

JAMAICA BIRDING TOUR: ISLAND ENDEMICS IN THE HEART OF THE CARIBBEAN

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Red-billed Streamertail was our bird of the trip. They are iconic, charismatic, and really great to watch as they jostle one another at flowers and feeders.



This birding tour of Jamaica began in Kingston on 22nd of March 2025, and concluded there on 28th March 2025. The tour focus was to see all 28 of the country's currently recognized and extant endemic bird species (which we did), key migrants, and a number of Caribbean specials found only in the Caribbean, southern <u>Florida</u>, or Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula. We also enjoyed close encounters with **White-tailed Tropicbird**, endemic reptiles, and found a few rare migrants!

Overview

The tour began with birding at some coastal wetlands between the airport and our hotel in Kingston, before we checked in for the night. The following day we visited the dry, cactus scrub of Hellshire Hills and then the Greater Portmore Sewage Ponds, before turning our attention to Jamaica's 28 endemic bird species. After lunch, we explored Kingston's Hope Botanical Gardens for a great introduction to some of the island's more common endemics, before heading up into the beautiful Blue Mountains. We checked in for a two-night stay at Silver Hill Gap and spent a full day birding the excellent sites in the area, such as Hardwar Gap. Coming down from the mountains, we headed north to the coast, then east, first stopping at the Spanish River Bridge to look for waterbirds, before arriving at our peaceful accommodation in San San, in northeastern Jamaica. We had two days based in this area, travelling as far south as Happy Grove, and birding the famous Ecclesdown Road, along with more local sites such as San San Police Station Road and Sherwood Forest. After an early departure for Kingston, we dropped some of the group at the airport before ending the tour with some final birding around Port Royal.



Watching White-tailed Tropicbird near their nesting cliffs in eastern Jamaica is a mesmerizing experience not easily forgotten.



We recorded 125 bird species on this Jamaica birdwatching tour. A major highlight was seeing all 28 of Jamaica's extant endemic bird species, including Red-billed and Black-billed Streamertails, Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo, Crested Quail-Dove, Jamaican Owl, Jamaican Tody, Black-billed Amazon, Jamaican Becard, Blue Mountain Vireo, Jamaican Spindalis, Jamaican Blackbird, Arrowhead Warbler, and Yellow-shouldered Grassquit. We also enjoyed finding a number of Caribbean specialties, such as Caribbean Dove, Vervain Hummingbird, Greater Antillean Elaenia, and Bahama Mockingbird. In addition, we encountered many migratory species wintering on the island, and found a few vagrants which are rarely recorded in Jamaica, such as American Golden Plover, Ring-billed Gull, and Prothonotary Warbler.

In addition to the exceptional birding, we encountered an exciting variety of reptiles during the tour, including **American Crocodiles**, the near-endemic **Croaking Lizard**, and four endemic Anoles such as the **Jamaican Giant** and **Stripefoot Anoles**.



The **Jamaican Tody**, or 'Rasta Bird', is a beautiful species that reflects the charm of birding in the Caribbean.

Bird and animal lists for this Jamaica birding tour follow the report and you can also view the <u>eBird trip report here</u>, where you can see more bird photos.



Detailed Report

Day 1, 22nd March 2025. Arrival in Jamaica

The group met at Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston in the early afternoon, and despite the hot, windy conditions, we decided to get the birding underway. We visited a stretch of coastline just east of the airport, where we watched **Royal Terns**, **Cabot's Terns**, **Laughing Gulls**, and **Brown Pelicans** loafing just offshore. One of the **Royal Terns** had been color banded as a juvenile in Virginia, United States, in June 2024, and now wintering in Jamaica. **Royal Terns** are particularly interesting, as some individuals stay near their breeding areas year-round, while others, like this one, migrate south for the winter.

