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DISCOVER THE BIRDS OF BELIZE

Belize may be a small country but it serves up big adventure. And with almost 600 species of birds, translucent Caribbean beaches and vivid coral reefs, there's something here to delight everyone in your brood.



BIG-TIME BIRDING.

Grab your binoculars and comb the rainforest for exotic birds in one of the many national parks or wildlife sanctuaries.



A MAGNET FOR THE ADVENTUROUS.

Scuba the Blue Hole, zipline through the jungle canopy, or crawl through ancient caves. Belize has endless options for those who thrive on thrills.



STEP INTO HISTORY.

Test your leg muscles as you climb the steps of stone temples and ponder the mysteries of the ancient Maya.

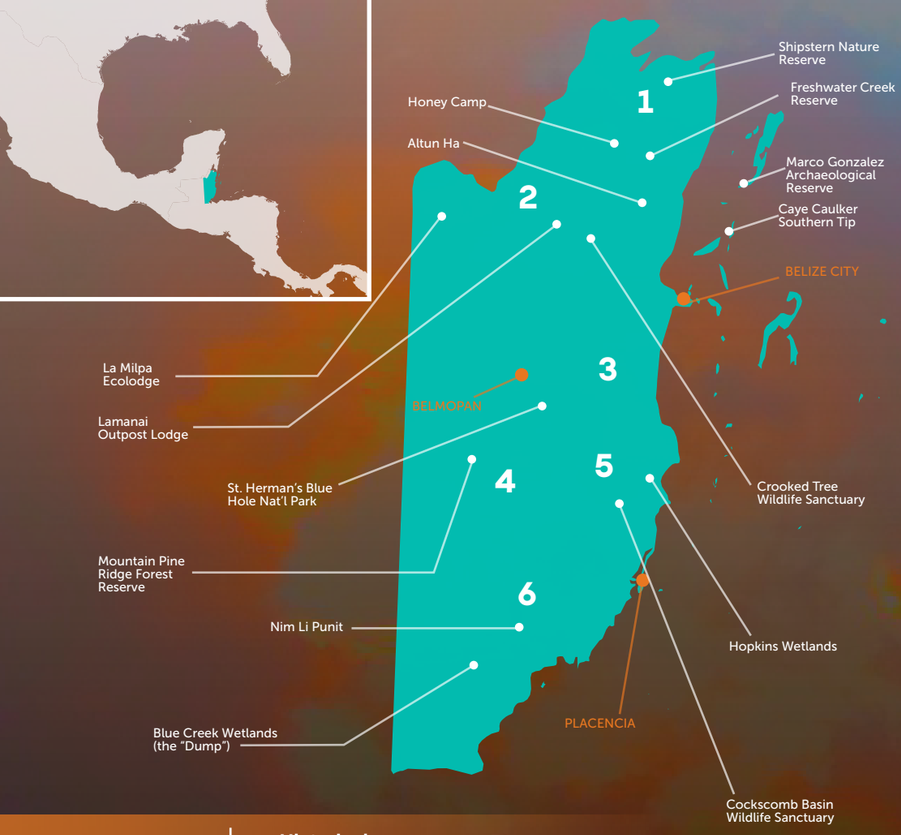


Maximize your birding experience with an Audubon-trained guide.

Want to see more of Belize's famed birds? Embark on your adventure with a local bird guide. Trained by Audubon experts, our bird guides have intimate knowledge of local birds and the best locations for spotting them. Hiring a guide also helps strengthen the local eco-economy, improving livelihoods while providing incentives for communities to protect important bird habitat.

FOR A LISTING OF LOCAL GUIDES, VISIT:
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Amenities (within 15 min)

Historical Site | Photo Viewpoint | Restaurant | Hotel

NORTHERN REGION

1. COROZAL DISTRICT

Corozal is one of the smallest districts in Belize and remains relatively "unbirded" with the least records coming from this district. *A total of 337 species have been reported from the district, including: Altamira Oriole; Rose-throated Tanager; Caribbean Dove; Orange Oriole; Black Catbird; Yellow-lored Parrot; Yucatan Flycatcher; Yucatan Jay; Yucatan Woodpecker; Pinnated Bittern; Least Bittern; Reddish Egret.* TRAILS OF INTEREST: Shipstern Nature Reserve, Freshwater Creek Reserve.

2. ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

Orange Walk is the second largest District in Belize. *A total of 432 bird species have been reported from the district, including: Crested Eagle; Yucatan Nightjar; Yellow-breasted Crake; Ornate Hawk-Eagle; Black Hawk-Eagle; Plain Antvireo; Lovely Cotinga; Bicolored Hawk; Green-winged Teal; Olive Sparrow; Cinnamon Teal; Botteri's Sparrow.* TRAILS OF INTEREST: La Milpa Ecolodge, Lamanai Outpost Lodge, Honey Camp.

CENTRAL COAST REGION

3. BELIZE DISTRICT

The Belize District is a fairly large section of the country with the Caribbean Sea extending along the Eastern side of the district. Although it is the most densely populated district, there are several great birding areas where little birding is done.
A total of 430 bird species have been reported from the district, including: Jabiru; Roseate Spoonbill; Agami Heron; Black-collared Hawk; Snail Kite; Sungrebe; Caspian Tern; Common Black-Hawk; Fulvous Whistling Duck; Black Tern; Purple Galinulle; Gull-billed Tern. TRAILS OF INTEREST: Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary, Altun Ha (Old Northern Highway).

