

Jamaica Trip Report

Island Endemics

7th to 12th February 2015 (6 days)



Jamaican Tody by Clayton Burne

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Jamaica is one of those destinations that one looks forward to visiting over and over again. I was thus most pleased to have the opportunity of leading another group around this beautiful island. We all arrived in Kingston on what would have been Bob Marley's birthday, the street parties and celebrations in full swing across the capital city. Despite this, we mostly had a very sound rest before the adventure started the following morning.

An early rendezvous at reception, a spot of baggage packing and we were off across the capital city of Kingston, only to stop after a few minutes to collect our local guide. Despite the stop/start beginning, we arrived at the nearby Hellshire Hills just after dawn. This dry, practically xerophytic habitat occupies only a small part of the island east of Kingston. It also happens to be the only location outside of northern Cuba and the Bahamas to host Bahama Mockingbird, and the only location besides Hispaniola to host Stolid Flycatcher. The dawn chorus was rather dead to be fair, barely a movement



Jamaican Woodpecker by Clayton Burne

or call to be seen or heard. Soon enough the activity picked up though and we all managed good scoped views of Jamaican Mango, while Jamaican Vireo proved slightly more elusive amongst the thorny tangles. White-winged Doves set off for the feeding patches and Common Ground Doves flushed on a regular basis. Stolid Flycatcher called from a secluded patch of scrub before voluntarily moving very close to our position. The near endemic flycatcher lived up to its name, remaining rather calm and 'unemotional' while perched on a nearby thorn bush. Another near endemic and formerly the world's smallest bird (relegated into 2nd position by Cuba's Bee Hummingbird), Vervain Hummingbird fed nearby before perching up for good scope views. A male Jamaican Oriole (found outside of Jamaica only on San Andrés Island east of Nicaragua) perched and preened for us in the scope.

Despite the seemingly quiet morning, we were making good progress. A Caribbean Dove walked



Rufous-tailed Flycatcher by Clayton Burne

across the road for some before disappearing amongst the scrub. Northern Mockingbirds were present in large numbers, but we had yet to find the major target of the area; Bahama Mockingbird. Nor would we, despite spending a few hours in the right habitat and checking every mockingbird seen; we could neither see nor hear a squeak out of this species. We had to cut our losses at some point, so we left the mockingbird behind for another try later on in the tour. Commoner species abounded, a lone Brown Pelican cruised over the distant beach, while a Magnificent Frigatebird glided aimlessly in the early morning breeze. A loose flock of Smooth-billed Ani pierced the tranquil morning with their high-pitched screeches, North American warblers were in resplendent plumage, a stunning male American Redstart and both Black-throated Blue and Prairie Warblers, as well as the resident Mangrove Warbler, all paraded in style.

We left the dry Hellshire Hills behind and headed back across Kingston and into the Blue Mountains. A lone Glossy Ibis fed amongst the grassy central island of the main road while the inevitable Rock Dove was found by some of us... We arrived at our accommodation deep in the Blue Mountains in time for a short stint of birding and lunch. The purpose-built wooden deck overlooks shade-grown coffee and birds abound. Hummingbirds are fairly special to many birders, but Red-billed Streamertail has to be in the top 10 of them all. A bright red bill, dark black head and iridescent green chest, topped off by a staggeringly long split tail - it's a very impressive animal, even if common here. Vervain Hummingbirds were equally common, allowing for much better scoped views. A flock of Olive-throated Parakeet (soon to be split, probably as another endemic - Jamaican Parakeet), perched in a nearby fruiting tree, pairs of Orangequits foraged close by, and a single Whitechinned Thrush finally took to sitting on an exposed perch so we could all see it. The mostly grey Jamaican Euphonia was next, perhaps the dullest specimen of the entire genus. Dullness was soon replaced by a jewel though: Jamaican Tody was the most wanted



Rufous-throated Solitaire by Clayton Burne

bird of the entire trip for the majority of participants. A pair fed and vocalised incredibly close to us, allowing for extended views and photographic opportunities (most of us having to take a few steps back to fit in this diminutive species!).

