

Belize Birding & Nature | Species List

February 27-March 7, 2019 | Compiled by Pat Lueders



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

(YE)= Yucatan regional endemics

Birds in red: Seen only on the Crooked Tree Pre-trip Extension

Summary: We left the long U.S. winter to enjoy the warm Belize weather, five of us traveling to Crooked Tree Sanctuary for the pre-trip extension, joined by six more travelers for the boat trip to Lamanai on the New River. The combination of delightful boat trips, birding among Mayan ruins, and delicious meals highlighted our stay at Lamanai Outpost. We journeyed north by land through the Mennonite area on the Mexico border to Chan Chich to experience the charm of one of the most beautiful eco-lodges in the world, cradled in a valley surrounded by unexcavated Mayan ruins. Walking the trails, swimming in the pool, and visiting areas near Gallon Jug, as well as enjoying our delicious meals on their porch, completed this delightful stay. During our tour, we were fortunate to see all of the possible herons & egrets, parrots, woodpeckers, and four of the five Central American kingfishers. What a truly magical trip to this welcoming country, Belize!

BIRDS (253) species recorded, 6 Yucatan Endemics (YE); 12 were heard only:

TINAMIDAE: Tinamous (1)

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major*—(HO) We heard this elusive species in Chan Chich near the river bridge

ANATIDAE: Ducks And Geese (3)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—A large number of these ducks in Crooked Tree's big pond our first afternoon

Fulvous Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*—Seen with other ducks in the big pond our first afternoon at Crooked Tree

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*—Swimming in the Crooked Tree big pond with other ducks

CRACIDAE: Guans And Chachalacas (3)

Plain Chachalaca *Ortalis vetula*—This noisy species was heard and often seen daily at Lamanai

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*—Quite exciting to see these large birds at the top of trees daily at Chan Chich

Great Curassow *Crax rubra*—Males & females seen along the trails at Lamanai and Chan Chich,

ODONTOPHORIDAE: New World Quail (1)

Black-throated Bobwhite (YE) *Colinus nigrogularis*—Their covey eruption startled us on our walk at

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Lamanai's savanna; one female froze for great looks

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse, Pheasants and Partridges (1)

Ocellated Turkey (YE) *Meleagris ocellata*— A group favorite, many of this colorful species live at Chan Chich; males were demonstrating for the attention of the females

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes (1)

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*—Seen on our boat trips on the New River at Lamanai

COLUMBIDAE: Pigeons and Doves (12)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*—Spotted in Belize City during transfers

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Most common pigeon, seen or heard daily at all locations

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa*—Great scope looks at tree top from Chan Chich Lodge

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*—Heard & seen often in trees around Indian Church village

Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris*—Seen on our trip to Laguna Verde near Gallon Jug

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*—Quick looks at 3 while walking at Indian Church Village

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti*—Most common ground-dove; seen daily at all locations

Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa*—Often only heard, one was spotted in the trail near Lamanai ruins

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana*—On our early drive to Gallon Jug, many were seen in the road

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—Occasion looks walking on the trails at Lamanai & Chan Chich

Gray-headed Dove *Leptotila plumbeiceps*—On our last morning we finally saw this species on Sylvester Village Road

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—Seen perched & flying at locations at Lamanai

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos (3)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*—Small groups seen on Crooked Tree & Lamanai boat tours

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*—(HO) Distinctive call heard on boat tour of the Crooked Tree big pond

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—Nice looks often at all locations

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Nighthawks and Nightjars (3)

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*—Found roosting by our guide on boat trip on the New River

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*—On the road after leaving Crooked Tree, heard & seen on night drive at Chan Chich

Yucatan Nightjar (YE) *Antrostomus badius*—Close looks at one roosting on Lamanai Spotlight cruise

NYCTIBIIDAE: Potoos (1)

Northern Potoo *Nyctibius jamaicensis*—Great looks at individuals on Lamani & Chan Chich night drives

APODIDAE: Swifts (1)

Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi*—Seen feeding in flight above Gallon Jug agricultural fields

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds (12)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*—The most aggressive hummer at Chan Chich feeders

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*—Second most common species at Chan Chich feeders

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*—Seen at Chan Chich feeders with Long-billed Hermits

