



Red-billed Streamertail, local name "Doctors Bird".

Introduction

Jamaica is not only known as the home country to legends as Bob Marley or Usain Bolt. This Caribbean island is also home to around 28 endemic bird species, depending on which world list one follows.

Best time to visit Jamaica is from December to April, the dry season. The main breeding season starts in March and it's of course the time when most of the local breeders are singing. March-April is also the time of the year when most of the migrating American passerines are passing by. A few species that migrates from Jamaica after the breeding season starts to come back in early March, species like Black-whiskered Vireo, Caribbean Martin, Gray Kingbird and a few more.

Logistics

We once again used the services from Wildwings in UK and a special thanks to Sarah Jane Thompson. Visit their web page www.wildwings.co.uk

They offer private package tours not only to Trinidad&Tobago! The whole trip was bought as a package with all included except our trips from Mockingbird Hill. Those were paid locally with credit card at the end of the stay.

Sarah is very efficient with giving advice to the planning, logistics as well as updating if she don't get the answers in, what she thinks, time. As she has been there herself she knows what she is offering.

We were very pleased with her arrangements, everything worked out just perfect.

Accommodation

Forres Park is nicely placed in the Blue Mountains, in the village of Drapers around 1 ½ hours' drive from the airport in Kingston. It's a rather small but very charming coffee plantation, actually a sister plantation to the much bigger Abbey Green Estate. The main house is converted into a nice and friendly lodge with spacious rooms. The garden is a heaven for birds, we logged 10 endemics with the "Doctors Bird" (Red-billed Streamertail) as our favorite.

Here we had full board included in our 5-night stay, and the food was really good. Jasmine, the women in charge, really made us feel at home. She even served us a Swedish lunch with meatballs one day. All meals were had outside on a veranda which was protected from "stuff" falling from above, such as rain as well as leaves. From here we also had 2 days of guided birding included. Collin our guide both lived at and worked for Forres Park.

Driving distance to Hardware Gap and Abbey Green was about 1 ½-2 hours and just a 10 minute drive to the Old Mine Trail.

We felt that this was a very good place to stay.

Mockingbird Hill is an environmental friendly boutique hotel or lodge, a few minutes' drive from Port Antonio on the north east coast. It's situated far away from the busy charter tourism crowds on the other end of the island.

The owners have developed the garden and the nearby patch of forest to a very bird rich area. From the veranda the view of the garden is really good, and it gets even better if taking the stairs up to a small balcony where I spent a lot of time.

Rooms are nice, spacious and clean, service level of the staff very high. The meals were fantastic, even the packed breakfast was plentiful when other lodges we have visited usually just provide a small survival kit!

Here we only had half board but the breakfast was of such character that lunch was an easy meal NOT to have. Afternoon tea/coffee was served every day at 4 pm, often included was a cookie or similar.

From here we just ordered a taxi with driver to Ecclesdown Road, some 40 minutes away and birded ourselves while the driver was waiting.

During our stay we decided to join the rafting along the Rio Grande. Give the owners a day and they arrange with any half- or full day trip with pick up at the front door. Best is of course to pre order from home to get the best driver and, if wanted, the best bird guide.

Those trips was not cheap, be prepared to pay for both the taxi with driver + the bird guide. A day trip to Ecclesdown would cost something around 350-400 US\$ in such case. If four people are sharing the cost is maybe a little less than 100US\$ each and acceptable.

The overall impression was that this is a place not to miss.

Sites

Forres Park got a small but nice garden, there is a track leading up the hill from behind the kitchen. First there is a small and shaded coffee plantation then we entered a small patch of forest and finally reaching the grassy hillsides. It's possible to walk around the hill and come back to Forres Park. Most time was spent just relaxing on the balcony or at the dining veranda and from there we had good birding.

Abbey Green Estate is a big coffee plantation, with the same owner as Forres Park. The area is a diversity of habitats with of course the plantation as dominant scenery. There are also areas with mature forest where we saw quite a few of the endemic species.

Access was easy as Collin, our guide, worked for the company and knows the area.

