



## Birds of Chan Chich Lodge and Gallon Jug Farm

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This list has been compiled from the experience of current and former naturalist guides at Chan Chich Lodge, the trip reports from individuals and birding groups who have visited over the past thirty years, and published records, as well as data available from eBird, the online citizen science project run by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and supported by the Audubon Society.

For this list we follow the current official bird names recognized by the annually updated eBird Clements Checklist, and organize the species not always by scientific families (which are often being changed based on genetic studies), but rather by general groups that share certain physiological traits, habitat preference, or common name. For example, current molecular systematic nomenclature would place the Western, Summer, and Scarlet Tanagers in the family Cardinalidae (Cardinals and allies) rather than Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies), but we keep all the tanagers together. Also, while grebes and ducks are not in the same family, or even the same order, they both swim in the two Lagunas here and are thus in the broadly defined Waterfowl section.

We have tried to follow a more logical but loose categorization based on the look of the species instead of genetic data, which allows us to order birds in what we hope is a more user-friendly manner for quick consultation. In this spirit, we do not include Latin scientific names, and species are organized alphabetically within their groups, which we still call “Families” despite our fluid use of the word in several cases. We hope the unorthodox nature of this list is in fact more accessible for beginning birders, who can refer to the collection of bird guidebooks in our library should they want more formal fare.

With each entry you can find an estimate of the “Likelihood” of seeing a given species. The categories, which rely on suitable habitat and seasonality, are: Abundant (around Chan Chich Lodge itself), Common, Uncommon, Rare, Historical (not seen in over 5 years), and Fewer than 5 records (<5). Of the 370+ species recorded here, nearly 30% are Migrant species and would be expected during the appropriate season. The rest are Residents of Belize, and about a dozen of those are Endemic to the general Yucatan region – these are labeled under “Status.”

We suggest *A Guide to the Birds of Mexico and Northern Central America* (Howell and Webb, 2015) and *Birds of Belize* (Jones and Gardner, 2004) as field guides. Those new to birding may find *101 Birds of Belize* (Carolyn Miller, 2009) helpful. The fourth column for each species in the table contains that bird’s plate number in *Birds of Belize*.

We encourage you to submit your sightings to eBird by visiting [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org) and finding the Chan Chich Hotspot. You may also consider downloading Cornell’s *Merlin* app, a great identification aid. If you have any questions at all, please ask one of our knowledgeable naturalist guides.

<b>Waterfowl</b>	<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
American Coot	R	M	14
Anhinga	C	R	1
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	H	R	4
Blue-winged Teal	U	M	4
Common Gallinule (formerly Moorhen)	U	M	14
Muscovy Duck	H	R	4
Least Grebe	U	R	14
Neotropic Cormorant	C	R	1
Pied-billed Grebe	U	M	14
Purple Gallinule	C	R	14
Sungrebe	U	R	14
<b>Waders and Rails</b>	<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Agami Heron	R	R	2
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron	C	R	2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	R	R	2
Boat-billed Heron	R	R	2
Cattle Egret	C	R/M	3
Gray-breasted Crake	H, <5	R	13
Great Blue Heron	C	M	2
Great Egret	C	R	3
Green Heron	C	R/M	2
Jabiru	R	R	3
Limpkin	C	M	2
Little Blue Heron	C	M	3
Northern Jacana	C	R	14
Pinnated Bittern	U	R	2
Ruddy Crake	C	R	13
Russet-naped Wood-Rail (formerly Gray-necked)	C	R	13
Snowy Egret	U	R	3
Sora	H, <5	M	13
Tricolored Heron	R	M	3
Wood Stork	U	R	3
White Ibis	<5	R	3
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	C	R	2
<b>Shorebirds and Semi-Pelagics</b>	<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Black-necked Stilt	U	M	16
Brown Pelican	H, <5	R/M	1
Greater Yellowlegs	U	M	17
Killdeer	C	M	15
Magnificent Frigatebird	H, <5	R	1
Least Sandpiper	U	M	18
Pectoral Sandpiper	H, <5	M	18
Solitary Sandpiper	R	M	17
Spotted Sandpiper	C	M	17
Wilson’s Snipe	R	M	17
<b>Junglefowl</b>	<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Crested Guan	C	R	12
Great Curassow	C	R	12
Great Tinamou	C	R	12
Little Tinamou	R	R	12
Ocellated Turkey	A	E	12
Plain Chachalaca	C	R	12
Slaty-breasted Tinamou	C	R	12
Spotted Wood-Quail	R	R	12
Thicket Tinamou	U	R	12
<b>Vultures</b>	<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Black Vulture	C	R	5
King Vulture	C	R	5
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	R	R	5
Turkey Vulture	C	R	5

