

**Hawk Mountain and Belize Zoological EdVentures
Invite You to Join the
*2020 Hawk Mountain
Birding Eco-tour to Belize***

March 27th to April 4th 2020

***With optional 3-night extension to Belize coast– World Heritage
Site and 2nd largest barrier reef in the world,
April 4th to 7th***

Cost: \$2900 plus airfare for nine-day trip, double occupancy

Single supplement \$725

Non-member price \$3000

***Three –day extension with beachfront accommodations \$1200;
single supplement \$705)***



Leaders: Laurie Goodrich, HMS Director of Conservation Science

Jamie Dawson, HMS Educator

And Celso Poot, Director of Education, Belize Zoo & Belize Zoological EdVentures

Founder, Belize birding expert

***Join us for an unforgettable and exotic birding adventure...
Jungles, mountains, ancient Mayan sites, caves, beaches, and more!***



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2020 Birding Eco-tour to Belize, March 27th to April 4th
with**

Optional trip extension to explore Belize Coast and Cayes, April 4th to 7th

The Hawk Mountain Eco-Tour to Belize will focus on exploring the abundant birdlife of Belize but also is timed to occur at peak Broad-winged Hawk migration with hopes of discovering some streams of northbound migrants. There are no active hawk counts in Belize during spring but maybe we will discover one! The tour will travel in areas where hawk migration is possible and will seek to enjoy migration wherever it occurs. We will visit with non-profit conservation organizations and learn about conservation efforts in the region including the Jaguar Preserve where a former Hawk Mountain trainee worked for years and the Peregrine Fund and Wolf Creek Foundation efforts to restore nesting populations of Orange-breasted Falcon. Hawk Mountain connections in Belize will provide intimate looks at conservation in action. Celso and his crew are experienced birding guides who along with Hawk Mountain staff, Jamie Dawson know the country very well. Trip pricing includes 3 meals a day, full time transportation, guides, all park fees and lodging. Does not include airfare, drinks, snacks between meals, or gratuity. Trip starts with dinner on day one and ends with breakfast on the last day. Leaders will have scopes and guides to allow you to travel lightly. Participant numbers are limited to 12 ensure a quality experience for everyone.



Birding Eco-tour to Belize Trip Dates: March 27th to April 4th, 2019

Costs: \$2900(\$3000 nonmember price) includes:

- ① All ground transportation and an experienced driver
- ① Airport pickup and drop-off in Belize airport
- ① Expert local guides

- ④ Expert North American guides
- ④ All admission fees
- ④ All meals in Belize, starting with dinner on day 1 and ending with breakfast on last day (wine/beer are extra)
- ④ Lodging in comfortable rooms, double occupancy
- ④ Instruction in hawk identification
- ④ Donation to local raptor conservation organization
- ④ Water in travel vans
- ④ Supplement for a single room is an extra (\$725)
- ④ Airfare to Belize extra

Belize Coast Extension April 4th to 7th

Costs: \$1,200 double occupancy, extra *single supplement* \$705

Note: Airfare is not included. The round-trip airfare to Belize will vary with city of origin but is estimated at \$600-700 per person. People are strongly urged to work with the HMS travel agent, Sandy Green of *Uniglobe Berkleigh Travel*, to get the best rate and for coordinating group arrival in Belize (call **Sandy at (610) 683-8880**). Regardless contact Laurie before making any reservations. 570-943-3411.

Deposits/Payment: Trip is limited to 12 adult participants on a first-come, first serve basis. If less than six participants sign-up, we may cancel. To hold a slot on the trip register through Hawk Mountain or call/email trip coordinator Laurie Goodrich at 570-943-3411 x 106 (goodrich@hawkmtn.org) and submit a \$500 deposit by **December 1, 2019**. Balance of payment is due **March 1, 2020**. The refund policy is attached. **Credit card or check are accepted.**

