



Bird  
Sanctuary &  
Rehabilitation Centre

*Dedicated to the rescue and  
rehabilitation of all bird species  
in Belize*

### **What do we do?**

- We help former pet parrots learn to be wild again
- We treat injured birds and return them to the wild
- We take care of orphaned baby birds until they can be returned to the wild
- We encourage the owners of captive parrots to understand the law and license their bird with the Forest Department
- We offer advice to owners of licensed parrots to help prevent their bird from getting sick
- We encourage everyone in Belize to leave the wild birds safely where they belong: in the wild
- We provide information to farmers about protecting their crops without harming birds
- We encourage everyone to look out for badly treated parrots: a sad or sick bird in a cage is crying out for help

*Contact us for more information*

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# Belize Bird Facts

## Did you know?

- ✓ Birds are essential to the diversity of the forests: they spread seeds for miles and pollinate many plants. They are nature's gardeners.
- ✓ Wild parrots can live up to 90 years depending on the species and produce 18 - 72 offspring. And yet captive parrots in Belize rarely live for more than 5 years and produce no offspring.
- ✓ The yellow-head parrot, jabiru stork and currasow are endangered species and many other belizean birds like the scarlet macaw, mealy blue-head parrot and crested guan are under threat.
- ✓ It is illegal in Belize to keep an unlicensed parrot or any other wild bird in captivity. Almost all species of birds are protected by the Wildlife Act so it is illegal to kill or capture them, even if you do have a hunting licence.
- ✓ As well as being illegal, it is morally wrong to keep parrots captive: they are incredibly smart birds and suffer emotionally and physically when they are kept in a cage.
- ✓ Tourist revenue is hugely important to Belize's economy. Many tourists visit Belize to see wildlife. If there are no birds and animals to see then the tourists will stop coming.
- ✓ Habitat destruction and the pet trade have reduced numbers of some species of parrots to critical levels. If we don't act now to protect them, future generations will be robbed of these amazing creatures.
- ✓ Don't buy baby parrots. Report captive birds and wildlife to the Forest Department. Say 'no' to poachers!

*It's time to act now - before it's too late*

**Protect wildlife and ensure the future for Belize**

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