

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	Wedged-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	