

# Belize Birding & Nature | Species List

## March 4 – 12, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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**Summary:** A truly wonderful group of friends both old and new gathered in a country that was new to all of us, and the adventure was on! Throughout the week, we encountered new amazing sights and experiences from the impressive Lamanai Maya ruins to learning how to grind our own corn masa. We lucked out on generally mild and warm weather with few bugs in this season, and nearly daily sightings of great mammals like howler monkeys. And of course, the birds were non-stop impressive with highlights too numerous to list, and everyone in our group getting a big batch of lifers and photo opportunities.

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*Red-legged Honeycreeper by Bryan Calk*

### **BIRDS (240 species recorded):**

#### **ANATIDAE: Ducks And Geese (1)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* – A group of about 10 were heard and seen from the boat as we went out on a spotlight safari from Lamanai

#### **CRACIDAE: Guans And Chachalacas (3)**

**Plain Chachalaca** *Ortalis vetula*— A couple were seen around the grounds of the Lamanai lodge and some were heard and seen out on the savanna excursion

**Crested Guan** *Penelope purpurascens*— Seen daily at Chan Chich, especially feeding on custard apples

**Great Curassow** *Crax rubra*— Seen on early morning excursion and on one spotlight safari at Chan Chich

#### **PHASIANIDAE: Grouse, Pheasants and Partridges (2)**

**Black-throated Bobwhite** *Colinus nigrogularis* – Heard calling from a distance on our savanna excursion at Lamanai

**Ocellated Turkey** *Meleagris ocellata*— Seen daily on the grounds of Chan Chich, including strutting toms and their incredible display sounds

### **COLUMBIDAE: Pigeons and Doves (8)**

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*— Seen on all of our days at Lamanai, and our first afternoon together at the Black Orchid

**Red-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas flavirostris*— Seen on most days of the tour, often in flight or perched in the distance

**Short-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas nigrirostris*— Heard very well at Chan Chich while waiting on the fairy, and seen through a scope distantly

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*— One seen from the van on our drive from Lamanai to Chan Chich

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*— Seen well in the alley road adjacent to Black Orchid's main property, and around Indian Church Village at Lamanai

**Blue Ground-Dove** *Claravis pretiosa*— Heard distinctly while walking around the savanna habitat

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*— Heard calling many times around Lamanai and seen briefly, often as they flushed off the trail ahead of us

**White-winged Dove** *Zenaida asiatica*— Usually seen in flight and in small numbers, all around the Lamanai and Crooked Tree area

### **CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos (3)**

**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris*— Seen in disturbed habitats and often in groups, first at Black Orchid and then many times around Lamanai and Crooked Tree

**Pheasant Cuckoo** *Dromococcyx phasianellus* – One found at the escarpment overlook at Chan Chich – heard very well and seen hiding amongst the brush/flying across the road

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*— First seen by a couple at Black Orchid, and seen sporadically in singles and pairs throughout the week both at Lamanai and Chan Chich

### **CAPRIMULGIDAE: Nighthawks and Nightjars (4)**

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* – One seen perched on a branch hanging over the New River, spotted by Lamanai guide Eduardo. Another seen during our booze cruise at Lamanai towards the savanna

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*— Many seen in the spotlights, mostly brief flights in the distance, during our night safari at Lamanai. Heard every night at Chan Chich and seen briefly in the light

**Yucatan Poorwill** *Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus* – Seen on each night drive at Chan Chich in the spotlight on the edge of the brush

**Yucatan Nightjar** *Antrostomus badius*— A few seen very well on our spotlight safari at Lamanai including one that allowed us to approach amazingly closely, and one seen on the second night drive at Chan Chich

### **NYCTIBIIDAE: Potoos (1)**

**Northern Potoo** *Nyctibius jamaicensis*— One seen on the spotlight safari at Lamanai, and at each night drive at Chan Chich

### **APODIDAE: Swifts (2)**

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi*— Made up the majority of swifts in a little feeding flock that flew over the lodge as we returned from a morning's outing at Chan Chich

**Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** *Panyptila cayennensis*— A few mixed in with the Vaux's Swifts in a little feeding flock that flew over the lodge as we returned from a morning's outing at Chan Chich

