

Animals and plants seen in Costa Rica: Cielo Lodge, Golfito

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Agouti - small rodent-like brown animal
Anoli - small grey lizard
Armadillo (rumored)
Aphelandra - big bush with red- pink flower clusters
Azul de mata - plant leaves make blue dye, justicia tinctoria
Balsa tree - Ochroma pyramidale
Bamboo, green and yellow
Banana plant
Basilisk lizard - medium sized, runs on back legs (Jesus Christ lizard - walks on water)
Begonia - low plant, black flowers
Boobie - brown boobie sea bird
Bromeliad - epiphyte plant - on living tree trunks
Cecropia - tree favored by ants, sloths and toucans, hollow pioneer tree
Cicada - large, loud insect
Cilantro coyote- herb
Citronella- herb
Coati mundi - related to raccoon, male is brown, female has white striped tail
Coleus - low plant family, patterned pink/purple leaves
Cormorant - neotropical cormorant, fishing bird
Crocodile - lives in seawater or brackish water
Croto family of purple or green/yellow plants
Costus - flowering bush - red drum shaped showers with white blooms
Dolphins (bottle nose)
Eliconia - low flowering plant, tiered red and yellow blossoms, upright and hanging
Ferns - low and small tree, single stem and branched
Flying fish
Frigate bird - large, black, split tail
Frogs:
- Craugastor noblei (dark green with black spots)
- Green-brown
- red eyed green
- Green and red poison dart frog (granular)
- Bullfrog - large, loud
Garlic vine
Ginger plants
- decorative
- alpine purpurata
- red ginger
- torch ginger
- beehive ginger
Golden orb web spider
Grasses, branched, low fescue, Bermuda, fountain types, many others
Heliotrope- flowering reed
Herons and egrets

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- green
- Blue
- Snowy egret
- Hot lips plant, "hooker lips," *Miconia afinnis*
- Hibiscus - red, yellow, orange flowered bush
- Humpback whales
- Ibis - pink shore bird
- Iguana - large black, green lizards - forest and shore
- Impatiens - low flowering shrub
- Katydid - large all-green insect
- Lantana - flowering plant variant
- Leaf cutter ants
- Lemon grass - herb
- Lightning bugs - fireflies
- Lizards, see: Basilisk, Anoli, Iguana, Whiptail
- Macaw- bird (rumored)
- Malina - *Gmelina Arboria* - blond wood
- Mangroves - trees
- Marantacia - flowering bush, white bunches on a long green stem
- Mariolas - small yellow bees that do not sting
- Melastomataceae- small tree with black berries, "black mouth" or "lingua de vaca" - favorite monkey food - *Miconia afinnis*
- Morpho - vibrant blue butterfly
- Mushrooms, fungi, lichens, vast variety
- Oregano Cubano - wild herb
- Ornate hawk eagle, hunts monkeys
- Osprey - fish eagle bird
- Palms - coconut, oil nut, walking / cashapona tree palm
- Possum - green tree possum
- Pelican - big brown fishing bird, nests in tall trees
- Philodendron - big split leaves plant
- Purple Heart - red/purple wood, tree
- Rattlesnake plant - *calathea crotalifera*
- Red Feather - low red-leaved plant / small tree, cordyline family
- Roadside hawk - small bird
- Roseate spoonbill - pink shore bird
- Sea almond tree
- Sloth - Three toed, green fur, lives slowly in trees
- Snakes:
 - Blunt headed tree snake - brown and very thin
 - Others (rumored)
- Spider lily - white flowered water plant
- Spotted grey dolphin
- Squirrel monkey - tufted tail

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Star fruit- bush with yellow fruit

Tabacon- no-stem big leaf plant

Teak tree - leaves make red dye

Tiger crab - small, red claws, lives in mangroves

Tarantula spider - large, black, lives in ground

Toucan bird (rumored)

Turmeric - root that makes yellow dye

Turkey vulture, big black bird

Verbenaceae - bush with sprays of white flower stems and dark green leaves

Water lily plant - purple upright (like hyacinth)

Whip tail lizard, Central American whip tail (juvenile)