



With an excellent working relationship with the Dominican Republic's leading biologist and principle conservatist Dr. Brocca, Royle Safaris runs trips to this amazing country to showcase a couple of endemic and very unusual species; The Hispaniola Solenodon and Hutia. The first being a large shrew-like animal which is not only venomous but also has a bizarre ball-and-socket joint on its nose. The latter species being described by some as an arboreal beaver. Both of these animals (and several related species) were once quite abundant and spread throughout the larger islands in the Caribbean, but with many Caribbean species the expanding human population, habitat destruction and hunting has reduced their numbers to much smaller populations in isolated pockets of habitat. In fact sadly many other solenodon and hutia species have become extinct and these species are not out of danger.

Being the second largest island in the Caribbean (behind neighbouring Cuba) Hispaniola (separated into Haiti in the west and Dominican Republic in the east) has large populations of two endemic mammals; which is in no small measure down to the amazing work of Dr. Brocca and his team.

But as both of these species are nocturnal we will spend the days looking for other wildlife, including a wealth of bird life, including no less than 31 endemic species and the two native iguana species including the critically endangered Ricord iguana. This trip was organised for Cheryl Antonucci, Deborah Bradley and Deanna Campbell; both Deb and Deanna are keen birders as well as interested in mammals and reptiles and so they extended the trip at the start to try and find as many of the endemic birds as possible. Cheryl joined specially for the mammal focused part of the trip.

Below is a summary of the species seen on the trip, including many endemics. We run trips here every year (nearly always private tours) and if you are interested in visiting this amazing island, having the expert guidance of Dr. Brocca and his team you can contact us (info@royle-safaris.co.uk) or visit our website (<https://www.royle-safaris.co.uk/wildlife-holidays/dominican-republic/>).

Species List Endemic Mammals & Birds of the Dominican Republic Feb 2022

Mammals

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1	Jamaican Fruit Bat	<i>Artibeus jamaicensis</i>
2	Brown Flower Bat	<i>Erophylla bombifrons</i>
3	Eastern Red Bat	<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>
4	Cuvier's Hutia	<i>Plagiodontia aedium</i>
5	Hispaniolan Solenodon	<i>Solenodon paradoxus</i>

Birds

Common Name	Binominal Name
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1	Hispaniolan Parrot	<i>Amazona ventralis</i>
2	White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>
3	Antillean Mango	<i>Anthracothorax dominicus</i>
4	Greater Antillean Nightjar	<i>Antrostomus cubanensis</i>
5	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>
6	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
7	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
8	Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
9	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
10	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>
11	Eastern Chat-Tanager	<i>Calyptophilus frugivorus</i>
12	Western Chat-Tanager	<i>Calyptophilus tertius</i>
13	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
14	Bicknell's Thrush	<i>Catharus bicknelli</i>
15	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
16	Antillean Euphonia	<i>Chlorophonia musica</i>
17	Hispaniolan Lizard-Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus longirostris</i>
18	Bay-breasted Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus ruficularis</i>
19	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
20	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
21	Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
22	Hispaniolan Pewee	<i>Contopus hispaniolensis</i>
23	White-necked Crow	<i>Corvus leucognaphalus</i>
24	Palm Crow	<i>Corvus palmarum</i>
25	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
26	West Indian Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arborea</i>
27	Palmchat	<i>Dulus dominicus</i>
28	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>
29	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
30	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>
31	Greater Antillean Elaenia	<i>Elaenia fallax</i>
32	Olive-throated Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula nana</i>
33	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
34	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
35	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
36	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>
37	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
38	Ruddy Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon montana</i>
39	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
40	Hispaniolan Oriole	<i>Icterus dominicensis</i>
41	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>
42	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>
43	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
44	Hispaniolan Crossbill	<i>Loxia megaplaga</i>
45	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>

46	Hispaniolan Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes striatus</i>
47	Vervain Hummingbird	<i>Mellisuga minima</i>
48	Greater Antillean Bullfinch	<i>Melopyrrha violacea</i>
49	Green-tailed Warbler	<i>Microligea palustris</i>
50	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
51	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>
52	Rufous-throated Solitaire	<i>Myadestes genibarbis</i>
53	Stolid Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus stolidus</i>
54	Antillean Piculet	<i>Nesocittes micromegas</i>
55	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
56	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
57	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>
58	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
59	Plain Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas inornata</i>
60	Scaly-naped Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas squamosa</i>
61	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
62	Black-crowned Palm-Tanager	<i>Phaenicophilus palmarum</i>
63	American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
64	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
65	Hispaniolan Trogon	<i>Priotelus roseigaster</i>
66	Hispaniolan Parakeet	<i>Psittacara chloropterus</i>
67	Greater Antillean Grackle	<i>Quiscalus niger</i>
68	Hispaniolan Emerald	<i>Riccordia swainsonii</i>
69	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>
70	Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>
71	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>
72	Prairie Warbler	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>
73	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>
74	Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>
75	Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>
76	Pine Warbler	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>
77	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>
78	Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>
79	Least Pauraque	<i>Siphonorhis brewsteri</i>
80	Hispaniolan Spindalis	<i>Spindalis dominicensis</i>
81	Antillean Siskin	<i>Spinus dominicensis</i>
82	Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
83	Antillean Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis phoenicobia</i>
84	Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>
85	Golden Swallow	<i>Tachycineta euchrysea</i>
86	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>
87	Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>
88	Narrow-billed Tody	<i>Todus angustirostris</i>
89	Broad-billed Tody	<i>Todus subulatus</i>
90	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
91	Red-legged Thrush	<i>Turdus plumbeus</i>

92	La Selle Thrush	<i>Turdus swalesi</i>
93	Gray Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
94	Ashy-faced Owl	<i>Tyto glaucops</i>
95	Black-whiskered Vireo	<i>Vireo altiloquus</i>
96	Flat-billed Vireo	<i>Vireo nanus</i>
97	White-winged Warbler	<i>Xenoligea montana</i>
98	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>
99	Zenaida Dove	<i>Zenaida aurita</i>
100	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>

Reptiles

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1	Pedernales Green Anole	<i>Anolis chlorodius</i>
2	Tiburon Stout Anole	<i>Anolis cybotes</i>
3	North Caribbean Bark Anole	<i>Anolis hispaniolae</i>
4	Common Stout Anole	<i>Anolis hispaniolae</i>
5	Barahona Stout Anole	<i>Anolis longitibialis</i>
6	Hispaniolan Grass Anole	<i>Anolis semilineatus</i>
7	Hispaniolan Boa	<i>Chilabothrus striatus</i>
8	Hispaniolan Green Treefrog	<i>Chilabothrus striatus</i>
9	Hispaniolan Rhinoceros Iguana	<i>Cyclura cornuta</i>
10	Hispaniolan Banded Iguana	<i>Cyclura ricordii</i>
11	Common Chirping Frog	<i>Eleutherodactylus abbotti</i>
12	Tropical House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>
13	Orange-bellied Curlytail	<i>Leiocephalus barahonensis</i>
14	Hispaniolan Masked Curlytail	<i>Leiocephalus personatus</i>
15	Hispaniolan Giant Groundlizard	<i>Pholidoscelis chrysolemus</i>





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