Continuing our birding, we visited a flooded ditch that turned out to be a hotspot for waterbirds. Here we saw a large group of Black-necked Stilts, along with Glossy Ibis, Grey Plover, Killdeer, Lesser Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstones, and Sanderlings, as well as herons like Tricolored, and Little Blue Herons, and both Snowy and Western Cattle Egrets. Among the familiar Mourning Doves, we picked out our first Zenaida Doves - a subtly beautiful Caribbean specialty. Surprisingly, the rarest sighting of the day came in the form of a group of Eurasian Collared Doves, an introduced species slowly spreading across Jamaica. After check in, the group chatted about the exciting week ahead and our many endemic targets over a delicious dinner.



Jamaica is a great place to see migratory wood warblers in their beautiful spring plumage. This male **Black-throated Blue Warbler** was one of fifteen warbler species we saw on our tour.



Day 2, 23rd March 2025. Birding Kingston and the Hellshire Hills

After sampling tasty Jamaican dishes at breakfast, we checked out and headed west through Kingston towards the arid dry scrub of the Hellshire Hills. It was a long, hot morning, but a rewarding one! Our first new additions, spotted at some wetlands on entering the area, were a flock of Cave Swallows, a pair of Blue-winged Teals, and Semipalmated and Wilson's Plovers feeding along the beachline. Not long after, we found our first endemic, the Yellow-shouldered Grassquit. Initially elusive, everyone eventually had good scope views of this neat little endemic. We then moved on to the cactus scrub of the Hellshire Hills, a striking landscape set against the backdrop of the turquoise Caribbean Sea. We picked up our main targets quickly, with the nearendemic Stolid Flycatcher, Bahama Mockingbird, and Vervain Hummingbird all seen well, and also enjoyed watching a Reddish Egret performing its distinctive, frantic feeding dance. We came across several of the endemic Melocactus caroli-linnaei scattered among the rocks and scrub, an interesting feature of this unique habitat.

Leaving the Hellshire Hills, we arrived at the <u>Greater Portmore Sewage Ponds</u> in the late morning. Despite the heat and a digger working in the reeds, we did well here. Among the abundant herons, we added **Purple Gallinule**, **Northern Jacana**, **Least Grebe**, and a trio of introduced songbirds; **Scaly-breasted** and **Chestnut Munias**, along with a large flock of **Yellow-crowned Bishops**. Although there were no waterfowl or wading birds present, we did see **American Crocodile**, and a **Least Bittern**, which was flushed by the digger and flapped awkwardly over a pool before disappearing into some distant reeds.



Camouflaged Northern Potoo are easily found at their day roosts in Jamaica.



After a feast of Jamaican curries for lunch and a chance to cool off, we visited Kingston's Hope Gardens. Here we had good views of three parrot species; Yellow-billed Amazons, and Olive-throated, and Rose-ringed Parakeets. We saw our first wintering New World warblers, with American Redstarts, Northern Parulas, and Prairie, Black-throated Blue, and Cape May Warblers all seen well. An adult Cape May Warbler showed brilliantly, and we all enjoyed watching it drink nectar from flowering trees. A trio of roosting Northern Potoos were unsurprisingly group favorites, as were several pairs of Jamaican Woodpeckers and a very showy Red-billed Streamertail. The Streamertail is such an iconic hummingbird, and satisfyingly abundant throughout much of Jamaica. After the gardens, we headed up into the heights of the Blue Mountains, enjoying the stunning landscape as we climbed to Starlight Chalet, nestled in the Silver Hill Gap. We finished this busy, bird-filled day with some tasty Jamaican jerk food while listening to reggae.



The nana subspecies of *Olive-throated Parakeet* in Jamaica is a good candidate for a potential future split, with some authorities already recognizing it as the 'Jamaican Parakeet'.

Day 3, 24th March 2025. Birding the Blue Mountains National Park

We started the day at first light, fueled by Blue Mountain coffee, and headed down into the <u>Silver Hill Gap</u> to target one of Jamaica's most elusive endemics. Our first new bird was the gorgeous **Jamaican Tody**, or 'rasta bird' as it's known locally. This charismatic little gem, from a family endemic to the Greater Antilles, is always great fun to watch. We also saw the aptly named **Orangequit**, **Jamaican Euphonia**, and three of the four endemic flycatchers; **Jamaican Elaenia**, **Jamaican Pewee**, and **Rufous-tailed Flycatcher**. Seeing an endemic **Arrowhead Warbler** alongside the much more familiar **Black-and-white Warbler** was interesting, as it gave everyone a chance to appreciate how different these two species are. Our main target, though, was the shy



Crested Quail-Dove and, just as we considered moving on, one flew onto the road nearby and waddled around, letting us admire its subtle crest and glossy plumage. We followed as it dropped down the bank and joined a second bird, and watched them feeding quietly in the leaf litter.