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Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliodytes barroti*—What a beauty, spotted before a morning drive at Chan Chich

Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii*—Seen in trees around Beck's at Crooked Tree

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*—Quick looks, coming to flowers at Indian Church

Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetii*—Seen on afternoon walk at Crooked Tree Lodge

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird *Phaeochroa cuvierii*—Found by its vocalization, one seen perched on road to Chan Chich village & at flowering tree at the bridge

Wedge-tailed Sabrewing *Campylopterus curvipennis*—In flowering tree at bridge with 5 other species

White-bellied Emerald *Amazilia candida*—Feeding in flowering tree at Chan Chich bridge

Azure-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanocephala*—Quick looks during our walk at Lamanai savanna

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*—Very common hummingbird seen at all locations

RALLIDAE: Rails, Crakes, and Coots (3)

Russet-naped Wood-Rail *Aramides albiventris*—Fun seeing this species out in the open on Crooked Tree boat ride & again on Lamanai spotlight cruise

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*—Adults & immatures seen on our Crooked Tree boat ride

Ruddy Crake *Laterallus ruber*—(HO) Vocalizing clearly on our boat ride to the Lamanai savanna

HELIORNITHIDAE: Sungrebe (1)

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica*—After just missing, but hearing, this species on the trip to Lamanai savanna, we had great scope looks at one on our afternoon trip to Laguna Verde

ARAMIDAE: Limpkin (1)

Limpkin *Aramus garauna*— Many individuals seen & heard often at Crooked Tree & Lamanai

RECURVIROSTRIDAE: Stilts and Avocets (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—Flock of 15 together on shore on Crooked Tree boat trip

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers and Lapwings (1)

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferous*—Seen & vocalizing on our boat ride at Crooked Tree

JACANIDAE: Jacanas (1)

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa*—Seen daily at Crooked Tree & along New River at Lamanai

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers and Allies (1)

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—Seen on shore at Crooked Tree & Lamanai

LARIDAE: Gulls and Terns (2)

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*—Seen during Crooked Tree boat ride & on the New River

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*—Seen often flying over the Crooked Tree Sanctuary

CICONIIDAE: Storks (2)

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*—Large number (36+) on the Crooked Tree Sanctuary; one on the savanna at Lamanai during sunset cocktail cruise for great photo opportunity

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*—Hundreds at Crooked Tree Sanctuary & seen flying at Lamanai; 6 seen in rice fields on drive to Chan Chich

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ANHINGIDAE: Anhingas (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—Spotted flying on Crooked Tree boat ride

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants (2)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—Most common cormorant, seen daily around water

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*—Rare visitor, seen on Lamanai Mayan ruin dock

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans (1)

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*—Seen with thousands of other water birds at Crooked Creek Sanctuary

ARDEIDAE: Herons and Egrets (13)

Least Bittern *Ixobrychus exilis*—Quick look, flying into the reeds on return from the Lamanai savanna

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*—Great looks in the open at Crooked Tree, at Lamanai, & the pond at Chan Chich village

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*—Seen often at water locations & spotlight cruise at Lamanai

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Seen often at all water locations

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—Seen often on shore at most water locations

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*—Adults & immatures seen along New River Lagoon & other locations

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*—Seen with other wading birds at Crooked Tree Sanctuary

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—Where we saw cows, we saw this species

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—Very common at all water locations

Agami Heron *Agamia agami*—Exciting spotting! Great looks & pictures on the Lamanai spotlight trip

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Spotted roosting on Crooked Tree & Lamanai

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*—Along water locations & on the night drive at Chan Chich

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*—Good numbers on the Crooked Tree boat trip & spotlight boat ride

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis and Spoonbills (3)

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*—Large numbers at Crooked Tree; a few at Lamanai; in the Mennonite rice fields

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*—Seen in small numbers on the Crooked Tree boat ride

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—Good numbers seen feeding with other waders at Crooked Tree

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures (4)

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa*—Spotted by Ruben, great looks at three above us on the New River

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—Seen daily at all locations in good numbers

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Fewer than Black, seen daily at all locations

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus*—Close looks at one's head at Crooked Tree; others seen around Lamanai

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*—Seen on the Crooked Tree & Lamanai boat trips

