

# Jamaica's Endemic Birds

## *What is an endemic species?*

“Endemism” is a term that refers to the geographic range of a species. A bird that is **endemic** to Jamaica is one that is found only on the island of Jamaica and nowhere else in the world. There are also **Caribbean endemics**, species that are endemic to Jamaica and one or more other Caribbean islands. **Resident** birds are those found in Jamaica year-round, but the same species may also be found in other parts of the world. **Migratory** birds are those that spend part of the year in Jamaica, and part of the year somewhere else. Most Jamaican migrants come from North America, but a few originate in South America.

**Jamaica has more readily observable endemics than any other Caribbean island!**

Twenty of Jamaica's endemic bird species and seven Caribbean endemics have been found at Green Castle already. Keep your eyes and ears open for these and more!

### **Jamaican Endemics found at Green Castle include:**

<b>Yellow-billed Parrot</b>	<b>Sad Flycatcher</b>
<b>Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo</b>	<b>Rufous-tailed Flycatcher</b>
<b>Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo</b>	<b>Jamaican Becard</b>
<b>Jamaican Owl</b>	<b>White-chinned Thrush</b>
<b>Jamaican Mango</b>	<b>Jamaican Crow</b>
<b>Streamertail</b>	<b>Jamaican Vireo</b>
<b>Jamaican Tody</b>	<b>Jamaican Euphonia</b>
<b>Jamaican Woodpecker</b>	<b>Jamaican Spindalis</b>
<b>Jamaican Elaenia</b>	<b>Yellow-shouldered Grassquit</b>
<b>Jamaican Pewee</b>	<b>Orangequit</b>

### **Caribbean Endemics found at Green Castle include:**

<b>Caribbean Dove</b>	<b>Greater Antillean Bullfinch</b>
<b>Antillean Palm Swift</b>	<b>Greater Antillean Grackle</b>
<b>Vervain Hummingbird</b>	<b>Jamaican Oriole</b>
<b>Stolid Flycatcher</b>	

More than 100 bird species have been sighted at Green Castle in the past three years. Complete bird lists are available. From your friends at Green Castle ...

**Happy Birding!!!**