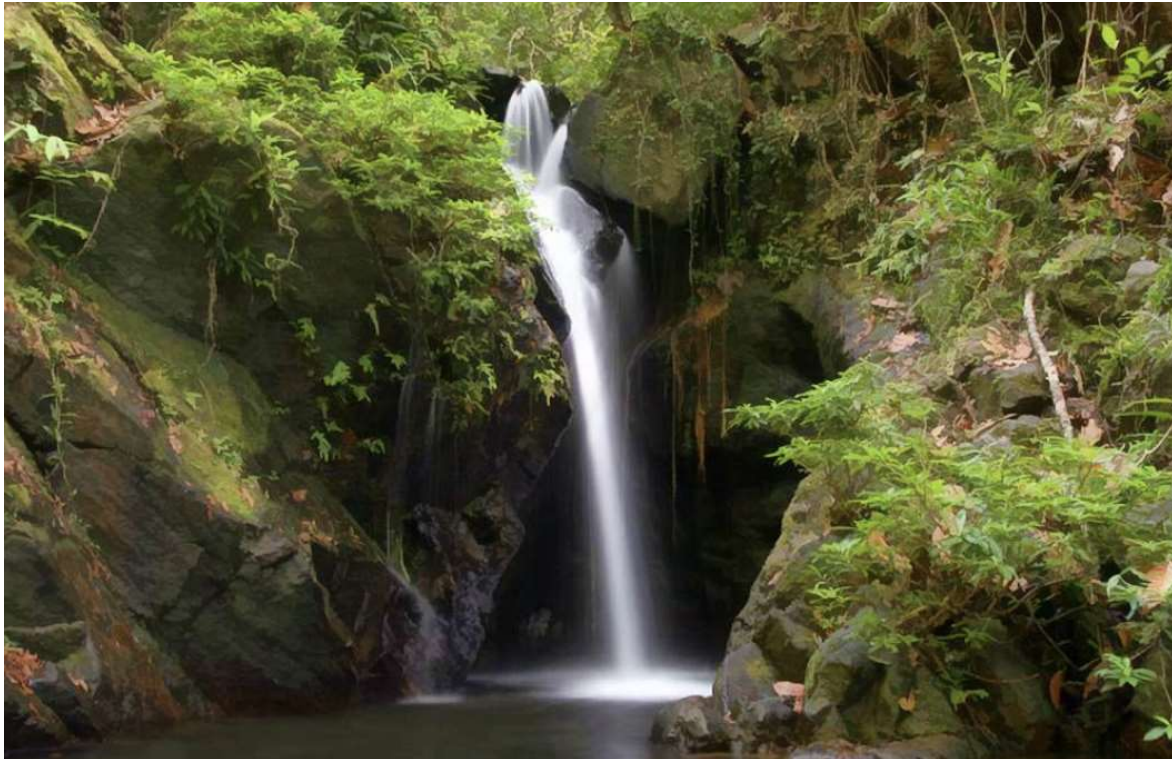


Trip Philosophy: The Hawk Mountain Birding Eco-tour to Belize is designed for the hawk-watcher/conservationist/bird-watcher. We have designed the trip to provide maximum opportunities to view birds, as well as to experience the natural landscape and natural features found in Belize; and, to understand local raptor conservation efforts and to gain an appreciation for the unique culture of Belize, including ancient Mayan sites. We will stay in comfortable, scenic lodges near or within natural areas. Flexibility and good humor are important for full enjoyment of the Belize eco-tour experience.

It is important to recognize that Belizean hotels and restaurants may not be on par with U.S. AAA standards. However, they hold a unique charm and atmosphere that you will

find enchanting. We will ensure that tour participants are given clean, safe rooms and treated to excellent, healthy local fare.

The trip schedule is very full, but participants are encouraged to take a morning or afternoon off from the group and rest or relax on their own to make the trip at your own pace.



Tour Leaders:



Laurie J. Goodrich, Ph.D. Sarkis Acopian Director of Conservation Science, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, PA.

Laurie is the Director of the Acopian Center for Conservation Learning and the Hawk Mountain conservation science trainee program. Her work includes long-term research on movement ecology and conservation biology of Broad-winged Hawks, research on stopover ecology of forest raptors, and studies of migration patterns in raptors and songbirds. Laurie helped to start the Veracruz River of Raptors project in eastern Mexico and serves as a scientific advisor to programs there. She is an avid birder, has led eco-tours for Hawk Mountain members to Veracruz and Panama for more than 15 years and is an expert at raptor identification in the Americas.



Jamie Dawson, MA Educator, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, PA.

Jamie is a bilingual Educator at Hawk Mountain who speaks fluent Spanish. Jamie has spent significant time in Belize studying the natural and cultural ecology of Belize through the School for International Training, as well as with Miami University's Global Field Program, where she worked with Celso Poot in a graduate field course. Jamie has conducted primate field research in Belize and also developed a scholarship program to support disadvantaged Belizean youth with educational opportunities.