### **TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds (9)**

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora*— Seen on the feeders around the lodge at Chan Chich every day

**Long-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis longirostris*— Seen mostly on the feeders around the lodge at Chan Chich every day

**Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis*— One came up under the porch of Chan Chich where we would eat lunch, collecting nesting materials. Also seen out on the trails of Chan Chich by a few of us

**Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliodytes barroti*— One came in for its evening bath time at Chan Chich in a pool along the river

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*— One female at both Lamanai and Chan Chich during morning outings

**Canivet's Emerald** *Cynanthus canivetii* – One seen feeding on flowers along the fence at the boat launch where we ate picnic lunch and waited for our ride to Lamanai

**Buff-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia yucatanensis* – One seen in the field as we started our walk through the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl*— The most abundant hummingbird seen throughout the week by far

**White-bellied Emerald** *Amazilia candida*— One seen well at Lamanai feeding on flowers in the village, also seen by some at Chan Chich coming to feeders

### **RALLIDAE: Rails, Crakes, and Coots (3)**

**Russet-naped Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajanea*— Seen as we entered Crooked Tree as well as from the boat in the mangroves there, also at Chan Chich in the “lettuce pond” area near the staff housing

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*— One seen from one of the boats at Crooked Tree

**Ruddy Crake** *Laterallus ruber*— Heard only, both at Crooked Tree and on our Booze Cruise at Lamanai

### **ARAMIDAE: Limpkin (1)**

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*— Seen on most of our boat outings from Lamanai and Crooked Tree, including an adult with young that we saw in a spotlight

### **JACANIDAE: Jacanas (1)**

**Northern Jacana** *Jacana spinosa*— Best seen at Crooked Tree, including a family with the most adorable little babies in tow

### **SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers (4)**

**Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago delicata* – One seen by one boat at Crooked Tree

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* – One bopping around the shore at Crooked Tree

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*—one seen briefly at Crooked Tree

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* – One calling and flying over at Crooked Tree

### **CICONIIDAE: Storks (2)**

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*—One flying around at Crooked Tree and a couple over the booze cruise at Lamanai

**Jabiru** *Jabiru mycteria*— A couple soaring over the marsh at Crooked Tree as we were on our way out, including a couple close fly-bys

### **PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— Many seen on the water at Crooked Tree and several along the New River on outings from Lamanai

### **ANHINGIDAE: Anhingas (1)**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*— Several seen at Crooked Tree including a stunning male in breeding plumage, and several seen in flight over the grounds of Lamanai and along the river

### **ARDEIDAE: Herons and Egrets (9)**

**Bare-throated Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma mexicanum*— A couple seen at Crooked Tree attending a nest next to a bromeliad, and a couple on our spotlight safarai at Lamanai seen at a distance

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*— Several at Crooked Tree on our boat trip there, and a few were along the New River during our boat excursions from Lamanai

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*— Many feeding in groups at Crooked Tree, most in the far distance. A couple also seen around Dawson Creek area of the New River at Lamanai

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*— Many feeding in groups at Crooked Tree, most in the far distance. A couple also seen around Dawson Creek area of the New River at Lamanai

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*— A few singles were seen at Crooked Tree, and a couple also seen around Dawson Creek area of the New River at Lamanai

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*— Several feeding around the pond at Black Orchid and good numbers were around the pastures of Gallon Jug at Chan Chich

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*— Lots seen at Crooked Tree and along the New River as we travelled it by boat

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*— One seen on our savanna outing at Lamanai and during our first spotlight tour at Chan Chich

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius*— Several seen together at a roost site at Crooked Tree, and singles seen on our spotlight safari and booze cruise at Lamanai

### **THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis and Spoonbills (2)**

**White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus*— A good number seen at Crooked Tree and one on the booze cruise at Lamanai

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*— A few seen at Crooked Tree

### **CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures (4)**

**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa*— A few seen soaring over Chan Chich including some close views right over the lodge

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*— Many seen around Crooked Tree and Lamanai, especially the Maya site where two were copulating near a dead catfish

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— Seen almost daily, mostly in flight overhead

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*— Singles seen in the Lamanai area from Crooked Tree including the best views from the booze cruise up Dawson Creek

### **PANDIONIDAE: Osprey (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*— A few flying around at Crooked Tree and one on our booze cruise at Lamanai

### **ACCIPITRIDAE: Hawks, Kites, and Eagles (13)**

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*—A pair seen in the Gallon Jug area near the open pasture land at Chan Chich

**Gray-headed Kite** *Leptodon cayanensis*—One seen in flight overhead as we made our way to the escarpment area at Chan Chich – high-soaring

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*— A group of five flew over us headed up the river at Lamanai on our first morning birding there

**Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis*— At least four individuals seen at Crooked tree hunting from high perches and soaring over

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*— Seen in good numbers at Crooked Tree and along the New River at Lamanai hunting from the edges

**Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus*— One soaring over the Jaguar Temple at Lamanai, and good views of one perched at Chan Chich along the main entrance road and along the road out to the escarpment

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*— A pair that were harassing and successful in driving off a Great Black Hawk on one of our drives around Chan Chich

**Northern Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*— One hunting the pasture areas at Chan Chich

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga*— First seen at Crooked Tree, but our most memorable encounter was perhaps the pair that copulated at Chan Chich before getting driven off by a pair of Plumbeous Kites

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*— Singles at Lamanai in the village and at the savanna, with better views at Chan Chich in various places during our time there

**White Hawk** *Pseudastur albicollis*— One seen very distantly and poorly from the escarpment at Chan Chich  
**Gray Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus*— One at the savanna habitat that was only seen briefly as we were trying to get eyes on the Gray-crowned Yellowthroat  
**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*— One flying over Chan Chich

#### **TYTONIDAE: Barn Owls (1)**

**Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*— Seen on each of our spotlight safari rides at Chan Chich around the agricultural fields

#### **STRIGIDAE: Owls (3)**

**Middle American Screech-Owl** *Megascops guatemalae*— Heard only from the boat on our spotlight safari at Lamanai

**Central American Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium griseiceps*— A pair hung out around the main lodge of Chan Chich which we all eventually got great views of before we left

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*— One was seen well amongst a foraging flock of songbirds at the boat launch where we ate picnic lunch and waited for our ride to Lamanai

#### **TROGONIDAE: Trogons (4)**

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** *Trogon massena*— Seen at Chan Chich both on our way back from the escarpment and one that came in behind us while we were watching the custard apple trees near the staff housing

**Black-headed Trogon** *Trogon melanocephalus*— Seen well a couple times around Lamanai and once heard at Chan Chich

**Gartered Trogon** *Trogon caligatus*— Seen abundantly around Lamanai including incredible views in the cecropia trees, as well as a couple times at Chan Chich

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*— One female seen as we were finishing up a morning walk at Chan Chich and almost back to the lodge area

#### **MOMOTIDAE: Motmots (1)**

**Tody Motmot** *Hylomanes momotula*— A pair of birds heard abundantly and finally seen near the “lettuce pond” area of Chan Chich

#### **ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfishers (4)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*— Seen abundantly along the New River at Lamanai, even occasionally seen/heard from land. One fly-over at Chan Chich

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*— A few seen at Crooked Tree and along the Dawson Creek area of Lamanai

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*— Seen well at both Crooked Tree and on our booze cruise at Lamanai

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*— Seen well at Crooked Tree and along Dawson Creek during our booze cruise and savanna morning at Lamanai

#### **BUCCONIDAE: Puffbirds (2)**

**White-necked Puffbird** *Notharchus hyperrhynchus*— Seen well at Chan Chich along our drive to the escarpment and one at the main lodge area on our last evening walk there

**White-whiskered Puffbird** *Malacoptila panamensis*— One that perched for stunning views at the “lettuce pond” area of Chan Chich

#### **GALBULIDAE: Jacamars (1)**

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*— First encountered as a heard-only bird at the Lamanai ruins site, but seen exceptionally well at Chan Chich at the “lettuce pond” area where a pair were on territory

#### **RAMPHASTIDAE: Toucans (3)**

**Northern Emerald-Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*—One mostly heard and only briefly seen flying out of a high palm tree at Chan Chich just along the main entrance road

**Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus*— Seen briefly a couple times but very well on our last morning in the tall trees along the forest edge by the custard apple trees at Chan Chich

**Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus*— Seen well at Lamanai in the Indian Church and on a couple of our drives around Chan Chich, high in the fruiting trees

### **PICIDAE: Woodpeckers (9)**

**Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus*— Several mostly heard and briefly seen around the oak mottes at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani* — All over at Chan Chich, but especially in the custard apple trees

**Yucatan Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pygmaeus*— One seen very well at Black Orchid which even gave us comparison views with a nearby Golden-fronted. Another heard at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Golden-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes aurifrons*— Seen in many places, but mostly around the Indian Church at Lamanai

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Dryobates scalaris* – One at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Piculus rubiginosus*— A pair seen very well at the museum area of the mayan ruins site of Lamanai

**Chestnut-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus castaneus*— Seen exceptionally well feeding on the custard apples at Chan Chich

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*— One very cooperative bird at the mayan ruins site of Lamanai near the museum

**Pale-billed Woodpecker** *Campephilus guatemalensis*— Good views in town at the Indian Church, and also seen a couple times at Chan Chich on our walks there

### **FALCONIDAE: Falcons and Caracaras (4)**

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpotheres cachinnans*— One seen very well from our boat as we made our way to Lamanai, and another perched distantly at the escarpment at Chan Chich

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*— A pair seen in the pasture habitats around Gallon Jug at Chan Chich

**Collared Forest-Falcon** *Micrastur semitorquatus*—heard only from the village behind Lamanai – probably hunting the chickens!

**Bat Falcon** *Falco rufigularis*— One that hung out at the top of the bare tree above the dock at Lamanai gave great views from close range, but a couple seen more distantly at Chan Chich

### **PSITTACIDAE: Parrots (7)**

**White-crowned Parrot** *Pionus senilis*— A nice flock flew over at Lamanai with a couple that were seen perched in the high trees in the village. Small numbers observed at Chan Chich, mostly heard but a couple seen through a scope

**Red-lored Parrot** *Amazona autumnalis*— Commonly heard and seen in the treetops at Chan Chich, small numbers flying and feeding around Indian Church at Lamanai including some scope views

**Yellow-lored Parrot** *Amazona xantholora*— A couple seen briefly at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Yellow-headed Parrot** *Amazona oratrix*—A couple seen distantly at Crooked Tree and another pair heard only at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**White-fronted Parrot** *Amazona albifrons*—Most observed as heard only, but some nice flocks seen flying overhead at both Chan Chich and Lamanai and in the scope at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Mealy Parrot** *Amazona farinosa*— A couple seen roosted for the night on one night safari at Chan Chich and a couple others seen distantly

**Olive-throated Parakeet** *Eupsittula nana*— Seen commonly throughout the week, including really nice looks at the Lamanai Maya site and flocks coming into the tree tops at Crooked Tree near the beginning of our boat ride

### **THAMNOPHILIDAE: Antbirds (3)**

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*— Mostly heard, but female seen well by most at Lamanai

**Dot-winged Antwren** *Microrhopias quixensis*— A pair seen well together on one of our trail outings at Chan Chich, part of a mixed flock of warblers and others

**Dusky Antbird** *Cercomacroides tyrannina*— Seen well in a mixed feeding flock at the “lettuce pond” area of Chan Chich, but heard a couple other times

### **FORMICARIIDAE: Antthrushes (1)**

**Mayan Antthrush** *Formicarius moniliger*— Heard well from deep in the brush at Chan Chich on one of our driving excursions

### **FURNARIIDAE: Ovenbirds (5)**

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*— One seen well in the trees near the ball court of the Lamanai ruins

**Tawny-winged Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla anabatina*— One cooperative bird at Chan Chich as part of a mixed flock on one of our jungle walks

**Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*— Seen well a few times, including some very close views at the boat ramp area where we had our picnic lunch before heading to Lamanai

**Northern Barred-Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*— Seen on several occasions at both Lamanai and Chan Chich, including some very nice close views at Chan Chich

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*— One bird seen well by most of us on one of our last trail walks at Chan Chich

### **PIPRIDAE: Manakins (2)**

**White-collared Manakin** *Manacus candei*— Seen well in a local garden in the Indian Church at Lamanai, plus some views down a trail there