<b>Eagles, Hawks, and Kites</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Bicolored Hawk		R	M	8
Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle		R	R	7
Black-collared Hawk		C	R	6
Black Hawk-Eagle		C	R	7
Broad-winged Hawk		H, <5	M	6
Common Black Hawk		U	R	5
Cooper's Hawk		H, <5	M	8
Crane Hawk		R	R	9
Crested Eagle		H, <5	R	5
Double-toothed Kite		C	R	7
Gray Hawk		C	R	6
Gray-headed Kite		U	R	7
Great Black Hawk		C	R	5
Harpy Eagle		H, <5	R	5
Hook-billed Kite		U	R	7
Northern Harrier		R	M	9
Ornate Hawk-Eagle		C	R	7
Osprey		R	R/M	5
Plumbeous Kite		C	M	9
Red-tailed Hawk		H	M	6
Roadside Hawk		A	R	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk		H, <5	M	8
Short-tailed Hawk		C	M	6
Snail Kite		R	R	9
Swallow-tailed Kite		C	M	9
White Hawk		C	R	6
White-tailed Hawk		U	M	6
White-tailed Kite		C	M	9
Zone-tailed Hawk		H	R	6
<b>Falcons</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
American Kestrel		C	M	8
Aplomado Falcon		R	R	8
Barred Forest-Falcon		U	R	7
Bat Falcon		C	R	8
Collared Forest-Falcon		U	R	7
Laughing Falcon		C	R	9
Merlin		R	M	8
Peregrine Falcon		R	M	8
<b>Doves and Pigeons</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Blue Ground-Dove		C	R	22
Common Ground-Dove		R	R	22
Gray-headed Dove (formerly Gray-fronted)		A	R	22
Mourning Dove		H, <5	M	21
Pale-vented Pigeon		C	R	21
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove		U	R	22
Red-billed Pigeon		A	R	21
Ruddy Ground-Dove		C	R	22
Ruddy Quail-Dove		C	R	22
Scaled Pigeon		C	R	21
Short-billed Pigeon		C	R	21
White-tipped Dove		U	R	22
White-winged Dove		H, <5	M	21
<b>Parrots</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Brown-hooded Parrot		C	R	23
Mealy Parrot		C	R	23
Olive-throated Parakeet		C	R	23
Yellow-headed Parrot		H, <5	R	23
Yellow-lored Parrot		R	R	23
White-crowned Parrot		C	R	23
White-fronted Parrot		U	R	23

<b>Cuckoos</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Groove-billed Ani		C	R	24
Pheasant Cuckoo		R	R	24
Squirrel Cuckoo		C	R	24
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		H, <5	R	24
<b>Owls and Nightjars</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Barn Owl		C	R	25
Black-and-white Owl		U	R	25
Central American Pygmy-Owl		U	R	25
Common Pauraque		A	R	26
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl		U	R	25
Lesser Nighthawk		R	M	26
Mottled Owl		C	R	25
Northern Potoo		C	R	26
Spectacled Owl		U	R	25
Vermiculated Screech-Owl		U	R	25
Yucatan Nightjar		R	E/M	26
Yucatan Poorwill		U	R	26
<b>Swifts and Swallows</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Barn Swallow		C	M	41
Cliff Swallow		H, <5	M	41
Gray-breasted Martin		C	R	41
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift		C	R	F22
Mangrove Swallow		C	R	41
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		C	M	41
Purple Martin		C	M	41
Tree Swallow		R	M	41
Vaux's Swift		C	R	F22
White-collared Swift		U	R	F22
White-throated Swift		H	R	F22
<b>Hummingbirds</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Buff-bellied Hummingbird		U	R	28
Canivet's Emerald		U	R	28
Green-breasted Mango		C	R	27
Long-billed Hermit (formerly Long-tailed)		A	R	27
Purple-crowned Fairy		C	R	27
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird		A	R	28
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		U	M	28
Scaly-breasted Hummingbird		C	R	28
Stripe-throated Hermit		C	R	27
Wedge-tailed Sabrewing		U	R	27
White-bellied Emerald		C	R	28
White-necked Jacobin		A	R	27
<b>Trogons</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Black-headed Trogon		C	R	29
Collared Trogon		U	R	29
Gartered Trogon (formerly Violaceous)		C	R	29
Slaty-tailed Trogon		A	R	29
<b>Motmots</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Lesson's Motmot (formerly Blue-crowned)		C	R	29
Tody Motmot		U	R	29
<b>Kingfishers</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Amazon Kingfisher		C	R	30
American Pygmy Kingfisher		C	R	30
Belted Kingfisher		C	M	30
Green Kingfisher		C	R	30
Ringed Kingfisher		C	R	30
<b>Jacamars and Puffbirds</b>		<i>Li</i>	<i>St</i>	
Rufous-tailed Jacamar		C	R	29
White-necked Puffbird		C	R	29
White-whiskered Puffbird		C	R	29

