

## SAN IGNACIO RESORT HOTEL - BIRD CHECK LIST

The San Ignacio Resort Hotel is ideally located along the foothills of the Maya Mountains, nestled between the Mopan and Macal Rivers in the westernmost region of Belize, the Cayo District. This region is an area where many farms, grassland pastures and forested areas cover rolling hills, providing homes to diverse groups of reptiles, amphibians, mammals, fish, insects and birds.

This checklist has been compiled over a period of 3 years, as a result of observations conducted on the grounds, along the trails of the Hotel's Nature Reserve and the Macal River. The observations were conducted in a systematic way which enabled us to identify specific habitat to certain species of birds.

This is the first effort in an attempt to create a Bird check list for the San Ignacio Resort Hotel and the lower Macal River Valley, with the help of tourists, birdwatchers, and naturalist guide Martin Velasquez.

It is our hope that this checklist will be helpful for your visit to this part of Belize. Any corrections or additional species can always be greatly appreciated.

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## BIRD-WATCHING FROM THE HOTEL'S DINING PATIO AND OPEN GROUNDS

The Hotel's Dining Patio has one of the regions most comfortable and enchanting vistas. Due to the natural terrain of the area, the balcony is perched above the canopy of giant fig trees and tropical wet forest of the Macal River which slowly meanders hundreds of feet below in the valley. The wide panoramic view of the hills to the east, the early morning mist and a golden sun rise makes this spot a favorite for everyone.

From the balcony and open grounds one can easily sight some of Belize's most colorful birds, and this list may be one of the longest in the region, for it is one of the most favored birding spots in Cayo.

### TOUCANS

Keel-Billed Toucan  
Collared Aracari Toucan  
Emerald Toucanet

### PARROTS

White-Fronted Parrot  
White-Crowned Parrot  
Red-Lored Parrot  
Olive-Throated Parakeet

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous-Tailed Hummingbird  
White-Bellied Hummingbird  
Wedge-Tailed Hummingbird  
Canivet's Emerald  
Black-Crested Coquette  
Little Hermit Hummingbird  
Long-Tailed Hermit  
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird  
(migrant)

### TANAGERS

Blue-Gray Tanager  
Yellow-Winged Tanager  
Summer Tanager  
Red-Throated Ant Tanager

### EUPHONIA

Scrub Euphonia  
Yellow-Throated Euphonia

### FLYCATCHERS

Great-Kiskadee Flycatcher  
Boat-Billed Flycatcher  
Social Flycatcher  
Streaked Flycatcher  
Sulphur-Bellied Flycatcher  
Dusky-Capped Flycatcher  
Brown-Crested Flycatcher  
White-Throated Flycatcher

### TROGONS

Black-Headed Flycatcher  
Violaceous Trogon

### ORIOLES

Baltimore Oriole  
Yellow-Tailed Oriole  
Black-Cowled Oriole  
Orchard Oriole

### PIGEONS, DOVES

Red-Billed Pigeon  
White-Tipped Dove  
Ruddy Ground-Dove

## **WARBLER**

Magnolia Warbler  
Black and White Warbler  
Black-Throated Warbler  
Yellow- Throated Warbler  
American Redstart  
Hooded Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Yellow-Breasted Chat  
Louisiana Waterthrush

## **HAWKS, KITES, FALCONS**

Gray Hawk  
Road-Side Hawk  
White-Tailed Hawk  
Black Hawk-Eagle  
Plumbeous Kite  
Collared Forest Falcon  
Laughing Falcon  
Bat Falcon  
American Kestrel

## **CUCKOOS**

Squirrel Cuckoo  
Yellow-Billed Cuckoo

## **WOODPECKERS**

Golden-Fronted Woodpecker  
Lineated Woodpecker  
Pale-Billed Woodpecker

## **TITYRAS**

Masked Tityra  
Black-Crowned Tityra

## **SIGHTED FROM BALCONY**

Brown Jay  
Green Jay  
Melodious Black Bird  
Great Tailed Grackle  
House Wren  
Plain Chachalaca  
Gray-Necked Wood-Rail  
Northern Jacana  
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl  
Vaux's Swift  
Olivaceous Woodcreeper  
Ruddy Woodcreeper  
White Collared Manakin  
Clay-Colored Thrush/ Robin  
Wood Thrush  
Gray Catbird  
Red-Legged HoneyCreeper  
White- Collared Seed Eater  
Blue-Black Grasquit  
Yellow-Faced Grasquit  
Grayish Saltator  
Black-Headed Saltator  
Blue Bunting

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# BIRD-WATCHING LIST FROM ALONG NATURE TRAILS

NOT INCLUDING THOSE SIGHTED IN THE OPEN

NOTE: The trail loops down to and along the Macal River and therefore species sighted there will also be listed.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Little Tinamou               | Black-Cheeked Woodpecker      |
| Least Grebe                  | Smoky-Brown Woodpecker        |
| Neotropic Cormorant          | Rufous-Breasted Spinetail     |
| Great Blue Heron             | Plain Xenops                  |
| Snowy Egret                  | Wedge-Billed Woodcreeper      |
| Little Blue Heron            | Ivory Billed Woodcreeper      |
| Tri-Colored Heron            | Streak-Headed Woodcreeper     |
| Cattle Egret                 | Barred Antshrike              |
| Green Heron                  | Yellow-Bellied Elaenia        |
| Black Crowned Night Heron    | Northern Bentbill             |
| Yellow Crowned Night Heron   | Eye-Ringed Flatbilled         |
| Boat-Billed Night Heron      | Yellow-Olive Flycatcher       |
| Bare-Throated Tiger Heron    | Royal Flycatcher              |
| Wood Stork (flyover)         | Sulphur Rumped Flycatcher     |
| Black-Bellied Whistling Duck | Black Phoebe                  |
| Osprey                       | Bright-Rumped Attila          |
| Gray-Headed Kite             | Rose-Throated Becard          |
| White Hawk                   | Red-Capped Manakin            |
| Common Black Hawk            | White-Eyed Vireo              |
| Limpkin                      | Mangrove Vireo                |
| Killdeer                     | Red-Eyed Vireo                |
| Black-Necked Stilt           | Lesser Greenlet               |
| Solitary Sandpiper           | Purple Martin                 |
| Spotted Sandpiper            | Mangrove Swallow              |
| Blue Ground Dove             | Northern Rough-Winged Swallow |
| Groove-Billed Ani            | Spot-Breasted Wren            |
| Vermiculated Screech Owl     | White-Bellied Wren            |
| Common Paraque               | Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher         |
| Northern Potoo               | Thick-Billed Seed-Finch       |
| Lesser Swallow-Tailed Swift  | Green-Backed Sparrow          |
| White-Necked Jacobin         | Olive Sparrow                 |
| Slaty-Tailed Trogon          | Blue Grossbeak                |
| Tody MotMot                  | Yellow-Billed Cacique         |
| White-Necked Puffbird        | Montezuma Oropendula          |
| White-Whiskered Puffbird     |                               |