We saw two endemic Crested Quail-Doves up close on our first morning in the Blue Mountains.

After a relaxed breakfast, we headed back out, this time bound for the <u>Hardwar Gap</u> area. Each stop produced excellent views of a new Jamaican endemic, including **Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo**, a pair of **Blue Mountain Vireos**, and small groups of **Jamaican Vireos**, **White-eyed Thrushes**, bright **Jamaican Spindalis**, and a few rare **Jamaican Blackbirds**. We especially enjoyed watching the **Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo** as it bounced through branches in the understory. We also improved views of both **Jamaican Oriole** and **Sad Flycatcher**, two fairly common species we had only glimpsed before, and added **White-collared Swift** and **Greater Antillean Bullfinch** to our trip list. After lunch at one of the many excellent Blue Mountain cafés, we continued birding while making our way back to our lodge in the Silver Hills.

We scored our two final Blue Mountains targets with walk-away views of a **Rufous-throated Solitaire** guarding a fruit-laden tree, followed by a **Greater Antillean Elaenia** in the canopy. The Elaenia is a tough species to see, being an unobtrusive canopy species. It is only found on Jamaica or Hispaniola, but with the nominate Jamaican subspecies being a potential future split, we were pleased to connect with one. We returned to the lodge for some downtime, and while our evening attempt for Jamaican Owl didn't deliver, the fun atmosphere at the lodge and great Jamaican food made up for it.





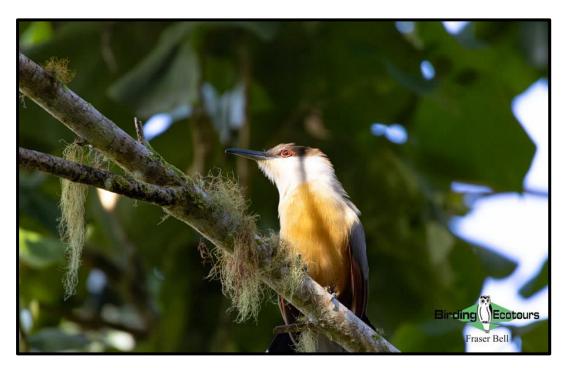
This showy **Rufous-throated Solitaire** was a group favorite. It was beautiful to hear their haunting calls during our time in the Blue Mountains.

Day 4, 25th March 2025. Birding the Blue Mountains and transfer to Port Antonio

Given we were based in ideal birding habitat, we chose to stay local and bird near the <u>lodge</u>. After our daily dose of Blue Mountain coffee, we walked the quiet mountain roads, improving views of several endemics we'd seen earlier in the trip, including **Yellow-shouldered Grassquit** and **Jamaican Blackbird**. The highlight was finally catching up with a pair of **Jamaican Lizard Cuckoos**. The birds gave excellent views as they moved through the low trees around us, gliding between branches, running and hopping along limbs, occasionally fanning their tails, and exchanging their low rattling calls. We also added **Black-whiskered Vireo**, **Shiny Cowbird**, **Palm Warbler**, and **Common Yellowthroat** to our trip list.