<b>Toucans</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Collared Aracari		C	R	30
Emerald Toucanet		U	R	30
Keel-billed Toucan		C	R	30
<b>Woodpeckers</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Acorn Woodpecker		H, <5	R	31
Black-cheeked Woodpecker		A	R	31
Chestnut-colored Woodpecker		C	R	31
Golden-fronted Woodpecker		C	R	31
Golden-olive Woodpecker		C	R	31
Lineated Woodpecker		C	R	31
Pale-billed Woodpecker		C	R	31
Smoky-brown Woodpecker		C	R	31
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		R	M	31
<b>Foliage-gleaners</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner		R	R	32
Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner		H, <5	R	32
Plain Xenops		C	R	33
Rufous-breasted Spinetail		H	R	33
Scaly-throated Leaf-tosser		C	R	32
<b>Woodcreepers</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper		C	R	32
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper		C	R	32
Olivaceous Woodcreeper		C	R	32
Ruddy Woodcreeper		C	R	32
Streak-headed Woodcreeper		U	R	32
Strong-billed Woodcreeper		C	R	32
Tawny-winged Woodcreeper		C	R	32
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper		U	R	32
<b>Antbirds</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Barred Antshrike		C	R	33
Black-faced Antthrush		C	R	33
Dot-winged Antwren		C	R	33
Dusky Antbird		C	R	33
Plain Antvireo		C	R	33
<b>Flycatchers</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Boat-billed Flycatcher		C	R	37
Bright-rumped Attila		C	R	35
Brown-crested Flycatcher		C	M	36
Cassin's Kingbird		H, <5	M	F24
Common Tody-Flycatcher		R	R	34
Couch's Kingbird		C	R	37
Dusky-capped Flycatcher		C	M	36
Eastern Kingbird		C	M	37
Eastern Wood-Pewee		C	M	36
Eye-ringed Flatbill		C	R	35
Fork-tailed Flycatcher		C	R	37
Great Crested Flycatcher		C	M	36
Great Kiskadee		C	R	37
Greenish Elaenia		C	R	34
Least Flycatcher		C	M	36
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet		U	R	34
Northern Bentbill		C	R	34
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher		C	R	35
Olive-sided Flycatcher		U	M	36
Paltry Tyrannulet		H, <5	R	34
Piratic Flycatcher		C	M	37
Royal Flycatcher		C	R	35
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher		C	R	34
Rufous Mourner		C	R	35
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		C	M	37

<b>Flycatchers (cont.)</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Sepia-capped Flycatcher		U	R	34
Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher		H	R	34
Social Flycatcher		A	R	37
Streaked Flycatcher		R	R	37
Stub-tailed Spadebill		C	R	34
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher		C	M	37
Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher		C	R	34
Tropical Kingbird		A	R	37
Tropical Pewee		C	R	36
Vermilion Flycatcher		C	R	35
White-throated Flycatcher		H, <5	R	36
Yellow-bellied Elaenia		C	R	34
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		C	M	36
Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet		C	R	34
Yellow-olive Flycatcher		C	R	34
Yucatan Flycatcher		U	E	36
<b>Cotingas and Manakins</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Lovely Cotinga		R	R	38
Red-capped Manakin		C	R	38
White-collared Manakin		C	R	38
<b>Becards and Allies</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Black-crowned Tityra		C	R	38
Cinnamon Becard		C	R	38
Gray-collared Becard		R	R	38
Masked Tityra		C	R	38
Northern Schiffornis (formerly Thrush-like)		A	R	35
Rose-throated Becard		C	R	38
Rufous Piha		C	R	35
Speckled Mourner		H, <5	R	35
White-winged Becard		H	R	38
<b>Jays</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Brown Jay		C	R	40
Green Jay		R	R	40
Yucatan Jay		H	E	40
<b>Wrens and Gnatwrens</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Band-backed Wren		C	R	42
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		C	R	40
Carolina Wren		R	R	42
House Wren		C	R	42
Long-billed Gnatwren		C	R	42
Spot-breasted Wren		A	R	42
Tropical Gnatcatcher		C	R	40
White-bellied Wren		C	E	42
White-breasted Wood-Wren		A	R	42
<b>Thrushes</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Clay-colored Thrush		C	R	43
Swainson's Thrush		U	M	43
Veery		H	M	43
White-throated Thrush		C	R	43
Wood Thrush		C	M	43
<b>Mimids, Waxwings, and Pipits</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
American Pipit		R	M	F26
Black Catbird		H, <5	R	40
Cedar Waxwing		R	M	43
Gray Catbird		C	M	40
Tropical Mockingbird		C	R	40
<b>Vireos</b>		<b>Li</b>	<b>St</b>	
Green Shrike-Vireo		C	R	39
Lesser Greenlet		C	R	39
Mangrove Vireo		C	R	39