WESTERN REGION

4. CAYO DISTRICT

The Cayo District is the largest district in Belize and a leading destination for birding as several rare or high target species are found here that are very difficult to find elsewhere. The nation's largest protected areas lie south and east of this district. *A total of 467 bird species have been reported from the district, including: Stygian Owl; Solitary Eagle; Orange-breasted Falcon; Rusty Sparrow; Cabanis Wren; Black and White Hawk-Eagle; Hepatic Tanager; Keel-billed Mot Mot; Scarlet Macaw; Crested Caracara; King Vulture; Crested Owl.* TRAILS OF INTEREST: St. Herman's Blue Hole National Park, Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve.

SOUTHEAST COAST REGION

5. STANN CREEK DISTRICT

The Stann Creek District is the smallest district, yet it has a good diversity of habitats and species. Significant tracts of Broadleaf forest remain to the west of this district while the low east end contains large wetlands and a long coastline of good diversity. *A total of 457 bird species have been reported from the district, including: Spotted Wood Quail; White-winged Becard; Yellow-headed Parrot; Chestnut-headed Oropendola; Scarlet Macaw; Crimson-collared Tanager; Striped Owl; Green Honeycreeper; American Oystercatcher; Barred Forest-Falcon; Black Skimmer; White Hawk.* TRAILS OF INTEREST: Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, Hopkins Wetlands.

SOUTHERN REGION

6. TOLEDO DISTRICT

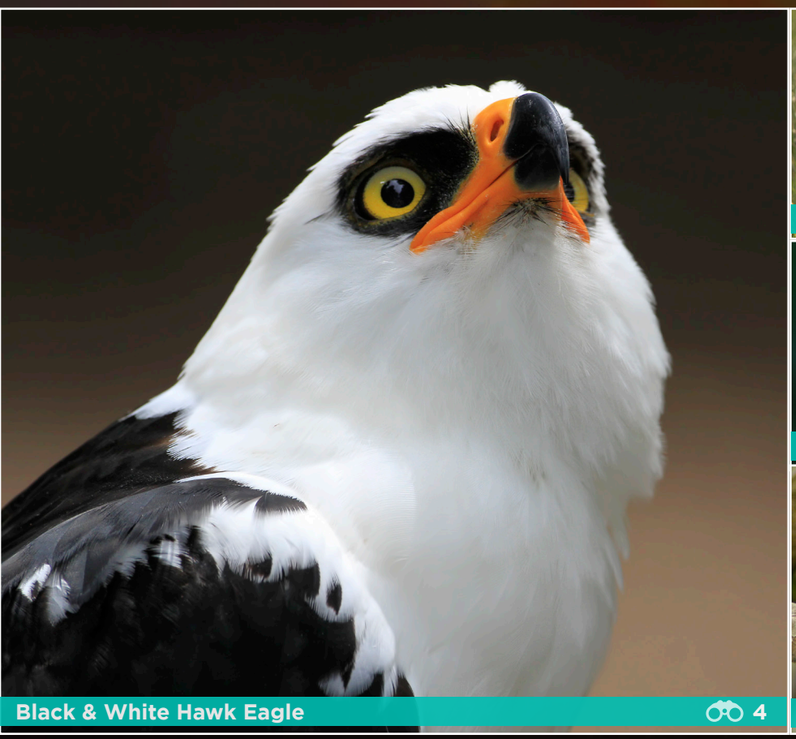
Toledo is the southernmost district in Belize and receives the most rainfall. As such, the habitats are lusher and the moisture from the Caribbean Sea increases this even more. Although it is relatively small, this district holds a variety of habitats from the coastal marshes to the ridge-top of the Maya Mountains. *A total of 502 bird species have been reported from the district, including: Great Potoo; Black-crowned Antshrike; Gray-headed Kite; Great Antshrike; Band-tailed Barbthroat; Mississippi Kite; White-necked Puffbird; Nightingale Wren; Hook-billed Kite; Bananaquit; Passerini's Tanager; Spot-breasted Oriole.* TRAILS OF INTEREST: Nim Li Punit, Blue Creek Wetlands (The "Dump").

NORTHERN ISLANDS

7. CAYE CAULKER & SAN PEDRO

San Pedro (Ambergris Caye), although frequently called an "island" or "caye", is actually the southern portion of a peninsula coming down from Mexico to the north. The Great Barrier Reef is almost at the water's edge on the eastern side. Mostly developed, only small portions of natural vegetation remain on the southern section of San Pedro. The large Bacalar Chico National Park is a sizable reserve at the northern end. Caye Caulker is a true island and good portions of natural vegetation remain on both ends of the island. *A total of 180 bird species have been reported from these 2 locations, including: Common Black-Hawk; Rufous-necked Wood Rail; Caribbean Dove; Caribbean Elaenia; Marbled Godwit; Mangrove Warbler; Yucatan Vireo; Clapper Rail; White-crowned Pigeon; Brown Booby; Black Catbird; Red-footed Booby.* TRAILS OF INTEREST: Caye Caulker Southern Tip of the Island, Marco Gonzalez Archaeological Reserve.

We recommend talking to a local guide before heading off to find these great birding spots.

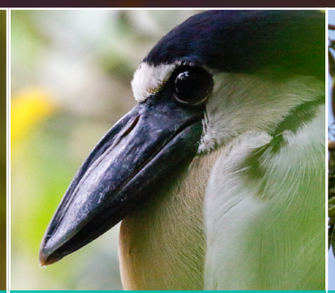

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