Old Mine Trail is just on the other side of the valley from Forres Park. It takes around 10 minutes to get there by car and a good hour by foot. Quite an easy walk, so strenuous at all if one is used to walking. At the beginning of the trail it's a mix of coffee-and banana plantation shaded by mature pine trees. After a short walk the track started to go slightly down in to the valley and the forest changes to a more humid deciduous forest. Then we reached a more open forest with grassy areas. All in all it was very nice habitats and a lot of birds.

Parts of the nearby area was more or less destroyed by a fire a year ago so the stake out for the Northern Potoo that Collin once had is now gone.

Hardware Gap is maybe the best known birding track/road, together with Ecclesdown Road, on Jamaica. Mature, humid and partly moss laden forest. Easy walk along a good, but sparsely trafficked road gives great visibility and an "easy to see the birds" feeling.

This road is definitely a must for every visiting birder.



Hardware Gap

Mockingbird Hill is as the name suggests situated on a hill. A rather steep entrance road leads up to the hotel. The garden is well maintained and the trees and plants are there for the birds. Both this hotel and Forres Park have a local pair of Jamaican Owl, although not that easy to find/see.

Ecclesdown Road is similar to Hardware Gap from a birding perspective. It's a bit narrower and partly more overgrown but still very good birding. It's an easy walk on rather flat ground. The clearings near the plantations give the birder a chance to scan trees for parrots and crows, for example. To complete the full endemic list it's actually enough to bird this road and the one at Hardware Gap.



Ecclesdown Road

San San Nature Reserve is a small patch of nice forest with similar species as along Ecclesdown road (except the Crow and the Black-billed Parrot).

From Drapers/Mockingbird Hill it's around a 20-minute walk in the same direction as the beach at Frenchman Cove. Just before reaching the San San Hotel on the right side of the road there is a road to the right with a lot of signs to different houses AND the San San Police station. Follow the road past the police station and the forest appears. We didn't spend that much time because of a lot of mosquitos after the rains.

Although nice birding along the main road and there were also some tracks leading into the forest that we did not try.

Rio Grande Rafting is a one to two hour event on narrow bamboo raft for two people and a captain that is taking care of the right directions through the streams and along the slower parts of the river.

Finally we ended up at Margaret Bay. Not much birds seen, some herons and near Margaret Bay some Pied-billed Grebes and American Coots turned up. Cost per raft was 72US\$ (2016).

Daily Log

2-3/2. Travelling days. First to Stockholm for an overnight stay. Then an early flight to Gatwick, London and day time flight to Kingston, Jamaica where we arrived around 5pm. Picked up the luggage, found our pre booked transportation for the 1 ½-2 hour drive up to Forres Park in the Blue Mountains.

4/2. Got out at first day light around 6 am and had a lazy birding morning until breakfast. The rest of the day went on in the same mood except an afternoon walk along the track uphill on the properties.

At dinner a Jamaican Owl was calling.

5/2. We went up just before 5am for coffee and a muffin. Collected our packed breakfast and drove to Abbey Green Estate with our guide Collin. He both lived at and worked for Forres Park. The drive took about 1 ½ hour on small, narrow and winding roads. Arrived shortly after first light and noticed that it was rather windy. Not optimal conditions!

We went back to Forres for lunch and a siesta. 3.30pm Collin picked us up again and we drove the short distance to Old Mine Trail where we had a very relaxing walk for the rest of the day.

6/2. The same routines as yesterday morning, and then a drive to Hardware Gap. We walked the main road to the first settlement and back to the car. An easy walk of approximately 6 km in a wonderful forest with lots of birds.

Drove back for lunch and a well-deserved rest. Ended the day with a walk up the hill from Forres Park.

7/2. Before breakfast we had an hour of birding from the veranda. Then we had a walk down to Mavis Bank, the small town nearby. Went back and walked past the coffee factory and almost all the way to Old Mine Trail. From Forres Park to the trail is a one hour walk in moderate pace.

8/2. Today we left Forres Park after breakfast for the 4-hour transfer to our next stay. A short stop was planned for stretching our legs at a small botanical garden almost half way. We arrived to Mockingbird Hill, situated in the small village of Drapers near Port Antonio, in the early afternoon. Did some late afternoon birding in the garden.

