

TROPICAL BIRDING

A Tropical Birding CUSTOM TOUR

Jamaica: The Caribbean Introtour

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The undeniable star of the show: The Jamaican Tody is a little gem.

Jamaica is the perfect place to begin exploring the Caribbean. It is easily reached from the US with regular flights, there is a good tourist infrastructure, and the impressive crop of endemics (27 by a conservative count) tops the Caribbean. The birding is relatively easy, and one has a good chance of seeing every endemic and even photographing many of them. The charm of the friendly locals, a distinctive cuisine, fantastic music, stunning scenery and world-famous coffee all add extra reasons to visit this already attractive destination. It's not just number of endemics either. The list boasts some absolute corkers with birds like Jamaican Tody, the long-tailed Streamertail hummingbird and Jamaican Owl being perennial favorites. Lush montane forest in the famous Blue Mountains National Park holds the vast majority of Jamaica's endemics, but dry forest of the Hellshire Hills, relaxing botanical gardens, the famous Ecclesdown Road in the base of the John Crow Mountains, and even a splash of birding on the coast and wetlands gives a very varied trip.

(Although this was a custom trip, it follows the same itinerary as our set departure tour.)

12th January - Kingston to the Blue Mountains

After a late arrival last night, we started our birding in the hotel parking lot this morning, while we waited for our local guide to arrive. We saw **White-crowned Pigeon**, **White-winged & Zenaida Doves**, a female **Streamertail** and a rather vocal **Northern Mockingbird** singing from the top of the building. After being picked up, we headed to an area of dry forest on the outskirts of Kingston, called Hellshire Hills. Named so as it is one of the hottest places in Jamaica. The skies were clear and even in winter it was pretty hot, although I wouldn't go as far as calling it hellish. We started at a local pond where we picked up a few common water birds, with **Blue-winged Teal**, **Tricolored Heron**, **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** and **Black-necked Stilt**, before starting our walk along the gravel road through the fascinating dry forest habitat. Along here we found **Smooth-billed Ani**, **Common Ground-Dove**, and **Mourning Dove**. The latter which is surprisingly rare in Jamaica. In the bushes and small trees, we saw **Jamaican Vireo**, **Prairie Warbler**, **Bananaquit** and **Jamaican Oriole** which is locally known as Auntie Katie.



Stolid Flycatcher is a target in the dry forest at Hellshire Hills.

Our two main targets of the morning though were **Stolid Flycatcher** and **Bahama Mockingbird**. Neither of these endemics but rather Caribbean specialties. We had great views of both of these rather understated birds, but spiced things up a bit with a couple of hummers on the way out. One of the smallest birds in the world, the **Vervain Hummingbird** and the endemic **Jamaican Mango**. On the way out, we stopped at the Wreck Bay pond where we saw **Magnificent Frigatebird**, **Brown Pelican**, **Little Blue Heron** and **Glossy Ibis**. We also added our first shorebirds of the trip, with **Black-necked Stilt**, **Black-bellied & Semipalmated Plovers**, **Killdeer**, **Least Sandpiper** and **Greater Yellowlegs**. We had just enough time to quickly check out the Greater Portmore Sewage ponds where we added **West Indian Whistling-Duck**, **Green Heron**, **Common Gallinule**, **Northern Jacana**, **Spotted Sandpiper** and **Lesser Yellowlegs**. We made it back for check out with minutes to spare, before packing up and heading for lunch at a local eatery serving traditional Jamaican cuisine.

After lunch we went to check out the Hope Botanical Gardens which is located near the base of the road going up to the Blue Mountains. Just after the gate, our local guide stopped the car, looked up into a small tree, and said 'Potoo'. We pulled over and got out to find a **Northern Potoo** perched in a rather conspicuous fashion. It was rather cooperative and even opened its eyes for us. After we had taken our fill of photos we continued on in to the gardens. We found several common species easily, including **Jamaican Woodpecker**, **American Kestrel** and **Loggerhead Kingbird**. We also had good warbler activity with good views of **American Redstart**, **Cape May Warbler** and **Northern Parula**. Our main target remaining though was the endemic **Yellow-billed Parrot**. Our guide was an expert on the species, but we still struggled. We finally found a group foraging low down in a fruiting tree which posed nicely for photos. It was time now to head up to our beautifully situated lodge in the Blue Mountains; our base for the next two days. Mountain birding would have to wait for tomorrow, but we did find a **Chuck-will's-widow** perched on top of a light just across from the restaurant.



Northern Potoo strikes a pose in Hope Gardens.



The endemic Yellow-billed Parrot & Jamaican Spindalis.