<b>Vireos (cont.)</b>		<b>Li St</b>		
Philadelphia Vireo		R	M	39
Red-eyed Vireo		C	M	39
Tawny-crowned Greenlet		C	R	39
Yellow-green Vireo		A	M	39
Yellow-throated Vireo		C	M	39
Yucatan Vireo		R	E	39
White-eyed Vireo		C	M	39
<b>Warblers</b>		<b>Li St</b>		
American Redstart		C	M	47
Bay-breasted Warbler		R	M	45
Black-and-white Warbler		C	M	47
Blackpoll Warbler		<5	M	45
Black-throated Blue Warbler		H	M	44
Black-throated Green Warbler		C	M	45
Blue-winged Warbler		U	M	44
Canada Warbler		<5	M	46
Cerulean Warbler		H, <5	M	45
Chestnut-sided Warbler		C	M	45
Common Yellowthroat		C	M	46
Connecticut Warbler		<5	M	46
Golden-crowned Warbler		C	R	44
Golden-winged Warbler		R	M	44
Gray-crowned Yellowthroat		R	R	46
Gray-throated Chat		C	E	44
Hooded Warbler		C	M	46
Kentucky Warbler		C	M	46
Louisiana Waterthrush		C	M	47
Magnolia Warbler		A	M	45
Mourning Warbler		<5	M	46
Nashville Warbler		H, <5	M	47
Northern Parula		U	M	44
Northern Waterthrush		C	M	47
Ovenbird		C	M	47
Prothonotary Warbler		C	M	44
Swainson's Warbler		R	M	47
Tennessee Warbler		C	M	47
Tropical Parula		H, <5	M	44
Wilson's Warbler		U	M	46
Worm-eating Warbler		U	M	47
Yellow Warbler		C	M	46
Yellow-breasted Chat		R	M	47
Yellow-rumped Warbler		C	M	45
Yellow-throated Warbler		C	M	45
<b>Tanagers and Saltators</b>		<b>Li St</b>		
Black-headed Saltator		A	R	52
Blue-gray Tanager		C	R	48
Black-throated Shrike-Tanager		C	E	48
Buff-throated Saltator		U	R	52
Crimson-collared Tanager		U	R	49
Golden-hooded Tanager		C	R	50
Gray-headed Tanager		C	R	48
Grayish Saltator		U	R	52
Hepatic Tanager		H, <5	M	49
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager		A	R	48
Red-throated Ant-Tanager		A	R	48
Rose-throated Tanager		U	E	48
Scarlet Tanager		U	M	49
Summer Tanager		C	M	49
White-winged Tanager		H, <5	R	49
Yellow-winged Tanager		C	R	48

<b>Euphonias and Honeycreepers</b>		<b>Li St</b>		
Elegant Euphonia		H, <5	R	50
Green Honeycreeper		C	R	50
Olive-backed Euphonia		C	R	50
Red-legged Honeycreeper		C	R	50
Scrub Euphonia		U	R	50
Yellow-throated Euphonia		C	R	50
<b>Seedeaters</b>		<b>Li St</b>		
Black-faced Grosbeak		C	R	52
Blue Bunting		C	R	51
Blue Grosbeak		C	R	51
Blue-black Grassquit		C	R	51
Blue-black Grosbeak		C	R	51
Dickcissel		R	M	54
Grasshopper Sparrow		H, <5	R	53
Green-backed Sparrow		C	E	52
Indigo Bunting		C	M	51
Olive Sparrow		H, <5	M	52
Painted Bunting		U	M	51
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U	M	52
Slate-colored Seedeater		H, <5	R	51
Thick-billed Seed-Finch		R	R	51
Variable Seedeater		R	R	51
White-collared Seedeater		A	R	51
Yellow-faced Grassquit		U	R	54
<b>Orioles and Allies</b>		<b>Li St</b>		
Baltimore Oriole		C	M	56
Black-cowled Oriole		C	R	56
Bobolink		H, <5	M	55
Bronzed Cowbird		U	R	55
Eastern Meadowlark		C	R	55
Giant Cowbird		C	R	55
Great-tailed Grackle		C	R	55
Hooded Oriole		R	R	56
Melodious Blackbird		A	R	55
Montezuma Oropendola		C	R	55
Orchard Oriole		C	M	56
Red-winged Blackbird		C	R	55
Yellow-backed Oriole		R	R	56
Yellow-tailed Oriole		H	R	56
Yellow-billed Cacique		H	R	55

Notes: