

# Caye Caulker Forest Reserve



## CAYE CAULKER GROUP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Co-managers of the Caye Caulker Forest Reserve. The Caye Caulker Forest Reserve, a 100-acre area, located at the northern tip of Caye Caulker.

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## *A Littoral Forest Symphony*

Spanning approximately 100 acres, The Caye Caulker Forest Reserve (Established in 1998) is a mosaic of mangrove ecosystems that beautifully interlace with the crystal-clear waters of the surrounding area. Red, White, and Black mangroves paint a mesmerizing picture, their roots offering refuge to a plethora of small marine species. These intertwined mangroves create a unique and vital habitat that is a cornerstone of the reserve's ecological balance.

A most recent study conducted in Caye Caulker has unveiled a breathtaking avian spectacle, revealing a total of 173 bird species spanning across 36 diverse families. Nestled within the reserve's littoral forests both permanent residents and seasonal travelers can be found. Among the captivating array of bird species, some stand out as common permanent residents, such as the enchanting Black Catbird, the vivacious Yucatan Vireo, the lively Cabot's Bananaquit, the striking Hooded Oriole, and the locally-nesting Mangrove Warbler, a unique subspecies of the Yellow Warbler. Additionally, the littoral forest hosts an array of seasonal resident and transient migrants, including various warblers like *Vermivora* spp, *Dendroica* spp, *Seiurus* spp, and *Wilsonia* spp.