We left after breakfast, heading for Port Antonio in the northeast. We first stopped to get some locally grown coffee, which turned out to be a productive stop for birding as we had close views of the minuscule Vervain Hummingbird, and much better looks at Greater Antillean Elaenia than the day before. Once at the coast, we continued east but paused at Spanish River Bridge. While birding here isn't the most relaxing, being right next to a main road, it was a worthwhile stop and we added Belted Kingfisher, Pied-billed Grebe, Barn Swallow, and Black-crowned and Yellow-crowned Night Herons. The highlight was a mixed flock of six neotropical warbler species, including our only Magnolia Warbler of the trip and two Prothonotary Warblers – vagrants to Jamaica, so it was quite a buzz finding this pair! We continued on and arrived at Goblin Hill Villas in San San, which, with its extensive grounds and warm hospitality, was a fantastic place to end the day. Here three species of endemic Anole lizards were common, with the Stripefoot Anoles always present around the restaurant, and joined at night by the very loud near-endemic Croaking Lizard (actually a large gecko!).





Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo is a brilliant bird and always entertaining to watch.

Day 5, 26th March 2025. Birding the Ecclesdown Road

We left our villas while it was still dark and drove east, then south along the Caribbean coast. As soon as we arrived at <u>Hector's River</u>, we spotted our target **White-tailed Tropicbirds** whirling across the bay and chasing one another. They breed in the cliffs here, and we enjoyed watching them swoop past at close range while eating our packed breakfast. It was a real treat to see such stunning birds so well.

We then drove to bird the infamous <u>Ecclesdown Road</u>. We found one of our remaining endemic targets straight away, as a pair of **Black-billed Amazons** flew in right beside us and stayed long enough to give everyone a chance to see the differences between these and the more common **Yellow-billed Amazon**. We also added two stunning endemic hummingbirds to our trip list, finally seeing **Jamaican Mango** well, along with our first of many **Black-billed Streamertails**. Continuing along the road, we encountered our first **Jamaican Becard**, a very vocal female which the whole group could enjoy. While we had been hearing the odd vocalizations from **Jamaican Crows** throughout the morning, after a few hours of trying for them, we finally spotted a pair in a valley below us. That was cause for celebration, as it marked our penultimate Jamaican endemic with just the Owl remaining! We finished at Ecclesdown by finding a mixed warbler flock, which included a **Worm-eating Warbler**, and then improved our views of **Arrowhead Warbler** and the sweet **Jamaican Tody**.





Rufous-tailed Flycatcher are Jamaica's largest and most distinctive endemic flycatcher.



While we saw many **Ring-tailed Pigeon** flocks in flight during the tour, it was satisfying to find a small group in a roadside tree so everyone could see their diagnostic features, such as the subtle ring-tail.



Our Ital (a plant-based diet associated with the Rastafari movement) lunch worked a treat and, given our morning's success, we had the afternoon to relax or enjoy the extensive grounds around our villas, where both **Jamaican Mango** and **Black-billed Streamertail** visit feeders. That evening, we completed our quest to see the Jamaican endemics by finding a pair of **Jamaican Owls**. We saw both adults and also heard a chick calling in response to the adults' lion-like roars.

Day 6, 27th March 2025. Birding Portland Parish

Our destination was a road that winds through <u>lowland rainforest</u>, close to our accommodation, where we hoped to encounter two dove species. We heard <u>Caribbean Doves</u> calling regularly throughout the morning but only managed very brief, in-flight views. We fared better with <u>Ruddy Quail-Dove</u>, and although sightings were short, most of the group saw one of three birds that flushed from the forest or path. After a heavy rain shower set in, we headed back to our accommodation for a well-timed breakfast before returning to the forest later in the morning. Bird activity picked up again, and the highlight was a vocal <u>Mangrove Cuckoo</u>, which showed well and gave close, prolonged views. We also had repeat looks at many of the endemics we had become familiar with over the past week, including <u>Jamaican Woodpecker</u>, <u>Yellow-billed Amazon</u>, <u>Jamaican Spindalis</u>, <u>Arrowhead Warbler</u>, <u>Yellow-shouldered Grassquit</u>, and three very vocal <u>Jamaican Becards</u>, including, finally, a glossy black male.



Yellow-billed Amazon are one of the more common of Jamaica's endemics.

