

Costa Rica's Caribbean Side Species List | October 17-27, 2024 With Naturalist Journeys



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Summary: Bird and nature enthusiasts from Arizona, California, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington traveled to Costa Rica to experience the Caribbean side of the country and to see the birds and other wildlife that live there. Starting in the Central Valley, we headed north climbing in elevation towards Poas Volcano National Park to look for high elevation species before dropping down into the Caribbean lowlands in the north-central part of the country near the Nicaraguan border at Maquenque Ec lodge. From there we spent time in the Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí area where we visited the famous La Selva Biological Station, before heading to the Atlantic coast in the southeast near the Panama border to experience the raptor migration. We finished our adventure with a couple of nights at the birding paradise that is Rancho Naturalista. As expected, a plethora of birds were seen during the tour including 28 species of hummingbirds, 29 species of flycatchers, 20 species of warblers and 23 species of tanagers and their allies, plus several species of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and butterflies. Not to mention the beautiful landscape we traveled through and the wonderful hospitality we experienced at every stop. For a detailed list of what was seen and where, please keep reading.

BIRDS (300 species): The eBird link below details the 300 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds was seen and how many.

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MAMMALS (14 species):

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*— Great looks at a youngster at Pierella Garden and another seen at Caribblue Beach Resort.

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*— One seen at Pierella Garden and two at Caribblue Beach Resort.

Nine-banded Armadillo *Dasybus novemcinctus*— One seen at Selva Verde Lodge.

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*— Seen on the San Carlos River boat tour roosting vertically on the underside of an angled tree trunk.

Honduran White Bat *Ectophylla alba*— Seen roosting at Pierella Garden and La Selva Biological Station.

Greater White-lined (sac-winged) Bat *Saccopteryx bilineata*— Seen at Veragua Rainforest.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*— Fairly common and seen at multiple locations.

Variegated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*— Common, seen at multiple locations.

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*— Seen at the Colibri Cafe feeding station and at Rancho Naturalista.

Central American Spider Monkey *Ateles geoffroyi*— Seen at Maquenque and on the San Carlos River boat tour.

Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata*— Heard at Maquenque and Selva Verde Lodge and seen at Pierella Garden, La Selva Biological Station and Caribblue Beach Resort.

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*— Seen at Maquenque.

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*— One seen at La Selva Biological Station.

Baird's Tapir *Tapirus bairdii*— One seen at Maquenque.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (11 species):

American Crocodile *Crocodylus acutus*— Seen on the San Carlos River boat tour.

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus*— Seen on the Sarapiquí River boat tour.

Black River Turtle *Rhinoclemmys funerea*— Seen from the suspension bridge over the Puerto Viejo River at La Selva Biological Station.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—Seen at Maquenque, on the San Carlos River boat tour, La Selva Biological Station and Selva Verde Lodge.

Emerald (Green) Basilisk *Basiliscus plumifrons*— (3) Seen at Maquenque, on the San Carlos River boat tour and Selva Verde Lodge.

Middle American Ameiva *Holcosus festivus*— Seen at La Selva Biological Station.

Neotropical Bird Snake *Phrynonax poecilonotus*— Seen at the restaurant at Maquenque.

Red-eyed Tree Frog *Agalychnis callidryas*— (1) Seen at Maquenque.

Strawberry Poison Dart Frog *Oophaga pumilio*— (3) Seen at La Selva Biological Station and Selva Verde Lodge.

Green and Black Poison Dart Frog *Dendrobates auratus*— (3) Seen at Caribblue Beach Resort.

Hourglass Tree Frog *Dendropsophus ebraccatus*— Seen at Maquenque.