A short rest after lunch preceded the drive to the nearby Old Mine Trail. Birding started off rather wet, as the threatening clouds eventually gave in to drizzle. The short spell of rain did improve the afternoons birding though, starting with two brilliant male Cape May Warblers and a motionless male Jamaican Spindalis. A Jamaican Pewee was found flycatching amongst a small coffee tree plantation before we found one of the major trip targets - Crested Quail-Dove. Walking back and forth along the steeply sloped coffee plantation were no less than three individuals, stopping for long enough to allow everyone great views of their oddly shaped, claw hammer-like head. Further up the trail we had short views of Yellow-shouldered Grassquit followed by a motionless Jamaican Woodpecker, while we attempted to relocate the rather flighty grassquits. A flock of Yellow-billed Amazons called from far away, precluding any view. Ring-tailed Pigeons started off slowly, just the



Jamaican Spindalis by Clayton Burne

odd bird perched up for scope views, before a large flock passed overhead en route to their roost sites. Interspersed with the Ring-taileds was a single White-crowned Pigeon. As the light began to fade, a small number of Rufous-throated Solitaire called from within a dark thicket. Some managed decent views before the bird disappeared from view. With that, we headed back to our vehicle for the short trip back to our lodge. As some of us waited for our shuttle vehicle to return, a Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo glided overhead before disappearing into some thick pine trees. It had been an excellent start to the tour, with no less that half the country's endemics already seen!

An early morning became a rather delayed one as breakfast dawdled somewhat. The concept of a Continental breakfast forever changed for all those present. Somewhat behind

schedule we made our way towards the higher slopes of the Blue Mountains in our boom box on wheels (essentially a Toyota Hiace minibus attached to a large number of subwoofers and boom boxes). Our delay had no impact on our birding time however, as we arrived just in time for the

dawn activity. First up, a pair of Greater Antillean Bullfinch that never provided a long and satisfying view, as is there habit. Crested Quail-Dove called loudly from the surrounding slopes without showing, a pair of Ruddy Quail-Dove only gave short views. Rufous-throated Solitaire called incessantly, but no amount of searching could elicit an occupied perch. New birds did present themselves though: a fruiting tree contained both White-eved and White-chinned Thrush, and even a solitaire stole a few berries before hiding itself. Jamaican Vireo showed well before the first major tick of the morning arrived in the form of two responsive Arrowhead Warblers. This was almost immediately followed by a perched and co-operative



Jamaican Euphonia by Clayton Burne

Rufous-throated Solitaire that gave us extended views. Greater Antillean Elaenia vocalised and showed for a short while before the rather unseasonal rain started to fall again. We never had to fight through much more than a drizzle fortunately, as we maintained the steady trickle of new birds. While attempting to find a vocalising Blue Mountain Vireo, a Jamaican Elaenia shot out of the nearby scrub before the vireo wrestled our eyes towards its direction instead. We were now ticking by nicely, with many of yesterday's lifers offering repeat views.

A furtive Worm-eating Warbler refused to sit still for long before we switched out attention to a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker instead. Some perseverance was required to eventually nail the bird down long enough for good scoped views. Black-throated Green Warbler proved equally tricky, only showing briefly as it gleaned the outer leaves of a dense tree before it disappeared for good. A male Jamaican Becard perched very close to us for a lengthy inquisition, returning to the canopy once it had decided we were of little interest in the food or territory department. We still had a few Myiarchus flycatchers to find, and a rather exuberant Sad Flycatcher obliged us towards the end of the morning. A skulking Common Yellowthroat perched in the open on a few occasions before returning to the business of feeding underneath the low-lying scrub. With that, our morning came to an end. Having intricately climbed back into the vehicle, we bumped our way back down the rocky road and to our hotel for lunch.



Ring-tailed Pigeon by Clayton Burne

With so few of the locally available endemics left to find, we look a more leisurely approach to the afternoon birding around the lodge for an hour or so. Nevertheless, Polly found us two Yellow-billed Amazons quietly feeding only a few feet away from us. Practically imperceptible while they managed walk away views. Strolling to the opposite end of the lodge provided us incredible looks at Myiarchus species we needed, the large and rather attractive Rufous-tailed



Flycatcher. The rest of the afternoon provided little more barring a female Canada Warbler feeding amongst the shade grown coffee.

