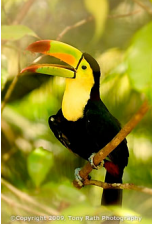


Belize is home to more than 600 identified species of birds, with an average of five new species discovered each year.



With 66% of the country still forested, the species and variety of birds visible to viewers varies and is contingent on the natural habitat in which a person is looking. As viewers often spot 50 species in a single outing, be sure to keep your eyes open and your binoculars handy. Whether on a remote island, along the coast, on a jungle walk, or in the backyard of a hotel, visitors are bound to encounter spectacular plumage, stirring calls, and the steady drumming of a hummingbird's wings.

A few unforgettable avians:

- Keel-billed toucan – Belize's national bird
- Jabiru Stork – at 5 ft tall, the largest bird in the Americas
- Harpy eagle - With a wing span of over 7ft. Rare and nesting in remote forests,
- Scarlet macaw – can fly up to 35 mph
- Agami heron
- Blue-crowned mot mot