**Red-capped Manakin** *Ceratopipra mentalis*— Female in the same patch of garden as the White-collared Manakin at Lamanai, but a stunning male gave us great views during breakfast one day at Chan Chich from the deck

### **COTINGIDAE: Cotingas (1)**

**Rufous Piha** *Lipaugus unirufus*— Mostly heard, but seen briefly by a couple of us, on our drive out to the escarpment area of Chan Chich

### **TITYRIDAE: Tityras and Becards (4)**

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata*— A couple seen high in the trees at the Lamanai Maya site and at the main lodge, plus a pair that gave views to most around the lodge at Chan Chich

**Northern Schiffornis** *Schiffornis veraepacis*— One that gave great views coming down to the water at the Purple-crowned Fairy site at Chan Chich

**Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*— A pair was hanging around the main lodge area of Chan Chich seen on a couple days

**Rose-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus aglaiae*— One seen well by most as we returned from a walk through the village at Lamanai

### **TYRANNIDAE: Tyrant Flycatchers (23)**

**Royal Flycatcher** *Onychorhynchus coronatus*— One seen well at the Lamanai Maya site as we were on our walk back towards the museum/boat ramp area

**Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet** *Ornithion semiflavum*— One heard at the Lamanai Maya site, and a couple seen up high in the canopy as we finished one of our walks at Chan Chich as we were getting back to the main lodge

**Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma imberbe*— One heard and seen briefly at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*— One seen well at both Black Orchid and two at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*— Seen at Chan Chich daily, often at the bird bath area off the deck where we ate our meals

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*— One seen well at the Black Orchid resort, and a couple heard at the savanna habitat

**Eye-ringed Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*— One that gave us nice views at the Lamanai Maya site shortly before finding the Royal Flycatcher

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*— Seen most days at Lamanai, including in the mixed flock at the boat ramp before getting there, at the Maya site, and in the village

**Northern Tropical Pewee** *Contopus bogotensis*— One that we had to work for before finally getting great views at the savanna habitat at Lamanai, back in an oak motte

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** *Empidonax flaviventris*— Seen in a mixed flock at the “lettuce pond” at Chan Chich

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus*— One at Lamanai on a jungle dawn hike, and a few at the savanna habitat there

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— A couple right at the boat ramp of Crooked Tree, and one out on the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus*— One that was high and gave decent views at the Maya site at Lamanai, and one on our last morning watching the custard apples at Chan Chich that gave brief but great views

**Rufous Mourner** *Rhytipterna holerythra*— One seen well at the beginning of an after lunch walk at Chan Chich along a lower forest trail

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*— Heard and seen at Black Orchid, plus a couple at both Lamanai in the village and savanna, and a couple spots at Chan Chich

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus*— Two individuals around the main lodge area at Lamanai

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*— First encountered at the Maya site at Lamanai calling and seen, then every day at Chan Chich in small numbers

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*— Seen well at Black Orchid near the pond and Crooked Tree, one at Chan Chich

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*— First seen at the boat ramp before we left to Lamanai, but also seen on the grounds of Lamanai and at Chan Chich

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*— Seen commonly throughout the week

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*— Most commonly seen around Chan Chich, but a few were around at Lamanai in various spots, too

**Couch's Kingbird** *Tyrannus couchii*— A few heard around Lamanai, including in the village and the savanna habitats

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savanna*— Several sitting on the barbed wire fencing around the cattle pastures at Gallon Jug

### **VIREONIDAE: Vireos (6)**

**Green Shrike Vireo** *Vireolanius pulchellus*— One seen high in the canopy on one of our jungle trail walks at Chan Chich, part of a mixed flock of several species

**Tawny-crowned Greenlet** *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*— A couple seen on one of our jungle walks at Chan Chich, part of a mixed flock of a few good species

**Lesser Greenlet** *Pachysylvia decurtata*— A couple seen well but mostly heard at Lamanai and Chan Chich, part of several mixed flocks we encountered

**White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus*— Mostly heard but a few seen, including one in the mixed flock at the boat ramp before heading to Lamanai and in several of the flocks seen at Chan Chich

**Mangrove Vireo** *Vireo pallens*— Heard abundantly in the mangroves around Crooked Tree, but seen very well during a jungle dawn walk at Lamanai

