

Belize is recognized for its high biodiversity. About 40% of the country's terrestrial areas are protected. In 1996, Belize passed the Protected Areas Conservation Trust Act. Currently, there are 103 protected areas that form Belize's national protected area system. These include sanctuaries for birds and wildlife, marine reserves, and nature reserves.

Belize has lush rainforests, mangroves, and the world's second-largest barrier reef. It is home to many species, such as manatees, scarlet macaws, and tapirs. By protecting these habitats, Belize supports biodiversity and ensures a healthy, thriving environment for wildlife. These ecosystems work together to sustain life: rainforests clean the air, coral reefs protect shorelines, and mangroves filter water while providing nurseries for marine life. By working together, we can protect Belize's wildlife and preserve this natural balance for generations to come.

Next Gen Croc

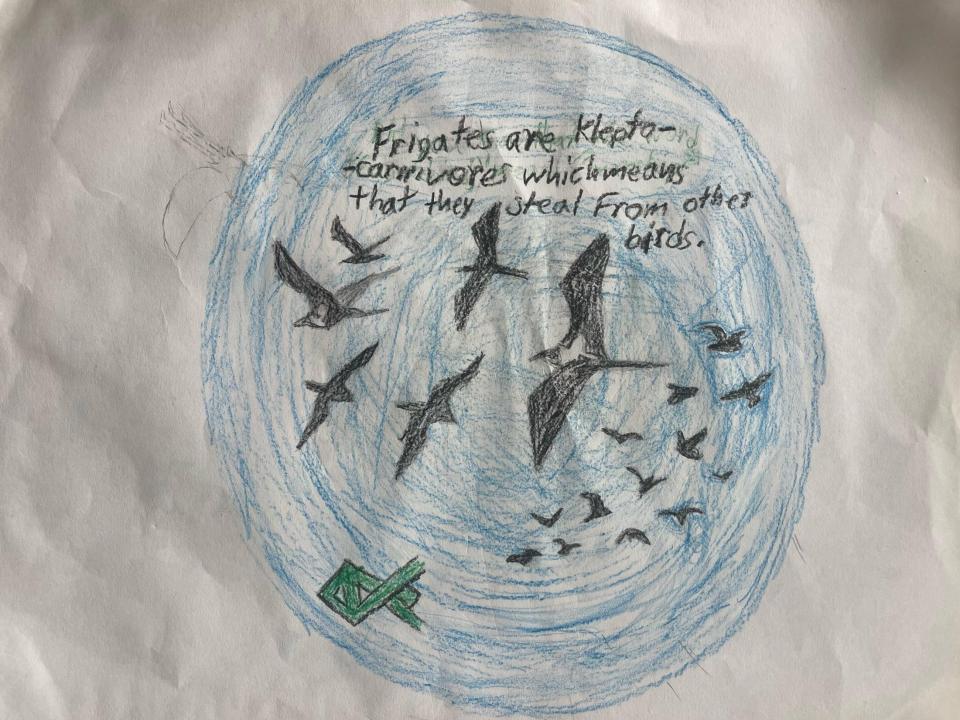
The students of our Next Gen Croc Program created this wildlife calendar. Next Gen Croc (est. 2017) includes youth from various local schools. These students participate in a wide range of field research, including conducting biodiversity surveys and nocturnal eyeshine surveys under the mentorship of CRC, as well as participating and assisting CRC in community outreach events. Next Gen Croc is set up to provide one-on-one mentorship to participating students to assist them in obtaining the experience needed to give them a strong base for their future scientific career.











January 2025

Frigate birds are able to stay aloft up to 2 months in the air without ever coming to land or water. They can eat by trying to steal the catch of other birds, or swooping down at any fish that are near the water's surface..

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By: Maia Olivari A fun fact about Eagle Rays is that they can have a wingspan or Just under 3 meters! And they can weight up to 507 pounds (230 kg)! Eagle Rays grow to a maximum length of 16.4 feet (5 m) including the tail! the lifeSpan is about 14-15 years in the wild while in captivity the wax lifespan is 19-20

February 2025

Eagle rays have few predators since they are equipped with long stingers which allows them to defend themselves. Tiger sharks, silvertip sharks, and hammerhead sharks are the main species that hunt eagle rays.