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ACCIPITRIDAE: Hawks, Kites, and Eagles (7)

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*—Spotted soaring during our afternoon walk at Indian Church

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*—Two seen on our first walk at Chan Chich near the village

Ornate Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus ornatus*—(HO) Heard twice soaring above Chan Chich trails

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*— Large numbers seen on Crooked Tree boat trip; seen often on boat trips at Lamanai on the New River lagoon

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus*—Spotted soaring twice on walks at Chan Chich

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*— Seen almost daily at all locations

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*—Seen perched on our afternoon walk in Indian Church village

TYTONIDAE: Barn Owls (1)

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*—Adults with two juveniles nesting at Lamanai dock

STRIGIDAE: Owls (3)

Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata*—What a treat to see 2 adults perched near Lamanai village

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—(HO) Heard each morning before dawn at Beck's

Black-and-White Owl *Ciccaba nigrolineata*—Seen on a wire during Chan Chich night drive

TROGONIDAE: Trogons (3)

Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena*—Seen on two of our Chan Chich village walks

Black-headed Trogon *Trogon melanocephalus*—Seen well at Lamanai lodge; again on Chan Chich walk

Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*—Seen on Mayan ruin walks; again the last morning at Chan Chich

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfishers (4)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*—Seen often in large numbers at Crooked Tree & New River

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*—Seen on Crooked Tree boat ride & New Lagoon boat trips

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*—Wow, we saw this diminutive & very cute species very often & at close range at Crooked Tree, Lamanai, & Chan Chich

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*—Seen at Crooked Tree, Lamanai, & Chan Chich

BUCCONIDAE: Puffbirds (2)

White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus*—Spotted during a morning drive at Chan Chich

White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*—Spotted perched during our drive to Laguna Verde

GALBULIDAE: Jacamars (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*—Four of this species were demonstrating during our walk at the Mayan ruins; another seen at Chan Chich

RAMPHASTIDAE: Toucans (2)

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*—Good looks at Lamanai ruins; seen again on Chan Chich walks

Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—Surprisingly, we didn't see this species until our trips around Gallon Jug; always a crowd favorite!

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers (10)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*—Seen well while following the jays at Beck's

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Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Many at Beck's; again on the Lamanai savanna
Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*—Not seen until Chan Chich, often around the cabins
Yucatan Woodpecker (YE) *Melanerpes pygmaeus*—Seen well at Beck's; again on the Lamanai savanna
Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*—Most common woodpecker seen daily
Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Veniliornis fumigatus*—Quick looks near Lamanai sugar mill & Chan Chich
Pale-billed Woodpecker *Campephilus guatemalensis*—Seen well behind Lamanai lodge; last morning at Chan Chich; fun hearing the double "tap"
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—Seen well on Lamanai & Chan Chich walks
Chestnut-colored Woodpecker *Celeus castaneus*—What a beauty! Great looks at 2 at Lamanai
Golden-olive Woodpecker *Piculus rubiginosus*—Two were interacting near Chan Chich bridge

FALCONIDAE: Falcons and Caracaras (3)

Laughing Falcon *Herpotheres cachinnans*—We saw this species well 3 times around Gallon Jug
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*—Spotted perched on the barn on ride to Laguna Verde
Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*—Seen at Lamanai; pair nesting near Chan Chich cabins

PSITTACIDAE: Parrots (8)

Brown-hooded Parrot *Pyrilia haematotis*—After quick flybys, had 3 perched near Chan Chich bridge
White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis*—Scope views of perched birds above Chan Chich lodge
Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*—Most common parrot seen well at most locations
Yellow-headed Parrot *Amazona oratrix*—Good scope views of a distance bird at Lamanai savanna
White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons*—Seen & heard often at Lamanai & Chan Chich
Yellow-lored Parrot (YE) *Amazona xantholora*—Luckily, we found 7 perched in a close tree for scope views of the yellow lores on the Lamanai savanna walk
Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa*—Scope views at Laguna Verde
Olive-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula nana*—Seen & heard daily in good numbers at all locations

THAMNOPHILIDAE: Antbirds (2)

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Male & female seen well the first Lamanai morning walk
Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina*—Pair seen well on Lamanai sugar mill walk