Lunch was either Ital or the famous Jamaican Boston Jerk Chicken (where jerk chicken originated!), after which we visited another local site for one last chance at our final tour target. We hadn't even parked before we saw it – a lovely plump **Caribbean Dove** waddling across the



road, which stayed long enough for everyone to get out and take pictures of this attractive dove

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with an oddly disjunct range. We then gave our attention to the large flocks of both Black-billed and Yellow-billed Amazons, Olive-throated Parakeets, and had our best looks at the endemic Rufous-tailed Flycatcher, as a small group foraged in a roadside tree. Satisfied with our efforts, we headed back to relax at our accommodation for the afternoon and enjoyed one final Jamaican dinner together. The charismatic Red-billed Streamertail was voted bird of the trip, fitting given its beauty and character.

Day 7, 28th March 2025. Departure from Kingston

We had an early start and departed Portland Parish, heading around the Blue Mountains to Kingston Airport. Most of the drive was through heavy rain, so we were lucky that it had cleared by the time we dropped some of the group at the airport. The rest of us continued to the nearby town of Port Royal for one last birding adventure. Port Royal, located at the end of the spit of land below Kingston, was once a pirate stronghold, still evident in the town's architecture. Here we birded the beaches, cactus scrub, and docks. We added American White Ibis and Mangrove Warbler, the latter part of a nice mixed warbler flock. Among the many Laughing Gulls, we had a stroke of luck and found the vagrant Ring-billed Gull that had been hanging around the area. Even better, we then found an American Golden Plover. This is a rare migrant to Jamaica, so it was a real thrill to come across it along a quiet shoreline just east of Port Royal.

With rain threatening again, we returned to our Kingston hotel where the group said our farewells. What a fantastic Jamaican birding adventure it had been, with a mega 125 species seen, and an amazing bunch of birders to experience it with.



We connected with Yellow-shouldered Grassquit most days during the tour.



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Bird List – Following IOC (Version 14.2/August 2024)

All species were seen, aside from the birds marked with (H) after the common name, which were 'heard only'.

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable. (Endemic) = Jamaican endemic birds.

Common Name	Scientific Name	
Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)		
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors	
Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)		
Rock Dove	Columba livia	
White-crowned Pigeon	Patagioenas leucocephala	
Ring-tailed Pigeon (Endemic) - VU	Patagioenas caribaea	
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	
Common Ground Dove	Columbina passerina	
Crested Quail-Dove (Endemic)	Geotrygon versicolor	
Ruddy Quail-Dove	Geotrygon montana	
Caribbean Dove	Leptotila jamaicensis	
White-winged Dove	Zenaida asiatica	
Zenaida Dove	Zenaida aurita	
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)		
Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani	
Mangrove Cuckoo	Coccyzus minor	
Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo (Endemic)	Coccyzus pluvialis	
Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo (Endemic)	Coccyzus vetula	
Potoos (Nyctibiidae)		
Northern Potoo	Nyctibius jamaicensis	
Swifts (Apodidae)		
White-collared Swift	Streptoprocne zonaris	
Antillean Palm Swift	Tachornis phoenicobia	
Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)		



Common Name	Scientific Name
Jamaican Mango (Endemic)	Anthracothorax mango
Vervain Hummingbird	Mellisuga minima
Red-billed Streamertail (Endemic)	Trochilus polytmus
Black-billed Streamertail (Endemic)	Trochilus scitulus
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)	
American Coot	Fulica americana
Purple Gallinule	Porphyrio martinica
Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus
Diamens and Languines (Chanadair)	
Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)	Diminia and and
Grey Plover – VU	Pluvialis squatarola
American Golden Plover	Pluvialis dominica
Killdeer	Characteristics vociferus
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus
Wilson's Plover	Anarhynchus wilsonia
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Northern Jacana	Jacana spinosa
Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)	
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius
Lesser Yellowlegs – VU	Tringa flavipes
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres
Sanderling	Calidris alba
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla
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Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)	
Laughing Gull	Leucophaeus atricilla
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis
Cabot's Tern	Thalasseus acuflavidus
Royal Tern	Thalasseus maximus
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	1
Least Grebe	Tachybaptus dominicus
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps



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Common Name	Scientific Name
Jamaican Tody (Endemic)	Todus todus
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Jamaican Woodpecker (Endemic)	Melanerpes radiolatus
Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)	
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius
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New World and African Parrots (Psittacio	dae)
Black-billed Amazon (Endemic) - EN	Amazona agilis
Yellow-billed Amazon (Endemic) - VU	Amazona collaria
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri
Green-rumped Parrotlet	Forpus passerinus
Olive-throated Parakeet	Eupsittula nana
Tityras and Allies (Tityridae)	
Jamaican Becard (Endemic)	Pachyramphus niger
Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)	T.,
Jamaican Elaenia (Endemic)	Myiopagis cotta
Greater Antillean Elaenia	Elaenia fallax
Jamaican Pewee (Endemic)	Contopus pallidus
Sad Flycatcher (Endemic)	Myiarchus barbirostris
Rufous-tailed Flycatcher (Endemic)	Myiarchus validus
Stolid Flycatcher	Myiarchus stolidus
Grey Kingbird	Tyrannus dominicensis
Loggerhead Kingbird	Tyrannus caudifasciatus
Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (V	ireonidae)
Blue Mountain Vireo (Endemic)	Vireo osburni
Jamaican Vireo (Endemic)	Vireo modestus
Black-whiskered Vireo	Vireo altiloquus
Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)	
Jamaican Crow (Endemic)	Corvus jamaicensis



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Swallows (Hirundinidae)	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Cave Swallow	Petrochelidon fulva
Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)
Bahama Mockingbird	Mimus gundlachii
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos
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Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)	16 1 1 1 1 1
Rufous-throated Solitaire	Myadestes genibarbis
White-chinned Thrush (Endemic)	Turdus aurantius
White-eyed Thrush (Endemic)	Turdus jamaicensis
Weavers and Allies (Ploceidae)	
Yellow-crowned Bishop	Euplectes afer
Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)	
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata
Chestnut Munia	Lonchura atricapilla
Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
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Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringill	idae)
Jamaican Euphonia (Endemic)	Euphonia jamaica
Spindalises (Spindalidae)	
Jamaican Spindalis (Endemic)	Spindalis nigricephala
Troupials and Allies (Icteridae)	
Jamaican Oriole	Icterus leucopteryx
Jamaican Blackbird (Endemic) - EN	Nesopsar nigerrimus
Shiny Cowbird	Molothrus bonariensis
Great-tailed Grackle	Quiscalus mexicanus
Greater Antillean Grackle	Quiscalus niger
Crown Timmour Grackie	zuiseanis ingei
New World Warblers (Parulidae)	·
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla
Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorum



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Northern Waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas
Arrowhead Warbler (Endemic)	Setophaga pharetra
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla
Cape May Warbler	Setophaga tigrina
Northern Parula	Setophaga americana
Magnolia Warbler	Setophaga magnolia
Mangrove Warbler	Setophaga petechia
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Setophaga caerulescens
Palm Warbler	Setophaga palmarum
Prairie Warbler	Setophaga discolor
Tanagers and Allies (Thraupidae)	
Saffron Finch	Sicalis flaveola
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola
Yellow-faced Grassquit	Tiaris olivaceus
Orangequit (Endemic)	Euneornis campestris
Greater Antillean Bullfinch	Melopyrrha violacea
Yellow-shouldered Grassquit (Endemic)	Loxipasser anoxanthus
Black-faced Grassquit	Melanospiza bicolor
Total seen	125



Other Wildlife - Following the IUCN Red List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Mongooses (Herpestidae)	
Indian Brown Mongoose	Urva auropunctata
Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	
American Crocodile	Crocodylus acutus
Anoles (Anolidae)	
Stripefoot Anole (Endemic)	Anolis lineatopus
Jamaican Giant Anole (Endemic)	Anolis garmani
Graham's Anole (Endemic)	Anolis grahami
Jamaican Twig Anole (Endemic)	Anolis valencienni
Dwarf Geckos (Sphaerodactylidae)	
Croaking Lizard	Aristelliger praesignis
True Toads (Bufonidae)	
South American Cane Toad	Rhinella marina

Total	8
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