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My name is Stanely, and here are some facts about me! As a manatee, or sea cow are closest relative is actually an elephant, and we are both excellent swimmers. The whole mermaid idea came from us manatee's, that's why a hickname for us is chubby mermaid! we don't naturally have any predators, so we don't have to worry whilst commendation on sea grass, this also makes for a long lifestan.

March 2025

Did you know Belize is home to the world's largest population of Antillean manatee. There are about 800 to 1,000 manatees that call Belize home. They are also described as "sea cows".

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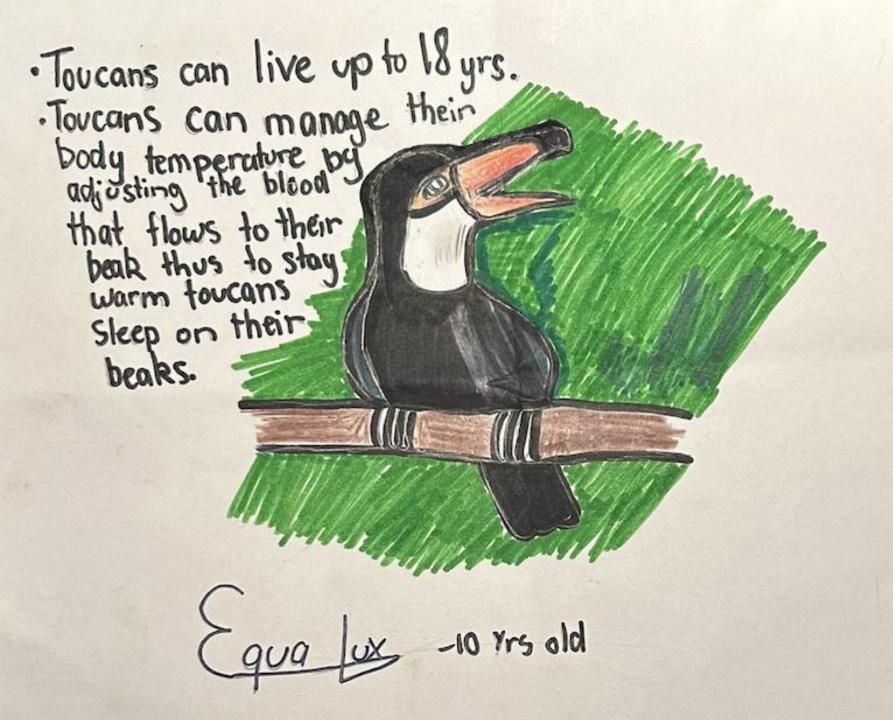
Fact 2: Harpy Eagle's can live up to 45 years. They make for literand reproduce southing sing a chick every 2 to 1 years.

April 2025

Harpy Eagles are are one of the world's largest and most powerful eagles. They received their name for the Harpies of Greek mythology, a woman with the bodies of birds.

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20 Easter	21 Easter Monday	22	23	24	25	26
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May 2025

The keel-billed toucan is the national bird of Belize. Their beaks appear heavy but is are hollow. They have a loud frog-like call that can be heard up to half a mile away.