FORMICARIIDAE: Antthrushes (1)

Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis*—(HO) Another difficult species, heard often but not seen

FURNARIIDAE: Ovenbirds (5)

Scaly-throated Leaftosser *Sclerurus guatemalensis*—(HO) Heard very close to us across the stream at Chan Chich
Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*—Good looks at the Lamanai sugar mill
Tawny-winged Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla anabatina*—Nice looks at 2 near the Chan Chich pond
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*—Most common woodcreeper; heard or seen daily
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus*—Seen close to us at the Chan Chich stream

TYRANNIDAE: Tyrant Flycatchers (26)

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma imberbe*—Seen on our walk at Beck's
Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet *Ornithion semiflavum*—Seen quickly on morning walk at Chan Chich village

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Greenish Eleania *Myiopagis viridicata*—Seen at Crooked Tree & Lamanai sugar mill

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*—Good looks at 1 on walk at Lamanai savanna

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*—Seen occasionally; 6 in fruit tree at Chan Chich village

Northern Bentbill *Oncostoma cinereigulare*—(HO) Distinctive call heard on Lamanai sugar mill walk

Eye-ringed Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*—Close looks on Lamanai Mayan ruin walk

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—Seen & heard often at Lamanai & Chan Chich

Royal Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus coronatus*—Wow, we saw this species twice; on the Lamanai sugar mill walk & Chan Chich archeological walk

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher *Myiobius sulphureipygius*—Seen near the stream at Chan Chich

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*—Seen often; best look in tree at Chan Chich bridge

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*—Spotted twice on walks at Chan Chich

White-throated Flycatcher *Empidonax albigularis*—Heard first; then spotted in the reeds on Lamanai Savanna from the boat

Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus*—Seen at Crooked Tree & the Lamanai savanna

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Many photographed at Crooked Tree; also on Lamanai savanna

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*—Seen often including Lamanai savanna & Chan Chich village

Rufous Mourner *Rhytipterna holerythra*—Close looks at this species on early morning Chan Chich walk

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—Seen or heard daily at all locations

Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*—Seen on the Lamanai sugar mill walk

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Seen around the Chan Chich village pond

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Seen daily at Crooked Tree & Lamanai

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*—Close looks on Lamanai sugar mill walk

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*—Seen daily at all locations in good numbers

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Seen daily at all locations

Couch's Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii*—One individual vocalizing at Chan Chich bridge

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savanna*—Sighted often, usually in pairs, at Crooked Tree, Lamanai, & Gallon Jug

PIPRIDAE: Manakins (2)

White-collared Manakin *Manacus candei*—Found a female in fruiting tree at Chan Chich village

Red-capped Manakin *Ceratopipra mentalis*—Male found feeding on fruit at Chan Chich parking area

TITYRIDAE: Tityras and Becards (5)

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*—Male & female seen on morning drive along Chan Chich road

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*—Pairs seen often in Lamanai & Chan Chich

Northern Schiffornis *Schiffornis veraepacis*—Two seen along Chan Chich road near the bridge

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*—Seen in fruiting trees at Chan Chich village

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*—Quick looks at a male on Lamanai savanna

VIREONIDAE: Vireos (7)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—(HO) Heard but not seen at Crooked Tree & Lamanai savanna

Green Shrike Vireo *Vireolanius pulchellus*—Seen with mixed flock at Chan Chich Upper Plaza

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Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*—In mixed flock on Chan Chich Upper Plaza

Lesser Greenlet *Pachysylvia decurtata*—Seen often at Lamanai & Chan Chich

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*—Another species seen & heard often at all locations

Mangrove Vireo *Vireo pallens*—Good looks on Crooked Tree & Lamanai boat trips

Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*—With mixed feeding flock on Chan Chich Upper Plaza

CORVIDAE: Jays and Crows (2)

Brown Jay *Psilorhinus morio*—Seen often on walks around Lamanai & Indian Church

Yucatan Jay (YE) *Cyanocorax yucatanicus*—Family of four on the grounds of Beck's at Crooked Tree

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows and Martins (5)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—Seen on Lamanai boat trips

Purple Martin *Progne subis*—Few seen flying low over Lamanai savanna

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—Many at Crooked Tree & Chan Chich airstrip