9/2. A relaxing day with just a visit to the nearby beach Frenchman's Cove. Free shuttle and entry was provided from our lodge. The beach is not further away than a 20 minute walk. Not really good beach weather, cloudy and windy. The afternoon was spent around Mockingbird Hill.

10/2. Today we had a very early departure for a trip to Ecclesdown Road with our driver Mr. White. Packed breakfast provided from the lodge. Arrived to the birding area around 7 pm and started to walk. Focus on the target birds Black-billed Parrott

and Jamaican Crow and of course the two cuckoos that we had missed so far. We walked about 6 km along the road in amazing surroundings.

Back to Mockingbird around 2 pm after a short visit at Reach Falls on our drive back.

11/2. A lazy morning, after breakfast we got a lift down to Port Antonio where we walked around and felt touristy for half a day.

The afternoon was spent on the veranda at Mockingbird Hill while heavy rain showers passed by.

12/2. Another lazy day, mainly because that heavy rain showers stopped us from birding. We managed to walk to Frenchman's Cove in the middle of the day without getting wet. Today's bonus was the flock of Yellow-billed Parrot's moving around in the garden for quite a while and a Jamaican Lizard-cuckoo at San San.

13/2. Another lazier day, just a visit to Frenchman's Cove and some birding around Mockingbird.

14/2. After a windy and rainy night and morning the weather calmed down so we took a walk to the Police station at San San, close to Frenchman's Cove. We walked along the road up the hill, found a small track into the forest. Walked there for a few hundred meters but the plentiful mosquitos chased us away. The afternoon was spent on the lodge veranda because of rain showers and windy conditions.

15/2. Had breakfast around 8 and an hour later we were picked up by our driver Mr. White for the transportation to the start of the Rio Grande rafting. Took us around an hour to get to river mouth at St. Margaret's Bay, where Mr. White picked us up. Continued along the coast road and checked some more river mouths. The last few days heavy raining had raised the water level so there were very few water birds and herons left. We arrived back to "the Hill" in the early afternoon.

16/2. After the usual 8 o'clock breakfast we took a long walk to Winifred Beach and back, after cooling ourselves in the sea. One way walk around 6 km. Arrived back to "the Hill" just before the afternoon coffee.

17/2. Our final day in Jamaica. Started the journey to Kingston airport after breakfast. We made a planned stop at Hector's river but no tropicbirds around. Continued to Hope Botanical Garden in the outskirts of Kingston, where we walked around an hour and a half before we drove the last bit to the airport.

18/2. After the overnight flight we arrived to Gatwick around breakfast local time. After a few hours we continued to Stockholm and on to our home town where we arrived just before midnight.

Species List

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)

1 pair Orange Bay 15/2.

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

3 Rio Grande (rafting), 2 Margaret's Bay, 1 Swift River and 1 Orange Bay 15/2.

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

2 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

1 roadside Mavis Bank-Port Antonio 8/2, 2 Port Antonio 11/2, 6 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2, 1 Margaret's Bay 15/2, 1 Swift River 15/2 and 2 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

1 Annotto Bay 8/2, 2 Port Antonio 11/2, 1 Port Antonio 15/2, 13 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2, 6 Swift River 15/2 and 2 Orange Bay 15/2.

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

1 Frenchman's Cove 9 and 13/2, 1 Port Antonio 15/2, 15 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2, 1 Margaret's Bay 15/2, 1 Swift River 15/2 and 2 Orange Bay 15/2.



Snowy Egret



Little Blue Heron

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)

4 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Common.

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)

1 Frenchman's Cove 9 and 13/2, 1 Port Antonio 11/2 and 2 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2.



Tricolored Heron



Green Heron

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

1 adult flying by Port Antonio 11/2 and 1 adult Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

4 roadside birds Mavis Bank-Port Antonio 8/2 and 2 Orange Bay 15/2.

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)

Up to 10 seen daily.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

5 Kingston Harbor 3/2, 2 Frenchman's Cove 9 and 13/2, 1 flying by Port Antonio 11/2 and 25 Kingston Harbor 17/2.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

Common.