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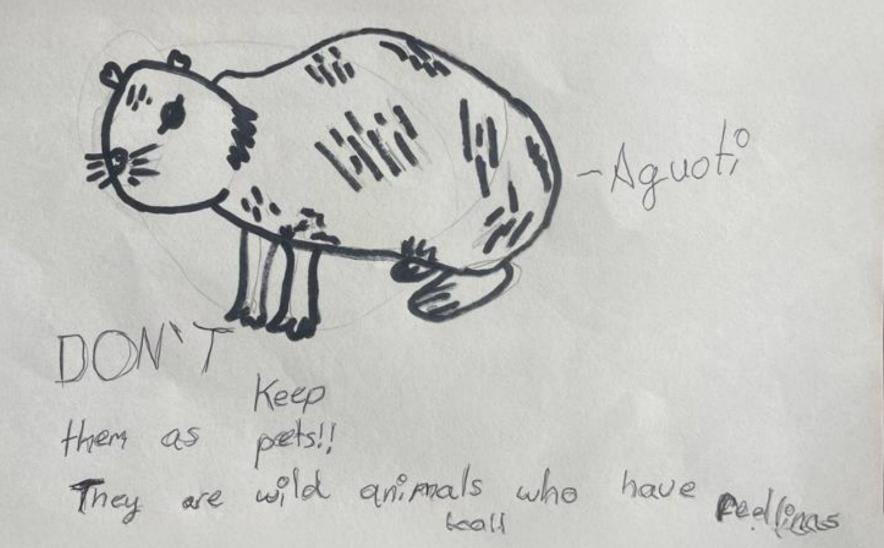


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June 2025

Belize is home to three different species of sea turtles, loggerhead, green, and hawkbills. The green sea turtle is the second largest turtle in the world, weighing up to 400 pounds (180kgs).

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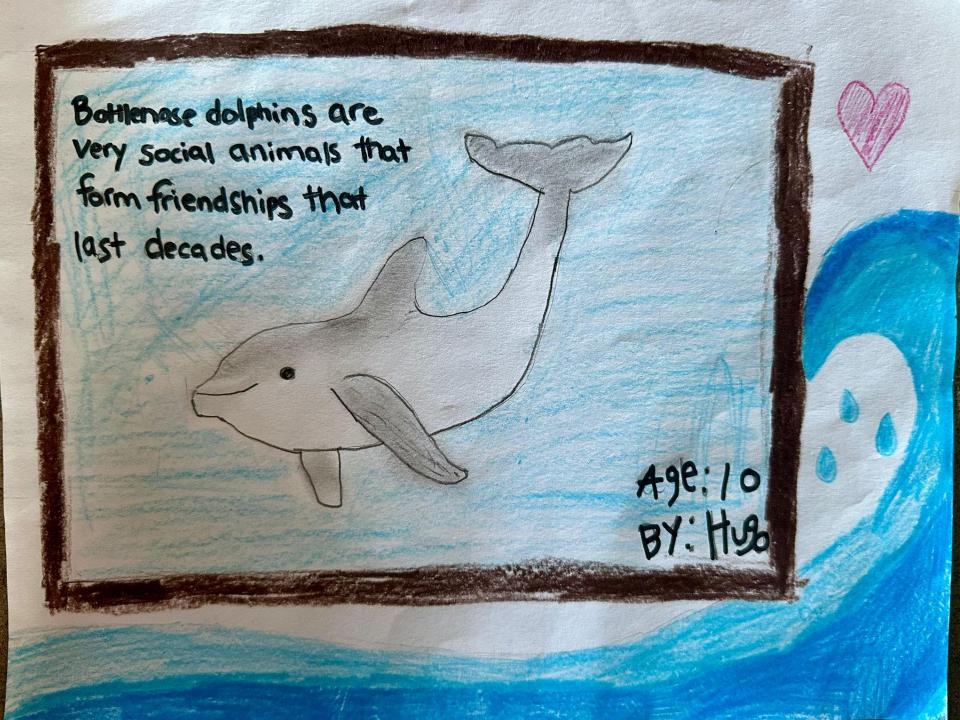


August 2025

The Central American boa is the largest species of snake that is native to Belize. Boas kill their prey by restricting blood flow to the brain, not by suffocating them. They also belong to the Boidae family which includes anacondas.

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September 2025

Bottlenose dolphins use whistles, clicks, and squeaks to communicate. These marine mammals can grow up to 13ft and weigh up to 1,300 pounds, as well as live up to 60 years old!

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21 Belize Independence Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Crocodiles are carnivorous and eat a variety of prey, including fish, birds, frogs, crustaceans, snails, and tadpoles.

Large crocodiles may also eat small to medium size mammals.