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*—Seen over the Lamanai savanna

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*—Seen daily at all locations

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens (4)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—Seen & heard often at all locations

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*—(HO) Formerly White-browed, heard on Lamanai savanna

Spot-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius maculipectus*—What fun to see this species, so often only heard, on Lamanai & Chan Chich walks

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticte*—Seen well along Chan Chich road

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers (2)

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—Seen with mixed flock at Chan Chich Upper Plaza

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*—Seen at Beck's & on Lamanai savanna

TURDIDAE: Thrushes (4)

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*—This migrant was seen on the road during Chan Chich walks

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*—Seen on walks at Lamanai & Chan Chich

White-throated Thrush *Turdus assimilis*—(HO) We heard & tried hard to see this species at Chan Chich

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*—Seen daily at all locations

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds (3)

Black Catbird (YE) *Melanoptila glabrirostris*—Seen twice, behind Lamanai lodge & at Lamanai savanna

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*—Seen & heard daily at all locations

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*—Seen in good numbers at Crooked Tree & Lamanai

FRINGILLIDAE: Euphonias and Finches (2)

Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea*—Most numerous Euphonia seen at all locations

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi*—Good looks at male & female in fruiting tree at Chan Chich

EMBERIZIDAE: Sparrows (4)

Botteri's Sparrow *Peucaea botterii*—Quick look at one individual on Lamanai savanna

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Olive Sparrow *Arremonops rufivirgatus*—Elusive but quick looks on Lamanai savanna

Green-backed Sparrow *Arremonops chloronotus*—(HO) Heard on Sylvester Village trail

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*—Seen on grounds of Beck's in Crooked Tree

ICTERIIDAE: Yellow-breasted Chat (1)

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*—Seen well on grounds of Chan Chich

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds and Orioles (12)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*—Large numbers seen on drive to Laguna Verde near Gallon Jug

Yellow-billed Cacique *Amblycercus holosericeus*—Finally seen lurking on Lamanai sugar mill walk

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*—Watched this species nest building at coffee plantation near Gallon Jug

Black-cowled Oriole *Icterus prothemelas*—Numerous sightings of this beauty at all locations

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*—Males & females seen at all locations

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus*—Seen at Crooked Tree & Indian Church

Altamira Oriole *Icterus gularis*—Seen visiting the hummingbird feeders at Beck's at Crooked Tree

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*—Individuals seen often at all locations

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*—Seen on Crooked Tree lagoon & Lamanai savanna walk

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*—Small flock spotted on the shore from boat on New River near the Mennonite Community

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*—Seen & heard daily at all locations

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Spotted daily at all locations

PARULIDAE: Wood-Warblers (22)

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*—Seen best feeding in trail on Lamanai sugar mill walk

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum*—Was seen visiting the water on Chan Chich stream

Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla*—Seen well in road on walk to the Chan Chich bridge

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*—Seen by boat feeding along the shore at Crooked Tree, Lamanai, & along pond at Chan Chich

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*—With mixed flock at Crooked Tree lodge

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

Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea*—Watched at close range from boat at Crooked Tree pond

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*—Seen twice with mixed flocks at Chan Chich

Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*—Seen with mixed warbler flock at Crooked Tree Lodge

Gray-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis poliocephala*—Seen twice, at Lamanai savanna & Chan Chich

Kentucky Warbler *Geothlypis formosa*—Watched 2 at close range bathing in Chan Chich stream

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*—Seen frequently at all water locations

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*—With other warblers bathing in Chan Chich stream

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*—Another warbler seen frequently at all locations

Northern Parula *Setophaga americana*—Seen on Lamanai Mayan ruin walk

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia*—Seen daily at Lamanai & Chan Chich

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—Seen often whenever we were near water

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica*—Seen with mixed flock at fruiting tree at Chan Chich

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*—Only 1 individual, seen at Chan Chich air strip

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Yellow-throated Warbler *Setophaga dominica*—Seen often at Crooked Tree & Indian Church

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*—Good looks with mixed flocks at Lamanai

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*—With mixed flock at Chan Chich Upper Plaza

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks and Buntings (9)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—Males & females seen & heard often at all locations

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica*—Good looks on Sylvester Village Road walk

