



Caribbean Parrots Guide

Meet the Colorful Voices of the Caribbean Rainforests



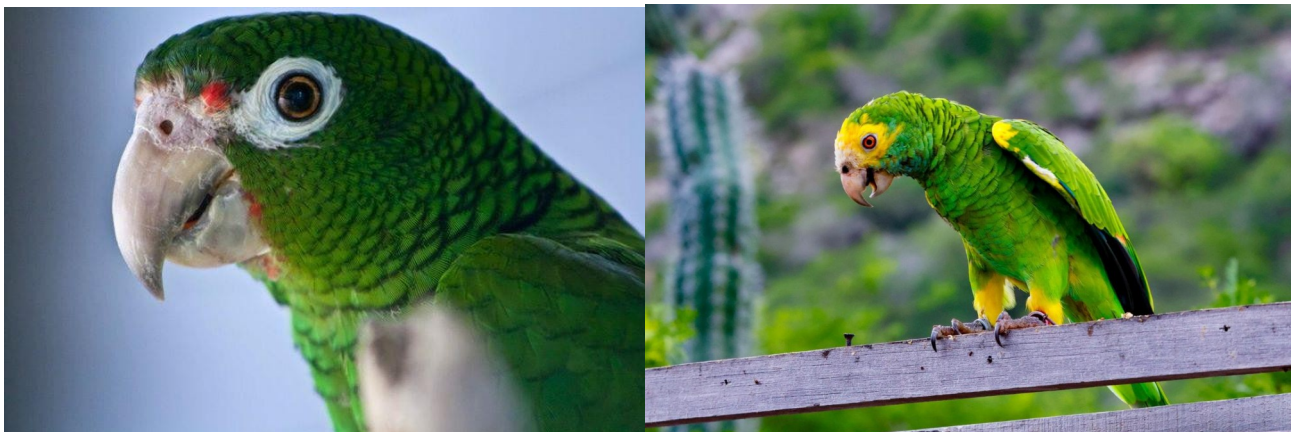
Bright, intelligent, and full of personality, **parrots** are among the Caribbean's most colorful wildlife ambassadors. Their brilliant feathers, playful behavior, and unmistakable calls echo through tropical forests across the region, making them one of the Caribbean's most treasured bird species.

While many travelers associate parrots with pirate stories and tropical postcards, the Caribbean is actually home to several rare and beautiful native parrot species. From the endangered **Puerto Rican Amazon** to the colorful **St. Lucia Amazon** and the **Yellow-shouldered Amazon** of Curaçao and Bonaire, these remarkable birds play an important role in maintaining healthy island forests.

For bird lovers and nature enthusiasts, spotting a wild Caribbean parrot is one of the most rewarding wildlife experiences the islands have to offer.



Meet the Caribbean's Native Parrots



Several unique parrot species live only in the Caribbean.

PR Puerto Rican Amazon

One of the world's rarest parrots and an incredible conservation success story.

LC St. Lucia Amazon

Known locally as the **Jacquot**, this colorful bird is the national bird of St. Lucia.

CW Yellow-shouldered Amazon

Found on Curaçao and occasionally Bonaire, recognized by the bright yellow patch on its shoulders.

DM Imperial Amazon

Also called the **Sisserou**, this spectacular parrot is the national bird of Dominica and one of the largest Amazon parrots in the world.



Where Can You See Caribbean Parrots?



Native parrots can be found in:

- PR Puerto Rico
- LC St. Lucia
- CW Curaçao
- BQ Bonaire
- DM Dominica
- vc St. Vincent

Most species prefer protected forests and nature reserves.

Remarkably Intelligent



Parrots are among the world's most intelligent birds.

They are known for:

- Excellent memory
- Strong problem-solving skills
- Complex social behavior
- Lifelong pair bonds
- Distinctive vocal communication

Wild parrots use their calls to stay in contact with family members while flying through dense forests.

What Do They Eat?



Caribbean parrots enjoy a varied diet.

Favorite foods include:

- Tropical fruits
- Seeds

- Nuts
- Flowers
- Berries
- Young leaves

As they feed, they also help disperse seeds, making them important for healthy rainforest regeneration.



Conservation Success Stories



Several Caribbean parrot species were once close to extinction.

Thanks to conservation efforts, many populations are recovering through:

- Habitat protection
- Captive breeding programs
- Predator management
- Forest restoration
- Public education

These efforts have become some of the Caribbean's greatest wildlife success stories.



Photography Tips



For memorable photos:

- Visit forests early in the morning.
- Listen for calls before searching visually.
- Bring binoculars or a zoom lens.
- Be patient—parrots often perch quietly before taking flight.
- Never use recordings to lure birds closer.



Premium Travel Group Tip

If you're visiting islands like St. Lucia, Dominica, or Puerto Rico, ask your guide about native parrots. Many visitors never realize these beautiful birds exist because they spend much of their time high in the rainforest canopy. Hearing their calls echo through the forest is often just as memorable as seeing them.



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Fun Facts

- The **Puerto Rican Amazon** was once reduced to **just 13 known wild birds** in the 1970s, making it one of the rarest parrots on Earth. Thanks to decades of conservation, its population continues to grow.
 - The **Imperial Amazon (Sisserou)** is the **national bird of Dominica** and appears on the country's national flag.
 - Some Amazon parrots can live **50 years or more** in the wild and even longer under professional care.
 - Caribbean parrots help regenerate forests by spreading seeds as they travel from tree to tree.
 - Unlike the stereotypical "pirate parrot," many native Caribbean parrots are shy forest birds that spend most of their lives high in the rainforest canopy.
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Why You'll Love Caribbean Parrots

Caribbean parrots are much more than colorful birds—they're living symbols of the islands' natural heritage. Their brilliant plumage, intelligence, and remarkable conservation stories make them one of the Caribbean's most rewarding wildlife discoveries. Whether you spot one soaring above a rainforest or simply hear its unmistakable call echoing through the trees, you'll experience a side of the Caribbean that many visitors never see.

Joe's Logbook

I'll confess... when most people think of parrots in the Caribbean, they probably picture one sitting on a pirate's shoulder.

The reality is even better.

These birds aren't just colorful—they're survivors. Learning about species like the Puerto Rican Amazon and seeing how dedicated conservation efforts have brought them back from the brink of extinction gives you a whole new appreciation for the islands and the people working to protect them.

If you're lucky enough to hear a parrot calling from high in the rainforest, stop for a moment and listen. It reminds you that beyond the beaches and cruise ports is an entirely different Caribbean, filled with ancient forests, remarkable wildlife, and stories of resilience.

And yes... after writing the Pirate History guide, I think we had to give the parrots their moment too. They finally get to be famous for who they are—not just for sitting on a pirate's shoulder!