

Rocklands Bird Sanctuary in Montego Bay, Jamaica

Rocklands Bird Sanctuary is home to some of Jamaica's most exquisite species of bird.

A variety of birds fly around feeders while visitors watch in amazement.

This place is a must see if you are a bird or nature lover!



The bird sanctuary is located at a quaint little house, home to a local Jamaican. The setting here is absolutely peaceful and relaxing.



This outing is very simplistic. You sit on a chair under a covered porch with some seeds in your hand. Before you know it birds will be sitting on your lap and feeding right out of the palm of your hand. When else in your lifetime can you say you've had a wild hummingbird sit on your lap or finger?!



You are also given a small bottle of sugar water, which attracts the birds that land all around you.



You can take a leisurely stroll to see more birds and flora. Ensure you bring along your sugar water bottle – hummers will follow you around and request drinks as you stroll. Don't forget to bring your camera. You should not pass up the opportunity to take a photo with Jamaica's national bird – the beautiful **Doctorbird** [Red-billed Streamertail; <http://10000birds.com/what-is-the-national-bird-of-jamaica.htm>] and there are many of them here. The birds here are wild, free and move very quickly. It is a wonderful and organic experience and should not be missed.



Saffron Finch?



Types of birds you may see here:

American Redstart

Bananaquit

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Caribbean Dove (Found in Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Honduras, Mexico and Colombia)

Greater Antillean Bullfinch (Found in Jamaica, The Bahamas, Hispaniola, and Turks and Caicos Islands)

Ground-dove

Jamaican Oriole (found in only Jamaica and San Andres – formerly found in Grand Cayman but is now extinct there)

Jamaican Mango Hummingbird (Endemic to Jamaica)
Jamaican Tody
Jamaican Vireo (Endemic to Jamaica)
Jamaican Woodpecker (Endemic to Jamaica)
Loggerhead Kingbird
Northern Mockingbird
Northern Parula
Orangequit (Endemic to Jamaica)
Red-billed Streamertail Hummingbird (aka Doctorbird – Endemic and indigenous to Jamaica)
Rufous-tailed Flycatcher (Found in Jamaica and Cayman Islands)
Shiny Cowbird
Vervain Hummingbird (Found in only Jamaica and Hispaniola)
White-chinned Thrush (Found in Jamaica and Cayman Islands)
Yellow-faced Grassquit

*Endemic means it is found only on the island of Jamaica and nowhere else in the world.

Peak bird feeding time: 6am-9am

Length of Tour: 1 hour

Entrance cost: US\$20 (includes coffee, tea or juice)

Travel time from:

Negril 1.5 hours

Montego Bay 20 minutes

Some people say the only unpleasant part of this experience is the very bumpy ride up the mountain to sanctuary.