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*—Pair seen on edge of grass at Chan Chich bridge

Black-faced Grosbeak *Caryothraustes poliogaster*—Large flock in fruiting tree at Lamanai sugar mill

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*—Seen at Crooked Tree lodge & Lamanai savanna

Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanoloxia cyanooides*—Seen coming to water feature at Chan Chich during lunch

Blue Bunting *Cyanocompsa parellina*—Surprise looks behind Lamanai lodge, would come to Chan Chich water feature to bathe

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*—With large mixed flock on afternoon Indian Church walk

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*—With mixed flock in fruiting tree at Chan Chich village

THRAUPIDAE: Tanagers and Allies (12)

Gray-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata*—Quick looks in the understory on Sylvester Village Road

Black-throated Shrike-Tanager *Lanio aurantius*—Finally, male & female seen coming to stream at Chan Chich

Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*—This beauty was seen in fruiting trees at Chan Chich village

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—Seen on walks at Lamanai & Chan Chich village

Yellow-winged Tanager *Thraupis abbas*—Feeding with mixed flock in fruiting trees at Chan Chich

Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata*—Good looks in trees at Chan Chich bridge

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—Seen at all locations; large numbers in fruiting tree at Chan Chich lodge

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*—Seen with mixed flock in fruiting tree at Chan Chich village

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*—Seen near shore on boat trip to Lamanai Mayan ruins

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii*—Seen almost daily at all locations

Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*—Seen with feeding flock in Chan Chich village fruiting trees

Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*—(HO) Heard on afternoon walk at Indian Church

Mammals (12 species)

Gray Four-eyed Opossum *Philander opossum*—Seen on Lamanai night walk

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*—Found roosting on tree trunk on Lamanai Mayan walk

Yucatan (Mexican) Black Howler-Monkey *Alouatta pigra*—Our dependable wake-up call at Lamanai & Chan Chich

Central American Spider-Monkey *Ateles geoffroyi*—Seen daily during stay at Chan Chich

Deppe's Squirrel *Sciurus deppei*—Seen twice on walks at Chan Chich

Yucatan Squirrel *Sciurus yucatanensis*—Seen in Lamanai & Chan Chich

Mexican Hairy Dwarf Porcupine *Coendou mexicanus*—Seen twice on walks at Lamanai

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Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*—Seen often crossing the trails at all locations

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—Large numbers in livestock fields at Gallon Jug

Gray Fox *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*—Nice looks in a field on our night drive at Gallon Jug

Tayra *Eira barbara*—Seen crossing the road from the Chan Chich bridge

Greater bulldog bat *Noctilio leporinus*—Also called Greater Fishing bat, seen during the spotlight cruise at Lamanai

Reptiles (16 species)

Morelet's Crocodile *Crocodylus moreletii*—Seen on spotlight cruise at Lamanai & Chan Chich pond

Meso-American Slider *Trachemys venusta*—At many ponds & wáter locations

Rose-bellied Lizard *Sceloporus variabilis*—Seen near the dock at Lamanai

Black Spinytail Iguana *Ctenosaura similis*—Seen along the North/South road on trip to Orange Walk

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—Seen frequently in trees near wáter locations

Striped Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus*—Good looks almost daily at all locations

Giant Toad *Rhinella horribilis*—Seen on night walk at Lamanai

Common House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*—This lucky “charm” was found in all our rooms

Common Mexican Tree Frog *Smilisca baudinii*—Seen on our Chan Chich walk

Ghost Anole *Anolis lemurinus*—Small numbers seen on our night walk at Lamanai

Blunt-headed Tree Snake *Imantodes cenchoa*—Great pictures of this unique species on Lamanai night walk

Mexican Tarantula *Brachypelma hamorii*—Coaxed out of hiding on our Lamanai night walk & large one on the road on our night drive at Chan Chich

Rio Grande Leopard Frog *Lithobates berlandieri*—Seen at Chan Chich pond

Fer-de-lance *Bothrops asper*—Wow, we saw three of this poisonous snake on our night drive!

Praying Mantis *Choeradodis rhombicollis*—On a picnic table at Lamanai

Slender-brown Scorpion *Centruroides gracilis*—In a few rooms at Chan Chic