Western Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

1 Mockingbird Hill 12/2, 1 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2 and 1 Swift River 15/2.

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

1 Old Mine Trail 5/2, 1 Forres Park 6/2, 1 Mavis Bank 7/2, 1 Ecclesdown Road 10/2, 1 Mockingbird Hill and 2 Orange Bay 15/2, also 2 San San Nature Reserve 16/2.

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)

2 Yallas River 5/2, 10 roadside Mavis Bank-Port Antonio 8/2, 5 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2, 10 Margaret's Bay 15/2, 1 Swift River 15/2 and 10 Orange Bay 15/2.

American Coot (*Fulica americana*)

4 seen on each of the following locations: Margaret's Bay, Swift River and Orange Bay 15/2.

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

1 Margaret's Bay 15/2.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)

1 Frenchman's Cove 9 and 13/2, 1 Rio Grande (rafting) 15/2 and 3 Margaret's Bay 15/2.

Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)

1 Port Antonio 11/2 and 10 Kingston Harbor 17/2.

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)

25 Port Antonio 11/2, 5 Port Antonio 15/2 and 1 Swift River 15/2.

Cabot's Tern (*Thalasseus acutiflavidus*)

5 Port Antonio 11/2.

"Domestic Dove" (*Columba livia*)

Small numbers in towns.

White-crowned Pigeon (*Patagioenas leucocephala*)

3 Forres Park 4/2, 1 Hardware Gap 6/2, up to 15 Mockingbird Hill 8-17/2, 5 Frenchman's Cove 9/2, 20 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 5 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.



White-crowned Pigeon

Ring-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas caribaea*) Endemic

3 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 10 Old Mine Trail 5 and 7/2, 30 Hardware Gap 6/2, 5 Mockingbird Hill 8-17/2 and 10 Ecclesdown Road 10/2.



Ring-tailed Pigeon

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

Up to 5 Forres Park 4-6/2, 2 Abbey Green Estate 7/2, 10 roadside Mavis Bank-Port Antonio 8/2, 2 Frenchman's Cove 9/2, up to 5 Mockingbird Hill 12-17/2 and 10 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Zenaida Dove (*Zenaida aurita*)

4 Frenchman's Cove 9/2, 4 Port Antonio 11/2, 2 Mockingbird Hill 12-17/2, 2 Frenchman's Cove 12/2, 10 roadside Drapers-Kingston 17/2 and 20 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)

1 Zion Hill (Margaret's River) 16/2 and 1 roadside Drapers-Kingston 17/2

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*)

Common.

Caribbean Dove (*Leptotila jamaicensis*)

1 heard Mockingbird Hill 11/2, 2 heard there 12/2 and 2 (1+1heard) Mockingbird Hill 16/2.

Crested Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon versicolor*) Endemic

2 (1+1h) Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 5 (3+2h) Hardware Gap 6/2 and 1 heard Ecclesdown Road 10/2.



Crested Quail-dove

Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*)

2 Hardware Gap 6/2.

Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo (*Coccyzus pluvialis*) Endemic

1 heard Mockingbird Hill 9-10/2, 1 heard Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 seen Mockingbird Hill 12/2.

Jamaican Lizard-Cuckoo (*Coccyzus vetula*) Endemic

5 (1+4 h) Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 San San Nature Reserve 12/2.



Jamaican Lizard-cuckoo

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)

3 Forres Park and 5 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 4 Mavis Bank 7/2, 5 Swift River 15/2, 5 Orange Bay 15/2 and 10 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Jamaican Owl (*Pseudoscops grammicus*) Endemic

1 pair heard Forres Park 4-5/2.

The male was calling 4-5/2 and on the second night the female was also heard.

Black Swift (*Cypseloides niger*)

5 Mockingbird Hill 9/2 and 1 there 14/2.

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

40 8/2, 300 9/2, 70 13/2 and 35 14/2, all observations at Mockingbird Hill.

Antillean Palm-Swift (*Tachornis phoenicobia*)

1 seen Mavis Bank-Port Antonio 8/2 and 1 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Jamaican Mango (*Anthracothorax mango*) Endemic

1 Mavis Bank 7/2, 1 Mockingbird Hill 9 and 13/2, 2 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 Margaret's Bay 15/2.