Celso Poot, MA Director of Education, Belize Zoo and Founder of Belize Zoological EdVentures, Belize.

Our activities, lodging, and transportation within Belize will be coordinated by Celso Poot, MA. Celso is the Director of Education at the Belize Zoo and Founder of Belize Zoological EdVentures. Celso is currently working on his PhD focusing on wildlife conservation and has extensive experience leading and coordinating birding eco-tourism excursions and diverse field courses throughout Belize for international participants. Celso and his friendly staff possess keen and abundant knowledge of the plethora of natural and cultural resources that comprise Belize. Celso is thrilled to partner with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary!

BIRDING ECO-TOUR TO BELIZE 2020 ITINERARY

The Itinerary may be re-arranged depending on weather and birding opportunities. However most of the sites listed below will be visited by the group. The schedule is very full, and participants are encouraged to take a morning or afternoon off to recharge when possible.

Day 1, March 27th: Upon arrival in Belize City, you will be met outside baggage claim and transferred to Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary. Established in 1984 to protect resident and migrant birds, the sanctuary is managed by the Belize Audubon Society and encompasses a network of inland lagoons, swamps, and waterways.



During the dry season tens of thousands of birds congregate here, taking advantage of abundant food resources in the wetlands. This evening before dinner, meet for a program orientation with your guide. Have dinner with a Belize Audubon Society representative and then hear a talk about developing bird-based tourism as a conservation and sustainable development tool in Belize.

Overnight Bird's Eye View Lodge (D)

Day 2, 28th: Today, we head out onto the extensive waterways of Crooked Tree's 44,000-acre Ramsar wetlands to see a mix of herons, ibis, Roseate Spoonbills, Northern Jacanas, Boat-billed Herons and Jabiru. After lunch, explore the pine savannas on the search for the near-endemic Yucatan Jay, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Yellow-headed and Yellow-lored Parrots, Aplomado Falcon, Canivet's Emerald, and Yucatan Woodpecker (*see right*). An evening walk will be available for those who hope to catch up with a Common Pauraque, Mottled Owl, or Tody Motmot.

Overnight Bird's Eye View Lodge (BLD)



Day 3, 29th: Wake up early to participate in early morning birding before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Afterward, check out and depart for western Belize, stopping en route in the Creole village of Bermudian Landing and the Community Baboon Sanctuary (actually, Black Howler Monkeys). At the Community Baboon Sanctuary, groups and local subsistence farmers have worked together to protect Black Howler Monkey's habitat along a 20 mile stretch of the Belize River. Since 1985, the number of Howlers within the Sanctuary has increased to between 3000 and 4000 animals. We will have lunch at a local restaurant and then continue on to Pook's Hill Lodge. Pook's Hill is situated within a private reserve at the foothills of the Maya Mountains, bordering the Roaring River and Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve. The lodge encompasses an ancient Maya plaza group. This unique location, coupled with its unparalleled position in the very heart of the country, makes Pook's Hill a perfect base from which to discover the sights and sounds of Belize. This evening, after dinner, go on a nocturnal walk around the lodge.

Overnight Pook's Hill Lodge (BLD)



Day 4, 30th: After breakfast, explore the Maya underworld during a visit to Actun Tunichil Muknal cave. This excursion combines land and river hiking and caving, beginning with a 45-minute hike up the Roaring River Valley and through the rainforest of the Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve to the entrance of the cave. Explore this geologically fascinating cave and also the main attraction, the "Cathedral" chamber, which was a Maya ceremonial and burial ground. The lodge is the nearest one to the cave, providing the opportunity to get into the cave early before other visitors arrive. Later this afternoon, return to the lodge.