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons*— One in the mixed flock at the Lamanai boat ramp area where we had our picnic lunch before heading down, and one at Chan Chich in a mixed flock



### **CORVIDAE: Jays and Crows (2)**

**Brown Jay** *Psilorhinus morio*— First encountered at Black Orchid, then seen regularly especially when in areas of disturbed habitat

**Yucatan Jay** *Cyanocorax yucatanicus*—Two seen distantly flying pretty much away from us at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

### **HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows and Martins (6)**

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— A few flying around Crooked Tree and many were in the air over the river as we rode down to Lamanai for the first time

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis*— At least one mixed in with the gray-breasted at the boat ramp area for Crooked Tree

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*— A couple on the grounds at Black Orchid, and then lots hanging out around the boat ramp area of Crooked Tree

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*— A good number mixed in with the Mangroves along the river on our way to Lamanai

**Mangrove Swallow** *Tachycineta albilinea*— Commonly seen along the New River any time we did a boat excursion

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*— At least one at both Crooked Tree and along the river on the way to Lamanai

### **POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers (3)**

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—One seen during a jungle dawn walk at Lamanai, seen only briefly by some, but heard well flying back and forth across the path

**White-browed Gnatcatcher** *Poliophtila bilineata*—A pair working as part of a mixed flock at Chan Chich, with the Green Shrike-vireo

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Poliophtila caerulea*— Seen a few times, including at Crooked Tree and at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

### **TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens (6)**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*— A couple seen well at Lamanai in the village and at the savanna habitat

**Band-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus zonatus*—

**Carolina Wren** *Thryothorus ludovicianus*—One heard only at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**White-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucosticte*—Mostly heard but a couple seen briefly at various spots throughout the week, seen the best perhaps at “lettuce pond” at Chan Chich

**Spot-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius maculipectus*— Mostly heard, briefly seen by a few, including nice looks at one during an afternoon walk around the grounds of Chan Chich

**White-bellied Wren** *Uropsila leucogastra*— Heard only at Lamanai during a jungle dawn walk

### **MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds (3)**

**Black Catbird** *Melanoptila glabrirostris*— Seen briefly twice, once at the Lamanai boat access launch point before heading down to the lodge, and again at the savanna habitat as we had just stepped off the boat

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*— Encountered several times, often near fruiting trees. First at Black Orchid, but again at several other locations at Lamanai and Chan Chich

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*— Best seen probably at Black Orchid, but a couple also at Crooked Tree and the savanna habitat at Lamanai

### **TURDIDAE: Thrushes (1)**

**Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi*— Seen well at Black Orchid and then again at a couple places at both Lamanai and Chan Chich

### **FRINGILLIDAE: Euphonias and Finches (2)**

**Yellow-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia hirundinacea*— First encountered at Lamanai during a jungle dawn and at the Maya site, but best viewed feeding on the custard apples at Chan Chich

**Olive-backed Euphonia** *Euphonia gouldi*— Stunning views of male and female feeding in the custard apple trees at Chan Chich near the staff housing

### **EMBERIZIDAE: Sparrows (3)**

**Botteri's Sparrow** *Peucaea botterii*— One encountered at the savanna habitat at Lamanai, seen through a scope on a low perch

**Olive Sparrow** *Arremonops rufivirgatus*— A few heard singing in the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Green-backed Sparrow** *Arremonops chloronotus*—Seen very well at Lamanai in the Indian Church area

### **ICTERIIDAE: Yellow-breasted Chat (1)**

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens*— Singles encountered at Black Orchid, Indian Church, and at the savanna habitat at Lamanai

### **ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds and Orioles (12)**

**Eastern Meadowlark** *Sturnella magna*— A few were out in the pasture lands at Gallon Jug, a few times heard singing and seen mostly running around in the grass

**Montezuma Oropendola** *Psarocolius montezuma*— Seen at Black Orchid, doing display song. Then a couple fly-by vies at Crooked Tree and Lamanai, then finally one feeding in the custard apple at Chan Chich

**Black-cowled Oriole** *Icterus prothemelas*— Encountered a number of times, including the lodging grounds at Lamanai and Chan Chich

**Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius*—Seen a few times, mostly female/juvenile-type birds, but a few nice adult males, too, like ones we saw in Indian Church

**Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus*— A few seen at Black Orchid in the palm trees, and a pair in the palms at the Lamanai boat access launch point

**Yellow-backed Oriole** *Icterus chrysater*— One at the Black Orchid Resort on our first afternoon as a group

**Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula*— Singles at Lamanai and Chan Chich seen briefly

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Several working the marshy areas at Crooked Tree, and a few in the savanna area at Lamanai

**Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus*— One seen in the village at Indian Church, and one at Chan Chich in the pasture area near the livestock

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—A trio seen in flight over Indian Church on a morning walk through the village

**Melodious Blackbird** *Dives dives*— Seen almost daily during the trip, often around settlements and people

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Seen abundantly around Black Orchid and Crooked Tree, then commonly but in small numbers around Lamanai, and almost absent from Chan Chich except for a few around Gallon Jug

### **PARULIDAE: Wood-Warblers (18)**

**Worm-eating Warbler** *Helmitheros vermivorum*— One at the Maya site at Lamanai and a few at Chan Chich in various mixed flocks we encountered

**Louisiana Waterthrush** *Parkesia motacilla*— Several around Chan Chich, including some working the pools of water where we waited on the Fairy

**Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*— A couple working the grounds at Black Orchid and Crooked Tree, with singles at Lamanai like at the Maya site there

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*— Seen in several areas around Black Orchid and Lamanai, but only a couple sightings at Chan Chich

**Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea*—One seen coming to the water's edge out of the mangroves from our boat ride at Crooked Tree

**Tennessee Warbler** *Oreothlypis peregrina* – One seen coming in to the trees around the deck at Chan Chich

**Gray-crowned Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis poliocephala*— Heard-only by the group, maybe seen briefly by one or two besides the guides. In the savanna habitat at Lamanai

**Kentucky Warbler** *Geothlypis formosa*— Seen well on a couple occasions at Chan Chich, near “lettuce pond” and at the fairy spot

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*— Heard well on our boat rides along the New River, including some that we even got to see in a spotlight on a night safari out of Lamanai

**Hooded Warbler** *Setophaga citrina*— Seen working the shrubbery around the grounds of Black Orchid and in a couple of the mixed flocks at Chan Chich like at “lettuce pond”

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*— A couple seen well at Black Orchid, also encountered at the Lamanai Maya site and in a couple mixed flocks at Chan Chich

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*— Two in the mixed flock at the Lamanai boat access launch point where we had our picnic lunch before heading into Lamanai, plus singles elsewhere at Lamanai

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*— Common throughout the week, part of just about every mixed flock we encountered. None in breeding plumage yet

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*— A couple seen at Black Orchid with singles around Lamanai on our various outings there

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga penylvanica*— One seen at “lettuce pond” at Chan Chich as part of a mixed flock we encountered there

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*— A good number of these were in the shrubs and mangroves around Crooked Tree as we birded by boat, with small numbers around the grounds at Chan Chich

**Yellow-throated Warbler** *Setophaga dominica*— Small numbers seen around Lamanai as parts of various mixed flocks we encountered and hanging out around the palms. One single bird also at Chan Chich around the main lodge area

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*— One seen at Lamanai during a jungle dawn, and another couple at the Maya site

#### **CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks and Buntings (9)**

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*— Seen on most days of the tour, including some stunning individuals that hung out around the deck where we had lunch/breakfast at Chan Chich

**Red-throated Ant-Tanager** *Habia fuscicauda*— A couple seen as part of mixed feeding flocks at Chan Chich, particularly around “lettuce pond”

**Black-faced Grosbeak** *Caryothraustes poliogaster*— One seen in horrible light up high on one of our mid-morning jungle walks at Chan Chich

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*— A couple mostly heard and seen well once around the Indian Church village at Lamanai

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus*— One heard at Lamanai during a jungle dawn walk around the village

**Gray-throated Chat** *Granatellus sallaei*— A pair seen very well during a morning drive excursion at Chan Chich, on a side road off the agricultural area

**Blue-black Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa cyanoides*— One male that came to the flowers and water just off the deck at Chan Chich during several of our meals