Vervain Hummingbird (*Mellisuga minima*)

2 Forres Park 4/2, 2 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 1-2 Mockingbird Hill 8-13/2, 3 Ecclesdown Road 10/2, 1 San San Nature Reserve 14 and 16/2, 2 Margaret's Bay 15/2 and 1 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Red-billed Streamertail (*Trochilus polytmus*) Endemic

10 seen daily around Forres Park 4-8/2, 5 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 5 Old Mine Trail 5/2, 5 Hardware Gap 6/2 and 5 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.



Jamaican Mango

Black-billed Streamertail (*Trochilus scitulus*) Endemic

At least 5 daily Mockingbird Hill 8-17/2, 5 Ecclesdown Road 10/2, 1 female Margaret's Bay 15/2 and 5 San San Nature Reserve 16/2.

Note that Clement's does not recognize more than one species – Streamertail.



Black-billed Streamertail

Jamaican Tody (*Todus todus*) Endemic

Up to 6 daily Forres Park 4-7/2, 1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 1 Old Mine Trail 5/2, 5 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 Mockingbird Hill 13/2.



Jamaican Tody

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)

1 Port Antonio 11/2, 1 female Frenchman's Cove 13/2, 4 Rio Grande (rafting)15/2, 1 Orange Bay 15/2, 1 Kingston Harbor 17/2 and 1 roadside Drapers-Kingston 17/2.

Jamaican Woodpecker (*Melanerpes radiolatus*) Endemic
Common.



Jamaican Woodpecker

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)

Common.

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

1 female Hardware Gap 6/2 and 1 roadside Drapers-Kingston 17/2.

Olive-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga nana*)

2 Forres Park 6/2, 2 Old Mine Trail 7/2, up to 5 daily at Mockingbird Hill 8-16/2, 2 Frenchman's Cove 9 and 12/2 and 4 San San Nature Reserve 14/2.

Green-rumped Parrotlet (*Forpus passerinus*)

2 Mockingbird Hill 16/2.

Black-billed Parrot (*Amazona agilis*) Endemic

10 Ecclesdown Road 10/2.



Yellow-billed Parrot

Yellow-billed Parrot (*Amazona collaria*) Endemic

2 near Hope Botanical Garden 8/2, 10 Ecclesdown Road 10/2, 15 Mockingbird Hill 12/2, 2 Frenchman's Cove 12/2 and 5 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Jamaican Elaenia (*Myiopagis cotta*) Endemic

1 Hardware Gap 6/2.

Greater Antillean Elaenia (*Elaenia fallax*)

1 Hardware Gap 6/2 and 1 San San Nature Reserve 16/2.

Jamaican Pewee (*Contopus pallidus*) Endemic

2 Abbey Green Estate 5/2 and 1 Forres Park 6/2.

Sad Flycatcher (*Myiarchus barbirostris*) Endemic

2 Forres Park 4-7/2, 1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 2 Mockingbird Hill 8/2, 3 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 Mockingbird Hill 13/2.



Jamaican Pewee

Rufous-tailed Flycatcher (*Myiarchus validus*) Endemic

1 Forres Park 4/2, 1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2 and 1 Hardware Gap 6/2.

Loggerhead Kingbird (*Tyrannus caudifasciatus*)

Common.

Jamaican Becard (*Pachyramphus niger*) Endemic

2 (1 male+1h) Hardware Gap 6/2 and 1 female San San Nature Reserve 14/2.

Jamaican Vireo (*Vireo modestus*) Endemic

2 (1+1h) Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 2 Ecclesdown Road 10/2, 1 Mockingbird Hill 12/2,
2 San San Nature Reserve 14/2 and 1 there 16/2.

Blue Mountain Vireo (*Vireo osburni*) Endemic

2 (1+1h) Abbey Green Estate 5/2 and 3 Hardware Gap 6/2.

Jamaican Crow (*Corvus jamaicensis*) Endemic

2 pairs seen and a few more heard Ecclesdown Road 10/2.

Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)

2 Zion Hill (Margaret's River) 16/2.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

1 Swift River 15/2 and 1 Mockingbird Hill 16/2.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*)

15 Frenchman's Cove 9/2, 200 (50+150) Mockingbird Hill 10/2 and 7 Mockingbird Hill
17/2.

Rufous-throated Solitaire (*Myadestes genibarbis*)

2 (1+1h) Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 1 heard Old Mine Trail 5/2, 6 (1+5h) Hardware Gap 6/2, 1 heard Old Mine Trail 7/2 and 3 heard Ecclesdown Road 10/2.

White-eyed Thrush (*Turdus jamaicensis*) Endemic

3 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 5 Old Mine Trail 5/2, 2 Hardware Gap 6/2, 1 heard Old Mine Trail 7/2 and 1 Mockingbird Hill 12 and 14/2.

White-chinned Thrush (*Turdus aurantius*) Endemic

Common.



White-chinned Thrush

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)

4 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 2 Mavis Bank-Port Antonio 8/2, 2 French-man's Cove 9/2, 4 Kensington-Port Antonio 10/2, 6 Port Antonio 11/2, 1 pair Mockingbird Hill 12-17/2, 4 Zion Hill (Margaret's River) 16/2, 10 roadside Drapers-Kingston 17/2 and 6 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

3 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)

1 Forres Park 5/2, 1 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 2 Mockingbird Hill 13/2.

Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*)

2 San San Nature Reserve 14/2 and 1 Mockingbird Hill 15/2.

Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*)

1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2.

Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)

1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 2 Old Mine Trail 5/2 and 1 there 7/2, 1 Mockingbird Hill

13/2 and 1 Hope Botanical Garden 17/2.

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)

1 male Forres Park 6/2, 1 male Hardware Gap 6/2 and 1 male Mockingbird Hill 8/2.

Arrowhead Warbler (*Setophaga pharetra*) Endemic

1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2 and 1 Hardware Gap 6/2.

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

Common.

Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*)

2 male Forres Park 4/2, 1 male Abbey Green Estate and 5 Old Mine Trail 5/2.

Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*)

Common.

Blackburnian Warbler (*Setophaga fusca*)

1 Old Mine Trail 7/2.

Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*)

Common.

Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*)

1 Port Antonio 11/2 and 1 Margaret's Bay 15/2.

Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*)

Fairly common.

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)

Common.

Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*)

1 male Forres Park 4/2 and 10 Margaret's Bay 15/2.

Black-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris bicolor*)

1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 20 Hardware gap 6/2, 5 Forres Park 7/2, 5 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 Mockingbird Hill 12/2.

Orangequit (*Euneornis campestris*) Endemic

1 male Forres Park 4-7/2, 5 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 5 Old Mine Trail 5/2, 5 Hardware Gap 6/2, 2 male Old Mine Trail 7/2, 1 male Mockingbird Hill 8/2, 10 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 male Mockingbird Hill 15/2.

Greater Antillean Bullfinch (*Loxigilla violacea*) Endemic

5 Hardware Gap 6/2, 2 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 1 female San San Nature Reserve 14/2.

Yellow-shouldered Grassquit (*Loxipasser anoxanthus*) Endemic
3 male Old Mine Trail 5/2.

Jamaican Spindalis (*Spindalis nigricephala*) Endemic
1-2 seen Forres Park 4-7/2, 3 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 5 Hardware Gap 6/2, 5-10 Mockingbird Hill 8-17/2, 10 Ecclesdown Road 10/2 and 4 San San Nature Reserve 16/2.



Jamaican Spindalis

Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)
1 female colored Abbey Green Estate 5/2.

Jamaican Blackbird (*Nesopsar nigerrimus*) Endemic
3 Hardware Gap 6/2.

Greater Antillean Grackle (*Quiscalus niger*)
Not seen in the Blue Mountains. Locally common around Port Antonio and along the road to Kingston.

Jamaican Oriole (*Icterus leucopteryx*) Endemic
1 Abbey Green Estate 5/2, 1 Forres Park 6-7/2, 1 heard Hardware Gap 6/2, 2-3 Mockingbird Hill 8-17/2 and 5 Ecclesdown Road 10/2.

Jamaican Euphonia (*Euphonia jamaica*) Endemic
Common.

And finally a typical Caribbean weather report.....



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