Overnight Pook's Hill Lodge (BLD) (see left)



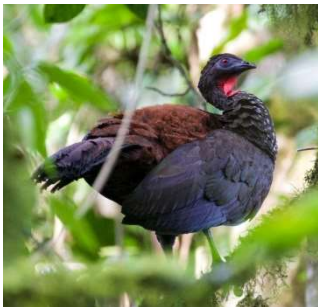
Pook's Hill cave tours of Actun Tunichil Muknal

Day 5, 31st: Early morning transfer with boxed breakfast to Mountain Pine Ridge for a full day of birding in the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, looking for local specialties. Mountainous terrain and Caribbean pine forests serve as home to the Stygian Owl, King Vulture, Ocellated Turkey, Red-lored Parrot, and Lesson's Motmot, as well as the rarely seen Orange-breasted Falcon. After lunch at Hidden Valley Lodge, visit the Peregrine Fund/Wolf Creek Foundation Orange-breasted Falcon breeding and release center for program on conservation efforts there, and continue birding in the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest before transferring back to Pook's Hill.

Overnight Pook's Hill Lodge (BLD)



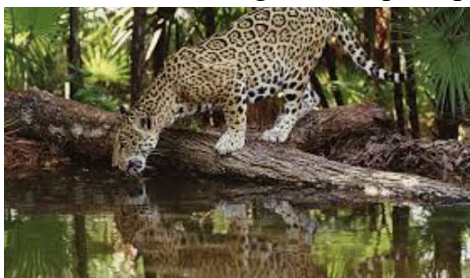
Day 6, April 1: After breakfast, we will drive to the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center, en route, we will make a stop at the Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary to look for the rare Blue and Slate-colored seedeaters. The Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center is a refuge for a number of wild animals since its founding in 1983. The organization was born from an effort to provide a safe haven for a number of wild animals that, ironically, had been used in the making of documentaries about tropical forests. The zoo and its education center encompass 29 acres of tropical savanna and house more than 125 animals native to Belize and offer awesome local birding.



After lunch we will head to southern Belize and explore the Mayflower Bocawina National Park, located in the southern district of Stann Creek and consisting of over 7,100 acres of lush jungle, refreshing waterfalls and ancient Mayan sites. More than 200 species of birds have been identified in the area, including Great Curassow, Crested Guan, Keel-billed Motmot, and Great Tinamou. Check in at the Bocawina lodge and enjoy a hearty dinner.

Overnight Bocawina Rainforest Resort (BLD)

Day 7, April 2: Depart early for a day of birding at Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, a tropical moist forest sheltering an abundance of biodiversity - including 300+ bird species. Walk along its extensive trail system on the lookout for trogons, tanagers, flycatchers, and maybe a glimpse of a Yellow-billed Cacique. The sanctuary is also recognized as the world's first designated jaguar reserve, so keen observers might even spot a paw print in the forest. A



Hawk Mountain trainee formerly worked at the preserve and may join us. In the late afternoon, return to the lodge and bird along the trails for various hummingbirds, woodcreepers, flycatchers, and tanagers, plus Pheasant



Cuckoo, Green Honeycreeper, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Nightingale Wren, Green Shrike-Vireo, and White-winged Becard, among others.

Overnight Bocawina Rainforest Resort (BLD)

Scarlet Macaw



Day 8, April 3: After an early breakfast, we will visit Red Bank Village to see the Scarlet Macaws that are rebounding in this region. Visit the Scarlet Macaw Bed and Breakfast for lunch and discussion with representatives from this important community-based project focused on Scarlet Macaw conservation. Return to the lodge and continue birding around the many trails at Bocawina National Park for the last night of the main tour.

Overnight Bocawina Rainforest Resort (BLD)

Day 9, April 4: Following a leisurely breakfast, check-out of the hotel and transfer to airport to say goodbye to wonderful Belize and our new friends!

Three Night Extension on the Belize Coast – April 4 to 7, 2020

We start our extension with a drive to coastal Belize. Check in at Jaguar Reef Lodge, situated in the coastal community of Sittee River, along the Caribbean coast. Welcome lunch and check-in and then time at leisure to relax and enjoy the beach.

Overnight Jaguar Reef Lodge (BLD)



Day 10, April 5: Enjoy breakfast, then board the boat for the 40-minute ride out the South Water Caye Marine Reserve for snorkeling on the coral reef and exploring the mangroves both above and below the surface. Also cruise along Man O' War Caye to see nesting birds.

Overnight Jaguar Reef Lodge (BLD)

Day 11, April 6: This morning have a leisurely breakfast. After breakfast we will visit the Garifuna village of Hopkins, we will explore the wetland areas for birding. Have lunch at a local restaurant and then bird the forest edges of the Sittee River road. Return to the lodge in the late evening for

farewell dinner.

