

San Juan, Puerto Rico – December 2012 & June 2014

I've made two trips to Puerto Rico, both in the San Juan area, and neither of which were designed with nature watching in mind. Consequently, mammal sightings were entirely incidental, but show you can see mammals here even if you are in the city. On my first trip in December 2012, we stayed at a hotel on the beach in Isla Verde near the airport. While eating dinner the first night in the hotel restaurant, we saw a **Greater Bulldog Bat** (*Noctilio leporinus*) repeatedly flying down the beach in the rain about 1-2m above the sand. On the second trip in June 2014, we saw large bats feeding in the fig trees around our hotel (Caribe Hilton) and saw more of them in the old part of San Juan feeding in the trees in the plaza across from San Juan Cathedral on down the streets leading to the harbor. I had neither a light nor binoculars on hand to help try to identify them, but I emailed Armando Rodriguez-Durán and he suggested they were likely **Jamaican Fruit Bat** (*Artibeus jamaicensis*).