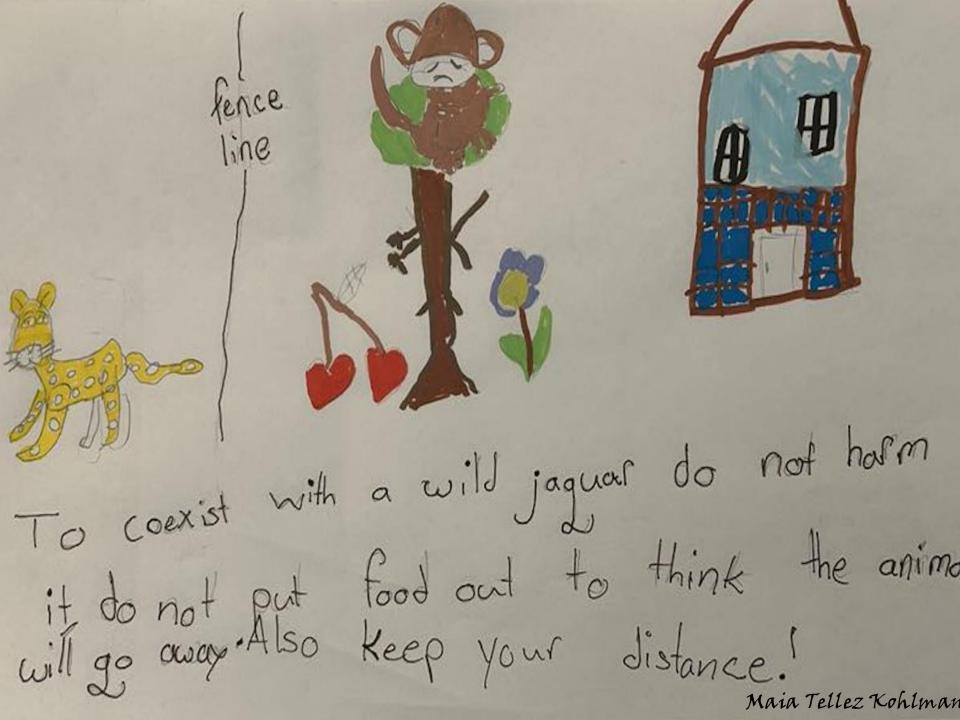
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Crocodilians are "keystone species" which means that they keep their environment in balance. For example they can help keep fish populations healthy by eating sick fish and stirring up sediments in the rivers which helps fish nurseries.

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November 2025

Belize has one of the healthiest populations of jaguars in Central America, with about 800-1,000 jaguars. The jaguars are the largest wild cat that are native to Belize and third largest wild cat in the world.

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December 2025

Coatimundis are social animals. They live in groups called "bands" of up to 30 animals. The females form troops to protect their young. However, the males are usually solitary.

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The Crocodile Research Coalition (CRC) is a Belize-based nonprofit, established in January 2016 with the mission of protecting crocodiles and their environments throughout Central America and the Caribbean. The CRC believes the success of conservation is in the hands of local communities and therefore seeks to empower people with knowledge of practices that ensure the well being of both their communities and crocodiles. With increased development and agricultural expansion, humans are having more interactions with crocodiles (and other wildlife!). This calendar addresses different species of Belizean wildlife to draw attention to local ecosystems and emphasize the importance of conservation.

For more information and advice on applying these practices, or if you want to get involved with the CRC, visit the CRC website www.crocodileresearchcoalition.org or contact the CRC at **+501 660-3936**.

This calendar was inspired and modeled on the wonderful Living with Jaguars calendar created by The Belize Zoo, Ya'axché Conservation Trust, Belize Forest Department, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, and Panthera. Original calendar design by Tara Lafabrêgue Rodkey, and updated by Andrea Torzone.





The **Crocodile Research Coalition** (CRC) is a Belizean non-profit with a 501(c)3 sister company Crocodile Research Foundation in the United States. Our mission is to promote conservation of crocodiles and their habitats throughout Central America through community involvement, research, and education.



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