Overnight Jaguar Reef Lodge (BD)



Day 12, April 7: After breakfast, the group will transfer to the airport for flights back to the U.S. Please make sure your flights depart after 12:00 PM to allow time for travel.



2020 Hawk Mountain Birding Eco-tour to Belize Reservation Form

Yes! Sign me up for a place on the 2020 Hawk Mountain Birding Eco-tour to Belize, Central America. Enclosed is my \$500 deposit for trip due by December 1, 2019 with final payments by March 1, 2019. I have signed and attached the participant release form and I enclose it herein.

Name _____
(write full name found on passport, and nickname if you use one.)

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **E-mail address** _____

Deposits can be made with check (to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary) or credit card:

Visa or Master Card number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____. **Exp.**
Date _____

Signature _____

Send Reservation Form and payment to:

**L. Goodrich, Trip Coordinator
Birding Eco-tour to Belize
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association
410 Summer Valley Road
Orwigsburg, PA 17961**

Questions may be directed to Laurie Goodrich at: 570-943-3411 x 106, or at goodrich@hawkmtn.org or at her cell phone 570-449-3933.

Hawk Mountain 2020 Birding Eco-tour to Belize Cancellation Policy

Refund of deposit and payment, less a \$100 handling fee, will be made if cancellation is received up to 60 days before departure. If cancellation is made between 45 to 60 days before departure a \$150 handling fee is not refundable, but other payments will be returned, less any inseparable costs, such as reservation fees paid for transportation and leader expenses. All efforts will be made to fill the place and refund costs other than the \$150. After 45 days before the trip, cancellation charge will be 25% of tour price and may be as much as 100%, depending on the separable costs (such as individual rooms, per-person charges and fees) that can be recovered. Persons for whom cancellations may be possible, are urged to purchase trip insurance after first payment. Information on trip insurance can be obtained from the travel agent or from your own insurance agent. Also, check on coverage for items you will carry and for health insurance coverage.

Responsibility:

For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association and Belize Zoological EdVentures, its agents, trip leaders, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and contractors as more fully set forth in the Release Agreement attached. Belize Zoological EdVentures, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, motorcar, motor coach, boat, airplane, or other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles, or for any reasons whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour.

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association and Belize Zoological EdVentures accept no responsibility for losses, or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, war, quarantine, or other causes. The Tour participants shall bear all such losses and expenses. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association and Belize Zoological EdVentures reserve the right to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association and Belize Zoological EdVentures reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely.

Participants should be in good health and should consult a physician before undertaking the tour. If you have questions regarding the physical requirements, contact Laurie Goodrich or Jamie Dawson at Hawk Mountain. Weather will be hot and muggy. Each participant is responsible for bringing the appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended in post-reservation materials. The receipt of your tour deposit shall be deemed to be your consent to the above conditions. Each tour participant also shall sign and deliver the release and indemnity agreement at the time of registration.

Hawk Mountain 2020 Birding Eco-tour to Belize Participant Release and Indemnity Agreement

I am willingly participating in a birding tour in the country of Belize, Central America between March 27th and April 7th, and I acknowledge that there are inherent dangers and risks that may occur with this expedition, known or unknown, relating but not limited to: travel in remote areas by means of aircraft, boat, automobile and other conveyances, without the means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities; nature walks or hikes, swimming, use of camera and birding equipment, accidents and/or illness, and acts of nature, man, or God.

I recognize and agree that I am taking part in this trip at my own risk. I acknowledge that Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association and Belize Zoological EdVentures make no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the conditions that may be encountered during the trip, and/or the safety of any means of transportation during the trip, and that Hawk Mountain and Belize Zoological EdVentures will have no liability for any defect in or dangerous conditions pertaining thereto.

I further certify that I am in good health and able to and have taken any precautions recommended by my physician or trip leaders.

In consideration of the right to participate in this expedition, I hereby release Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association and Belize Zoological EdVentures and their agents, their trip leaders, associates, related parties, directors, and staff, from all responsibilities for damages, injuries, losses, or delays due to any reason whatsoever and hereby assume all risks and dangers in connection with this trip.

I have read the itinerary and related information pertaining to this trip and I am aware of the terms and conditions of the trip involving refunds and cancellations, responsibility and liability.

Signature

Date

Printed Name in Full: _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name in Full: _____

(If a couple is registering, please have both sign the document)