
ECO-TRAVEL TO BELIZE

February 8-17, 2020

Suggested reading list for Belize ecotour

Birds of Belize by H. Lee Jones. 2003. University of Texas Press, Austin, Texas (the first field guide written for the birds of Belize. It is a good reference but a bit large to carry in the field)

Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Northern Central America by Jesse Fagan and Oliver Komar. 2016. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, New York. (A smaller field guide that includes the birds of Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras)

The New Neotropical Companion. By John Kricher. 2017. Princeton University Press. (A great guide to the American tropics. Helpful in understanding the ecology and natural history of this region.)

The Last Flight of the Scarlet Macaw. By Bruce Barcott. 2008. Random House, New York. (A biography of Sharon Matola, the Founding Director of the Belize Zoo. It details the history of the Belize Zoo and also the fight to stop a multinational corporation from building a dam on the Macal River, near the breeding site of Scarlet macaws in Belize.) Note: Neither Sharon or the Zoo receive funds generated by the sale of this book. The Belize Zoo received permission to reprint the book in Belize. It is available in the Belize Zoo Gift Shop for \$15US (\$20US if signed by Sharon) and profits for the sale of the book there go to the Zoo.)

Belize guides (Lonely Planet or Moon)

To watch: [Sharon Matola's TEDx Belmopan talk on the founding of the Belize Zoo](#)

If you like maps, you can bring a map of Belize. A number are available online.