**Blue Bunting** *Cyanocompsa parellina*— A stunning male that ate seeds and took a bath in a sprinkler gave most of our group great views on our last afternoon at Chan Chich

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*— A couple seen in our spotlight during a night safari on the river at Lamanai, and one seen during a jungle dawn walk that same morning

#### **THRAUPIDAE: Tanagers and Allies (10)**

**Black-throated Shrike-Tanager** *Lanio aurantius*— One seen exceptionally well at the fairy pond at Chan Chich, and another spotted on another of our trail walks there

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus*— Several seen in Indian Church and in the tall cecropia trees right at the lodge at Lamanai

**Yellow-winged Tanager** *Thraupis abbas*— Seen with the Blue-gray Tanagers at Lamanai, but also a pair that came down to eat the red berries from the bush right off the deck at Chan Chich

**Golden-hooded Tanager** *Tangara larvata*— One that gave the best views came down to eat the same berries as the Yellow-winged Tanager at Chan Chich

**Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus*— Stunning views of these birds both at the Lamanai Maya site and at Chan Chich in the flowers off the lodge deck

**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*— Two mixed in with a flock of Red-leggeds coming to the custard apple trees at Chan Chich on one of our later visits there

**Morelet's Seedeater** *Sporophila moreletti*— A near-constant companion wherever we went, though usually in small numbers

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus*— A pair continuing at Lamanai on the site of the lodge and just across the street in the village, locally rare

**Black-headed Saltator** *Saltator atriceps*— Seen well at Lamanai in the village and a couple times at Chan Chich around the main lodge area

**Cinnamon-bellied Saltator** *Saltator grandis*— A couple at Black Orchid across the street from the pond, and a couple at Lamanai in the village area

### Mammals (12 species)

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso*—Seen flying along the river and hung up under a tree on our night safari at Lamanai

**Greater Sac-winged Bat** *Saccopteryx bilineata*—A small colony seen hung-up on the side of one of the cabins at Lamanai

**Greater Bulldog Bat or Fisherman Bat** *Noctilio leporinus*—Seen on our spotlight safari at Lamanai fishing on the river

**Yucatan (Mexican) Black Howler-Monkey** *Alouatta pigra*—First encountered at Crooked Tree and then the Maya ruins at Lamanai, but also seen and heard on the grounds around Chan Chich

**Central American Spider-Monkey** *Ateles geoffroyi*— Seen on a couple of our outings at Chan Chich, up high feeding on fruit

**Deppe's Squirrel** *Sciurus deppei*— Seen on a couple days during our outings around Chan Chich by vehicle, in the forest edge by the cattle pastures, for one

**Yucatan squirrel** *Sciurus yucatanensis*—Seen a few times around Lamanai, including right by the main dining deck there at the lodge

**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctata*— Seen briefly by a couple in our group at Lamanai right at the main lodge area

**Gray Fox** *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*—One seen on the grounds of Chan Chich by a couple in our group, and by most of our group on one of the spotlight safaris there

**Northern Raccoon** *Procyon lotor*— Seen up in a tree on one of our night spotlight adventures at Chan Chich

**White-nosed Coati** *Nasua narica*—A small group seen at the Maya ruins site at Lamanai as we first arrived

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*—Seen every day around the Chan Chich area, often out in the pasture areas

### Reptiles and Amphibians (6 species)

**Asian House Gecko** *Hemidactylus frenatus*— Heard almost constantly around the buildings at all three lodges, seen on windows and eaves

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*— Seen roosting in the trees at Crooked Tree and on a couple night outings at Lamanai

**Brown Basilisk** *Basiliscus vittatus*— Frequently seen on the grounds around Chan Chich

**Morelet's Crocodile** *Crocodylus moreletii*— Seen exceptionally well under a couple different circumstances, perhaps most memorably swimming right under our boat on a night safari at Lamanai and one sunning in “lettuce pond” at Chan Chich

**Browns' Leopard Frog** *Lithobates brownorum*—Heard then seen in the small garden pond at Lamanai

**Giant Toad** *Rhinella marina*—Heard trilling at Black Orchid and seen on a night spotlight safari at Lamanai