock.

**Neotropical rattlesnake** *Crotalus durissus terrificus*—We stopped on the return from Caracol to watch this snake cross the road and then retreat to the bushes where it coiled up.

Slenderbrown Scorpion Centruroides gracilis---Found by Pat using black light on the grounds at Black Rock.

**Belize Cinnamon Tarantula** *Crassicus lamanai*—Seen on the road during the night drive at Black Rock.

Common house gecko Hemidactylus frenatus—Heard and seen daily at all locations.

#### **BUTTERFLIES:**

Banded Peacock Anartia fatimA

New Beauty Colobura annulata

White Peacock Anartia jatrophae

**Dorantes Longtail** *Urbanus dorantes* 

Pale Owl-Butterfly Caligo telamonius

Chisos Banded-Skipper Autochton cincta Yellow-fronted Owl Butterfly Caligo telamonius Mayan Crescent Castilia myla **Ruddy Daggerwing** *Marpesia petreus* **Purplish-black Skipper** *Nisoniades rubenscens* **Common Morpho** *Morpho helenor* **Tiger Heliconian** Heliconius ismenius White Morpho Morpho polyphemus Erato Heliconian Heliconius erato **Queen** Danaus gilippus Hammock Skipper Polygonus leo Red Postman Heliconius erato— Zebra Longwing Heliconius charithonia **Julia** Dryas Julia **Monarch** *Danaus plexippus* Mexican Bluewing Myscelia ethusa **Red Rim** biblis hyperia Malachite Siproeta stelenes **Gray Cracker** Hamadryas februa