13th January - Blue Mountains

We had a pre-breakfast try for the Jamaica Owl along the road near our lodge but there was no response to our gruff hoots. We did see the **Chuck-will's-widow** on the same light as last night, though. As the day dawned, birds came in to pick off insects that had been brought in by the lights overnight, and we saw **Sad & Rufous-tailed Flycatchers** (both endemic), **Loggerhead Kingbird**, **White-chinned Thrush**, **American Redstart**, **Orangequit** and the beautiful **Jamaican Spindalis**. Red-billed **Streamertails** had also started coming to the feeders and people were busy photographing a stunning male. After a filling breakfast we continued birding the Silverhill Gap area.



The stunning endemic Streamertail is easily seen at feeders.

We slowly built our list of endemics, with **Ring-tailed Pigeon, Jamaican Woodpecker, Jamaican Pewee, Blue Mountain & Jamaican Vireos, Jamaican Euphonia**, and the seemingly ever-present **White-chinned Thrush**, locally known as 'Hopping Dick' for its habit of hopping along roads. The most threatened, and usually one of the toughest endemics to find is the endangered **Jamaican Blackbird**, but today we located them quickly and had great views. Of course, one of the 'must see' birds in Jamaica is the **Jamaican Tody**. We found a few of these luminous green bundles of cuteness, but getting a photo was a little more difficult as they seem to hop to the next branch just before you focus on them. Patience prevailed and we finally got results. We had plenty of warblers during the morning, including **Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart** and **Black-throated Blue Warbler**. Of course, the one that everybody wanted to see was the endemic **Arrowhead Warbler**, which we finally got good views of but photographing these was even more challenging.



The restless little Arrowhead Warbler has a totally different feeding behaviour from Black-and-white Warbler.

Next, we tried the well-known Woodside Track, one of the best sites for maybe the toughest endemic, the **Crested Quail-Dove**. We had one calling up in a tree, but unfortunately it flushed before we could locate it. We did find the even more difficult to see **Ruddy Quail-Dove** which we got in the scope. We had a few other nice additions with **Red-tailed Hawk, Greater Antillean Elaenia, Greater Antillean Bullfinch** and the endemic **White-eyed Thrush**. We called it a morning and returned to the lodge for lunch, after which we took a short tour of a local coffee grower who explained the all the stages in the production process of the world famous Blue Mountain coffee. We also got to try a cup and of course buy a few bags straight from the producer. It was misty and rainy by now, but we had a gap and walked the road through some great habitat and succeeded in locating a **Crested Quail-Dove** which flew in and perched to give great scope views. It had been a tremendously successful day and we now only had a small handful of endemics still to find.

14th January – Blue Mountains to Port Antonia

We took another bash at the **Jamaican Owl** again before breakfast, this time a different spot came up trumps and we got great views. After breakfast, we packed up and started birding our way down the slope towards the north coast. Two major targets of the day were the 2 endemic species of cuckoo, and as luck would have it we found them both easily today. They both have unusual croaking calls. **Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo** does a low croak, and **Jamaican Lizard-Cuckoo** does a higher-pitched croak. The Chestnut-bellied is therefore locally known as the 'Old Man Bird' and the Jamaican Lizard-Cuckoo, the 'Old Woman Bird'. Important targets under our belts, we enjoyed more great views of the endemics, including **Ring-tailed Pigeon**, **Jamaican Tody**, **Jamaican Woodpecker**, **Jamaican Elaenia**, **Jamaican Pewee**, both vireos, **White-eyed Thrush**, **Orangequit**, **Jamaican Spindalis**, **Jamaican Euphonia** and the rare **Jamaican Blackbird** feeding around the base of bromeliads.



Jamaican Owl & Jamaican Lizard-Cuckoo



The endemic Orangequit & Jamaican Blackbird.

It got to 10am and we finished our mountain birding and drove down to the coast. We passed the Port Antonio Bay where some **Magnificent Frigatebirds** were circling over the water, and also **Great Blue Heron** and **Belted Kingfisher** by the water's edge. We had some fantastic burgers at a well-known restaurant with a nice garden which we took a stroll around. We had our coffee souvenirs bought, but we also stopped to buy some rum to take back. We arrived at the amusingly-named Goblin Hill Villas and strolled around the gardens until our rooms were ready to enter. We had great views of **Jamaican Mango** and **Black-billed Streamertails** by the feeders, then took a break before heading out birding along the San San Police Station Road. Before getting out of the vehicle we had a **Ruddy Quail-Dove** and an **Ovenbird** by the side of the road. Our main target though, was the **Caribbean Dove** which were calling everywhere but seeing them was another matter. We finally got some of the group on one before it flew off but we only heard our other target, the **Jamaican Becard**. That would have to wait for tomorrow. We had a delicious Jamaican meal to finish off another wonderful day.



We had fine views of White-tailed Tropicbirds from atop the cliffs at Hector's River.

15th January – Hector's River & Ecclesdown Road

An early start was required today as it was about an hour to our first birding site. During breakfast, we had a **Jamaican Owl** giving its gruff hoot in a tree right next to us. We left our scrambled eggs briefly and rushed out to see this very unusual owl one more time. We were on our way to a small town called Hector's River on a section of the coast with cliffs where **White-tailed Tropicbirds** are known to breed. We stood on the top of the cliffs and soon spotted several tropicbirds over the sea, far along the coast. As we were figuring out how we would get closer looks, they actually came closer to us and we ended up with great views. They are not guaranteed at this time of year so we counted our lucky stars. Next, we set off for the Ecclesdown Road and had a lucky **Mangrove Cuckoo** en route. This site was our last chance for a couple of endemics we were still missing.



More endemics: Black-billed Parrots & Jamaican Mango.

We had several good birds during the morning, including **Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo**, **Blue Mountain Vireo**, **Orangequit**, **Greater Antillean Bullfinch** and **Jamaican Oriole**. We also had excellent views of 2 endemics we were still missing: **Black-billed Parrot** and **Jamaican Becard**. Although we had seen **Jamaican Tody** numerous times, some participants were still lacking photos. Some more effort gave us our best views yet of this gorgeous little bird. We made it back to our lodge for lunch and a rest, during which time it rained heavily. Luckily it cleared up a bit in the afternoon and we were able to bird a little on the grounds. We had our first views of **Olive-throated Parakeet** and **Greater Antillean Grackle**, and more fine views of the endemic **Jamaican Mango** and the black-billed form of **Streamertail** which was formally considered a separate species. We strolled about the expansive lawns and also scoped **American Kestrel** and a **White-crowned Pigeon**. At the bottom of the gardens, we found quite a concentration of birds that had been attracted by a fruiting tree. Here we saw **American Redstart**, **Black-throated Blue Warbler**, **Orangequit**, **Jamaican Spindalis**, **Jamaican Euphonia** and our penultimate endemic, the **Yellow-shouldered Grassquit**. Luckily we had one more chance for our final endemic one the way to the airport tomorrow.



Cutting it fine, we got out last endemic on our way to the airport.

15th January – Castleton Botanical Gardens to Kingston

We had an early afternoon flight so only had a short time left to bird. It was about a 3 hour drive back to the airport and about half way we reached the small Castleton Botanical Gardens. It was set in a very lush valley and home to our final endemic, the **Jamaican Crow**. It didn't take long to find one, which is lucky because we didn't have long. Happy with our clean sweep we continued on to Kingston where we saw a few **Antillean Palm-Swifts** flying around the suburbs. We stopped to pick up my luggage that had just arrived at our Kingston hotel. Better late than never. One birding stop near the airport to add **Royal Terns & Laughing Gulls** before we arrived with plenty of time to check in for our return flights. We bid our local guide farewell and thanked him for a job well done.

BIRD LIST

Taxonomy follows eBird/Clements online checklist v2017.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)

West Indian Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arborea*

Vulnerable. Seen at Great Portmore sewage works.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Tropicbirds (Phaethontidae)

White-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon lepturus catesbyi*

Seen at Hector's River.

Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Seen in Kingston & Port Antonio.

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus o. occidentalis*

Seen at Hellshire Hills, Kingston & Port Antonio.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias occidentalis*

Seen at Great Portmore sewage works & Port Antonio.

Great Egret *Ardea alba egretta*

Seen at Hellshire Hills, Great Portmore sewage works & Port Antonio.

Snowy Egret *Egretta t. thula*

Seen at Hellshire Hills, Great Portmore sewage works & Port Antonio.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Seen at Hellshire Hills, Great Portmore sewage works & Castleton Botanical Gardens.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor ruficollis*

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus i. ibis*

Seen at Hellshire Hills, Great Portmore sewage works, Hope Gardens & Port Antonio.

Green Heron *Butorides v. virescens*

Seen at Great Portmore sewage works.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea bancrofti*

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

Seen at Hellshire Hills & Great Portmore sewage works.

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes a. aura*

Seen at throughout.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo j. jamaicensis*

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata cerceris*

Seen at Great Portmore sewage works.

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus m. mexicanus*

Seen at Hellshire Hills & Great Portmore sewage works.

Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus ternominatus*

Near-threatened. Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus ternominatus* **Caribbean Endemic ssp**

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Jacanas (Jacanidae)**Northern Jacana** *Jacana spinose violacea* **Caribbean Endemic ssp**

Seen at Great Portmore sewage works.

Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Seen at Great Portmore sewage works.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

Seen at Hellshire Hills & Great Portmore sewage works.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Seen at Great Portmore sewage works.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus a. atricilla*

Seen near Kingston Airport.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus m. maximus*

Seen near Kingston Airport.

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*

Introduced. Seen in urban areas.

White-crowned Pigeon *Patagioenas leucocephala*

Near-threatened. Seen in Kingston, Hope Gardens & Goblin Hill.

Ring-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas caribaea* **Endemic**

Vulnerable. Seen in the Blue Mountains & at Goblin Hill.

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerine jamaicensis* **Endemic subspecies**

Seen at Hellshire Hills, in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

Crested Quail-Dove *Geotrygon versicolor* **Endemic**

Near-threatened. Seen in the Blue Mountains.

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon m. montana*

Seen in the Blue Mountains & at San San.

Caribbean Dove Seen at San San & heard near Hector's River.	<i>Leptotila j. jamaicensis</i>	Endemic subspecies
White-winged Dove Seen at Kingston, Hellshire Hills & Hope Gardens.	<i>Zenaida a. asiatica</i>	
Zenaida Dove Seen at Hellshire Hills, Hope Gardens, in the Blue Mountains & at Goblin Hill.	<i>Zenaida aurita zenaida</i>	<i>Caribbean endemic ssp</i>
Mourning Dove Seen at Hellshire Hills.	<i>Zenaida m. macroura</i>	<i>Caribbean endemic ssp</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)		
Smooth-billed Ani Seen at Hellshire Hills & Hope Gardens.	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	
Mangrove Cuckoo Seen near Hector's River.	<i>Coccyzus minor</i>	
Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.	<i>Coccyzus pluvialis</i>	Endemic
Jamaican Lizard-Cuckoo Seen in the Blue Mountains.	<i>Coccyzus vetula</i>	Endemic
Owls (Strigidae)		
Jamaican Owl Seen in the Blue Mountains.	<i>Pseudoscops grammicus</i>	Endemic
Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)		
Chuck-will's-widow Seen in the Blue Mountains.	<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	
Potoos (Nyctibiidae)		
Northern Potoo Seen at Hope Gardens.	<i>Nyctibius j. jamaicensis</i>	Endemic subspecies
Swifts (Apodidae)		
Antillean Palm-Swift Seen in Kingston.	<i>Tachornis phoenicobia</i>	<i>Caribbean endemic</i>
Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)		
Jamaican Mango Seen at Hellshire Hills & Goblin Hill.	<i>Anthracothorax mango</i>	Endemic
Vervain Hummingbird Seen at Hellshire Hills & Hope Gardens	<i>Mellisuga minima</i>	Endemic subspecies
Streamertail Red-billed seen at Hope Gardens & in the Blue Mountains. Black-billed seen at Goblin Hill.	<i>Trochilus polytmus</i>	Endemic
Todies (Todidae)		
Jamaican Tody Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.	<i>Todus todus</i>	Endemic
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)		
Belted Kingfisher Seen at Port Antonio.	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

Woodpeckers (Picidae)**Jamaican Woodpecker***Melanerpes radiolatus***Endemic**

Seen at Hope Gardens & in the Blue Mountains.

Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)**American Kestrel***Falco sparverius dominicensis***Caribbean endemic ssp**

Seen at Hope Gardens, in the Blue Mountains, Goblin Hill & Hector's River.

New World and African Parrots (Psittacidae)**Black-billed Parrot***Amazona agilis***Endemic**

Vulnerable. Seen at Ecclesdown Road.

Yellow-billed Parrot*Amazona collaria***Endemic**

Vulnerable. Seen at Hope Gardens.

Olive-throated (Jamaican) Parakeet*Eupsittula n. nana***Endemic subspecies**

Near-threatened. Seen at Goblin Hill.

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)**Jamaican Elaenia***Myiopagis cotta***Endemic**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

Greater Antillean Elaenia*Elaenia f. fallax***Endemic subspecies**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

Jamaican Pewee*Contopus pallidus***Endemic**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

Sad Flycatcher*Myiarchus barbirostris***Endemic**

Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

Rufous-tailed Flycatcher*Myiarchus validus***Endemic**

Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

Stolid Flycatcher*Myiarchus s. stolidus***Endemic subspecies**

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

Loggerhead Kingbird*Tyrannus caudifasciatus jamaicensis***Endemic subspecies**

Seen at Hope Gardens, in the Blue Mountains, Goblin Hill & Ecclesdown Road.

Tityras and Allies (Tityridae)**Jamaican Becard***Pachyramphus niger***Endemic**

Seen at Ecclesdown Road & heard at San San.

Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)**Blue Mountain Vireo***Vireo osburni***Endemic**

Near-threatened. Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

Jamaican Vireo*Vireo modestus***Endemic**

Seen at Hellshire Hills, in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)**Jamaican Crow***Corvus jamaicensis***Endemic**

Seen at Castleton Botanical Gardens.

Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)**Rufous-throated Solitaire***Myadestes genibarbis solitaries***Endemic subspecies**

Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

White-eyed Thrush

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

*Turdus jamaicensis***Endemic****White-chinned Thrush**

Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

*Turdus aurantius***Endemic****Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)****Bahama Mockingbird**

Seen at Hellshire Hills.

*Mimus gundlachii hillii***Endemic subspecies****Northern Mockingbird**

Seen in Kingston, at Hope Gardens & Goblin Hill.

*Mimus polyglottos Orpheus***Caribbean endemic ssp****New World Warblers (Parulidae)****Ovenbird**

Seen at San San & Castleton Botanical Gardens.

*Seiurus aurocapilla***Worm-eating Warbler**

Seen by the guides in the Blue Mountains.

*Helmitheros vermivorum***Louisiana Waterthrush**

Seen by the guides in the Blue Mountains.

*Parkesia motacilla***Black-and-white Warbler**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

*Mniotilta varia***Swainson's Warbler**

Seen by the guide in the Blue Mountains.

*Limnothlypis swainsonii***Common Yellowthroat**

Seen in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

*Geothlypis trichas***Arrowhead Warbler**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

*Setophaga pharetra***Endemic****American Redstart**

Seen at Hellshire Hills, Hope Gardens & in the Blue Mountains.

*Setophaga ruticilla***Cape May Warbler**

Seen at Hope Gardens.

*Setophaga tigrina***Northern Parula**

Seen at Hope Gardens & in the Blue Mountains.

*Setophaga americana***Black-throated Blue Warbler**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

*Setophaga caerulescens***Prairie Warbler**

Seen at Hellshire Hills, in the Blue Mountains & at Hector's River.

*Setophaga discolor***Tanagers and Allies (Thraupidae)****Bananaquit**

Seen at Hellshire Hills & in the Blue Mountains.

*Coereba f. flaveola***Endemic subspecies****Yellow-faced Grassquit**

Heard in the Blue Mountains.

*Tiaris o. olivaceus***Caribbean endemic ssp****Black-faced Grassquit**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

*Tiaris bicolor marchii***Caribbean endemic ssp****Orangequit**

Seen in the Blue Mountains & at Ecclesdown Road.

*Euneornis campestris***Endemic****Greater Antillean Bullfinch**

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

*Loxigilla violacea ruficollis***Endemic subspecies****Yellow-shouldered Grassquit**

Seen at Goblin Hill.

*Loxipasser anoxanthus***Endemic**

Spindalises (Spindalidae)**Jamaican Spindalis***Spindalis nigricephala***Endemic**

Seen in the Blue Mountains, Goblin Hill & Ecclesdown Road.

Troupials and Allies (Icteridae)**Jamaican Oriole***Icterus l. leucopteryx***Endemic subspecies**

Seen at Hellshire Hills, in the Blue Mountains & Ecclesdown Road.

Jamaican Blackbird*Nesopsar nigerrimus***Endemic**

Endangered. Seen in the Blue Mountains.

Great-tailed Grackle*Quiscalus mexicanus*

Introduced. Seen by the guide at the airport.

Greater Antillean Grackle*Quiscalus niger crassirostris***Endemic subspecies**

Seen at Hope Gardens, Kingston & Goblin Hill

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)**Jamaican Euphonia***Euphonia jamaica***Endemic**

Seen at Hope Gardens, in the Blue Mountains & Goblin Hill.

Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)**Scaly-breasted Munia***Lonchura punctulate*

Introduced. A flock of munias seen briefly at Great Portmore sewage works were probably this species.

MAMMALS**Indian Gray Mongoose***Herpestes edwardsii*

Introduced. Seen in the Blue Mountains and on Ecclesdown Road.

REPTILES**Blue Mountain Anole***Anolis reconditus***Endemic**

Seen by the guide in the Blue Mountains.

Jamaican Giant Anole*Anolis garmani*

Seen in the Blue Mountains.

American Crocodile*Crocodylus acutus*

Vulnerable. Great Portmore sewage works.