



Rare Birds of Western Belize

3 nights / 4 days

Day 1: Arrive into Belize International Airport and meet our driver for transfer to Blancaneaux Lodge. Enjoy late afternoon birding on the property with our resident birding and natural history guides. (D)

Day 2: A full day birding experience in the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve (MPR). We will visit 1000-Foot Falls, the nesting site of the Orange-breasted Falcon, Black and White Hawk-Eagles and King Vulture. We'll continue on to the Baldy Beacon observation point for stunning 360-degree panoramic views over the Bald Hills, MPR and the Chiquibul National Park. This is one of the few sites in Central America where it is possible to observe the extremely rare Solitary Eagle. We'll return to Blancaneaux Lodge via the roosting site of Stygian Owls for observation and to collect pellets for our on-going analysis. (B,L,D)

Day 3: A full day exploring the nearby broadleaf moist forest of the Noj Kaax Meen Elijio Panti National Park. We'll trek through pine ridge, transitional forest with large waterfalls and broadleaf moist forest. Our guides have documented 272 species in this region including charismatic species such as Ocellated Turkey, Great Curassow and Crested Guan. On our trek to Howler Hill we'll be able to observe many species of parrot, trogons, tanagers, flycatchers, warblers and seed eaters. Rare species such as the Keel-billed Motmot are also resident in this area. Howler Hill is a raptor 'hot spot' with Swallow-tailed and Plumbeous Kite, Laughing Falcon, White Hawk, Ornate Hawk-Eagle, Black-Hawk Eagle, King Vulture and Barred Forest-Falcon all frequently observed. (B,L,D)

Day 4: A morning of leisure birding on the property before transferring to Belize International Airport or Belize Municipal Airport for onward connections. (B)

Pricing:

Rates are per couple sharing a Riverfront Cabana at Blancaneaux Lodge.

Winter Season: \$2190 US + \$214 US tax + \$146 US Ser. Charge

Summer Season: \$1980 US + \$195 US tax + \$125 US Ser. Charge

Trip Notes:

B = Full Cooked Breakfast; L = Lunch/Picnic Lunch; D = Dinner

Winter Season 2010: January 06th to March 29th; April 07th to April 30th; and December 01st to December 19th.

Summer Season 2010: May 01st to November 24th.