We started the next day early, but well, as we managed to depart at the prescribed time for a change. A windy and bumpy drive saw us arriving near Hardwar Gap not long after dawn. With so many of the endemics already seen very well, we enjoyed repeat views while concentrating on the rather tricky Jamaican Blackbird - a species that enjoys poking about amongst the epiphyte-laden trees. The



Black-tailed Streamertail by Clayton Burne

hours ticked by without so much as a whimper, and as thoughts turned to an imminent coffee stop—we lucked out when a stunning individual was found feeding in a rather exposed fashion. We spent a good 15 minutes watching the bird working its jet-black self up, down and around tree trunks rooting for insects. With the morning pressure off, we made our way to a cliff-hugging residence for a well deserved cup of tea and coffee. Jamaican Euphonia proved irresistible as they fed on a nearby *Hibiscus* tree, while we sat comfortably with drinks in hand. Some of us purchased locally grown, roasted and packaged coffee before setting off for the north coast.

Temperatures increased significantly as we dropped into the more humid north coast valleys before exiting along the stunning coastline. We had pleasurable views of a calm and attractive Caribbean Ocean while traversing the seaside road. A picnic lunch was enjoyed not far from Port Antonio before we drove the final stretch to our much anticipated hotel. A cool and very welcoming drink was taken just as the leaden skies opened up around us. A short rest was followed by afternoon tea and a gentle stroll about the gardens (*not* a yard!). Male Black-billed Streamertails seemed to occupy each individual flowering shrub allowing for excellent views, while a pair of Sad Flycatcher



Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo by Clayton Burne

ended the afternoon's birding. Two attempts were made for the resident Jamaican Owl, but nothing more than some vocalising after dinner was recorded.

Another early morning saw us at Ecclesdown Road, the final assault on Jamaica's remaining endemics. We got off to a patchy start: Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo heard, but not seen, Jamaican Crow so distant that ID was made by vocals, a flash or two of Black-billed Amazon. Better views were certainly desired, and as the morning brightened up we started to make progress. The brilliantly sunny morning lit up the valley below us, as hundreds of Yellow-billed Amazon made a noisy flight to their feeding grounds. Black-billed Amazons slowly altered their flight path in our direction, before we had fantastic perched views of three individuals. The pitch black Jamaican Crow also obliged us, flying straight over our heads. Despite having seen the species yesterday, Jamaican Blackbird is very rare in Ecclesdown Road area. We lucked out and had a single



male approach to within 20 yards or so. The quest was now on for Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo. Alerted by its harsh vocals, we scanned a section of the valley in hope - before a single individual was seen sitting near the top of a bamboo clump. We spent the next thirty minutes watching a pair of them feed, while bounding along branches and through leafy clumps. A few moments later a Green-rumped Parrotlet (an introduced species) perched near us for a few seconds.

We spent the remainder of the morning looking at the country's endemics again. A short walk at the nearby San San Police Station provided a very co-operative Louisiana Waterthrush. A bite to eat was followed by a twitch. Having received positive information earlier in the day, we proceeded to the easiest Jamaican Owl day roost site I've ever come across. Having taken our time over the owl, it was then time to head back to the hotel for an afternoon rest. A short walk about the property in the evening produced some new tour birds – White-collared Swift and an Indigo Bunting. Dinner was another excellent affair as we celebrated the birthday of one of our group.



Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo by Clayton Burne

With all the endemics already seen very well, we had a spare day to search for some of the more unusual species, as well as take a relaxing trip down the Rio Grande on a bamboo raft. Arriving at the coast a little after sunrise, we stood for only a few minutes before some distant White-tailed Tropicbirds came into view. Over the next twenty minutes we watched a number of individuals swooping into the bay, though never getting quite close enough for decent photos. A short drive saw us back at Ecclesdown Road where we took a picnic breakfast before another hour of birding turned up much better sightings of Black-billed Amazon. With that, we headed inland to the start of our rafting adventure down the Rio Grande, Jamaica's largest river. Two to a bamboo raft, we were expertly 'poled' through some small rapids and along the largely flat, clear blue river. Lunch was



Jamaican Oriole by Clayton Burne

taken along the river, an impressive beach-cooked meal of very tasty chicken and fish. Birding was largely muted, only the commoner herons and egrets to be seen. As we closed in on the river mouth, a few new species made their way onto the list including Caribbean Coot, Pied-billed Grebe, Ring-necked Duck and Tricolored Heron. A lone Grey Plover was the last new bird of the day, before we drove the short stretch back to our hotel for a few hours of down time. Tomorrow would be another early start as we traversed the island and headed back to Hellshire Hills for another attempt for the elusive Bahama Mockingbird.

Departing our stunning hotel for the last time, it was a long and winding road back to Kingston and Hellshire Hills. Fortunately for us, our local guide had set out slightly earlier and had a visual on Bahama Mockingbird. Unfortunately, we thought we were in different places, meaning we went running off in the wrong direction...but



what's a little exercise between friends anyway?! Returning to the road, a short ride had us at the correct trail and heading up a rocky gully to the right location. After failing on the first morning, here we were - as a pair of Bahama Mockingbirds vocalised and exposed themselves in the early morning sun. It took until the last morning, but we had now managed excellent views of every single endemic and near endemic bird to be found on Jamaica. We set off for the airport, a little earlier than planned, stopping to bird the harbour where we could. A few commoner species made it onto the list including Cabot's Tern, Laughing Gull, Ruddy Turnstone, and Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers. Norman Manley International Airport signalled the end of this short, but endemic-rich and really rewarding tour. Some of us headed back home, while half the group joined me for Rockjumper's next tour of the Greater Antilles in the Dominican Republic.

Total Species recorded: 98 (28 Endemics, 8 Near Endemics)

Annotated List of species recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows IOC (Version: 5.1): Gill, F. and Wright, M. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

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Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{IUCN codes: CR} = \textbf{Critically Endangered, EN} = \textbf{Endangered, VU} = \textbf{Vulnerable, EW} = \textbf{Extinct in the Wild, NT} = \textbf{Near Threatened, DD} = \textbf{Data Deficient} \\ \end{tabular}$

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

Ring-necked Duck

Rio Grande 11.2.

Ruddy Duck

Rio Grande 11.2.

Aythya collaris

Oxyura jamaicensis jamaicensis

Grebes Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe

Rio Grande 11.2.

Podilymbus podiceps antillarum

Tropicbirds Phaethontidae

White-tailed Tropicbird

Hardwar Gap 11.2.

Phaethon lepturus catesbyi

Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

American White Ibis

Eudocimus albus

Kingston 7.2.

Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus



Kingston 7.2.

Herons, Bitterns Ardeidae

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Nyctanassa violacea bancrofti

Rio Grande 11.2.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens virescens*

Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Frenchman's Cove 10.2 and Rio Grande 11.2.

Western Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

Kingston 7.2, Port Antonio 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2, Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Great Blue Heron

Ardea herodias occidentalis

Port Antonio 9.2, Frenchman's Cove 10.2, Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Great Egret

Ardea alba egretta

Kingston 7.2, Port Antonio 9.2, Frenchman's Cove 10.2, Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Tricolored Heron

Egretta tricolor ruficollis

Rio Grande 11.2.

Little Blue Heron

Egretta caerulea

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Port Antonio 9.2, Frenchman's Cove 10.2, Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Snowy Egret

Egretta thula thula

Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Brown Pelican

Pelecanus occidentalis occidentalis

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Port Antonio 9.2, Hardwar Gap 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Frigatebirds Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird

Fregata magnificens

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2 & 10.2, Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

New World Vultures Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2, Hardwar Gap 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis jamaicensis

Forres Park Hotel 7.2 & 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and Rio Grande 11.2.



Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Common Gallinule Gallinula galeata cerceris

Rio Grande 11.2.

Caribbean Coot (NT) Fulica caribaea

Rio Grande 11.2.

Plovers Charadriidae

Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola

Rio Grande 11.2.

Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae

Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius

Frenchman's Cove 10.2 and Rio Grande 11.2.

Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres

Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Semipalmated Sandpiper (NT)Calidris pusilla

Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Least Sandpiper Calidris minutilla

Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Laughing Gull Leucophaeus atricilla

Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Royal Tern Thalasseus maximus

Port Antonio 9.2.

Cabot's Tern Thalasseus acuflavidus

Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Pigeons, Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove (I) Columba livia

Kingston 7.2, Port Antonio 9.2, Frenchman's Cove 10.2, Hardwar Gap 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

White-crowned Pigeon (NT) Patagioenas leucocephala

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and Mockingbird Hill Hotel 11.2.

Ring-tailed Pigeon (VU) (E) Patagioenas caribaea

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Zenaida Dove Zenaida aurita zenaida



Kingston 7.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2, Frenchman's Cove 10.2 and Ecclesdown Road 11.2.

White-winged Dove

Zenaida asiatica asiatica

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Common Ground Dove

Columbina passerina jamaicensis

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Caribbean Dove

Leptotila jamaicensis jamaicensis

Hellshire Hills 7.2.

Crested Quail-Dove (NT) (E)

Geotrygon versicolor

Old Mine Trail 7.2, 1 heard Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Ruddy Quail-Dove

Geotrygon montana montana

Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and San San 10.2.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Smooth-billed Ani

Crotophaga ani

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo (E)

Coccyzus pluvialis

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and 1 heard Mockingbird Hill Hotel 11.2.

Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo (E)

Coccyzus vetula

Hardwar Gap 9.2.

Owls Strigidae

Jamaican Owl (E)

Pseudoscops grammicus

1 heard Forres Park Hotel 8.2, 1 heard Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2 and Frenchman's Cove 10.2.

Potoos Nyctibiidae

Northern Potoo

Nyctibius jamaicensis jamaicensis

Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Swifts Apodidae

White-collared Swift

Streptoprocne zonaris pallidifrons

Mockingbird Hill Hotel 10.2.

Hummingbirds Trochilidae

Jamaican Mango (E)

Anthracothorax mango

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2 and Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Red-billed Streamertail (E)

Trochilus polytmus

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Hardwar Gap 9.2.

Black-billed Streamertail (E)

Trochilus scitulus

Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and Mockingbird Hill Hotel 11.2.



Vervain Hummingbird (NE)

Mellisuga minima minima

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Belted Kingfisher

Megaceryle alcyon

Port Antonio 9.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 10.2 and Rio Grande 11.2.

Todies *Todidae*

Jamaican Tody (E)

Todus todus

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Jamaican Woodpecker (E)

Melanerpes radiolatus

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Sphyrapicus varius

Abbey Green Estate 8.2.

Caracaras, Falcons Falconidae

American Kestrel

Falco sparverius sparverius

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Forres Park Hotel 8.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and Mockingbird Hill Hotel 11.2.

Parrots Psittacidae

Olive-throated Parakeet

Eupsittula nana nana

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9-11.2.

Green-rumped Parrotlet (I)

Forpus passerinus

Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Yellow-billed Amazon (VU) (E)

Amazona collaria

1 heard Old Mine Trail 7.2, Forres Park Hotel 8.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Black-billed Amazon (VU) (E)

Amazona agilis

Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Tyrant Flycatchers Tyrannidae

Jamaican Elaenia (E)

Myiopagis cotta

Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Greater Antillean Elaenia (NE)

Elaenia fallax fallax

Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and 1 heard Ecclesdown Road 11.2.



Jamaican Pewee (E)

Contopus pallidus

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 11.2.

Loggerhead Kingbird

Tyrannus caudifasciatus jamaicensis

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2 and Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Sad Flycatcher (E)

Myiarchus barbirostris

Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Rufous-tailed Flycatcher (E)

Myiarchus validus

Forres Park Hotel 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Stolid Flycatcher (NE)

Myiarchus stolidus stolidus

Hellshire Hills 7.2.

Tityras, Becards Tityridae

Jamaican Becard (E)

Pachyramphus niger

Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Vireos, Greenlets Vireonidae

Jamaican Vireo (E)

Vireo modestus

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and 1 heard Mockingbird Hill Hotel 11.2.

Blue Mountain Vireo (NT) (E)

Vireo osburni

Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Hardwar Gap 9.2.

Crows, Jays Corvidae

Jamaican Crow (E)

Corvus jamaicensis

Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and 1 heard there 11.2.

Swallows, Martins Hirundinidae

Cave Swallow

Petrochelidon fulva poeciloma

Hardwar Gap 11.2.

Mockingbirds, Thrashers Mimidae

Northern Mockingbird

Mimus polyglottos orpheus

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9-11.2 and Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Bahama Mockingbird (NE)

Mimus gundlachii hillii

Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Thrushes Turdidae

Rufous-throated Solitaire

Myadestes genibarbis solitarius

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, 1 heard Hardwar Gap 9.2 and 1 heard Ecclesdown



Road 10.2 and 1 heard there 11.2.

White-eved Thrush (E)

Turdus jamaicensis

Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

White-chinned Thrush (E)

Turdus aurantius

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

Jamaican Euphonia (E)

Euphonia jamaica

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

New World Warblers Parulidae

Ovenbird

Seiurus aurocapilla

Forres Park Hotel 7.2 & 8.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Worm-eating Warbler

Helmitheros vermivorum

Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Louisiana Waterthrush

Parkesia motacilla

San San 10.2.

Black-and-white Warbler

Mniotilta varia

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Hardwar Gap 9.2.

Common Yellowthroat

Geothlypis trichas

Abbey Green Estate 8.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Arrowhead Warbler (E)

Setophaga pharetra

Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

American Redstart

Setophaga ruticilla

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Cape May Warbler

Setophaga tigrina

Forres Park Hotel 7.2 and Mockingbird Hill Hotel 10.2.

Northern Parula

Setophaga americana

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Mangrove Warbler

Setophaga petechia eoa

Hellshire Hills 7.2.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Setophaga caerulescens

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and Mockingbird Hill Hotel 11.2.

Prairie Warbler

Setophaga discolor

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Forres Park Hotel 8.2 and Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Black-throated Green Warbler

Setophaga virens



Abbey Green Estate 8.2.

Canada Warbler

Cardellina canadensis

Forres Park Hotel 8.2.

Oropendolas, Orioles & Blackbirds Icteridae

Jamaican Oriole (NE)

Icterus leucopteryx leucopteryx

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2 and Hellshire Hills 12.2.

Jamaican Blackbird (EN) (E)

Nesopsar nigerrimus

Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Greater Antillean Grackle

Quiscalus niger crassirostris

Kingston 7.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 10.2, Rio Grande 11.2 and Kingston Harbour 12.2.

Bananaquit Coerebidae

Bananaquit

Coereba flaveola flaveola

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Tanagers and Allies Thraupidae

Black-faced Grassquit

Tiaris bicolor marchii

Hellshire Hills 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Yellow-shouldered Grassquit (E)

Loxipasser anoxanthus

Old Mine Trail 7.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2.

Greater Antillean Bullfinch (NE)

Loxigilla violacea ruficollis

Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 9.2, Ecclesdown Road 10.2 and Mockingbird Hill Hotel 11.2.

Orangequit (E)

Euneornis campestris

Forres Park Hotel 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Jamaican Spindalis (E)

Spindalis nigricephala

Old Mine Trail 7.2, Abbey Green Estate 8.2, Hardwar Gap 9.2 and Ecclesdown Road 10.2 & 11.2.

Grosbeaks, Saltators & Allies Cardinalidae

Indigo Bunting

Passerina cyanea

Mockingbird Hill Hotel 10.2.

REPTILES

Graham's Anole

Anolis grahami

Hardwar Gap 9.2.



Stripefoot Anole (E)

Anolis lineatopus

Hardwar Gap 9.2, Mockingbird Hill Hotel 10.2 and Rio Grande 11.2.

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