

# Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary



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### BELIZE'S WETLAND WONDERLAND

The Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary, covering an impressive 37,985 acres, is a natural paradise where water and wildlife converge create a symphony of life. With its lagoons, marshes, and flooded savannas, it's a haven for numerous bird species and diverse ecosystems. Renowned for its diverse wetland ecosystems it provides key habitat for a diverse array of bird species. The sanctuary was established in 1984, and recognized as a Wetland of International Importance and on April 22, 1998, it was designated as a waterfowl habitat, under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. This Sanctuary is home to the largest nesting population of Jabiru stork. These magnificent birds, with their imposing stature and distinctive appearance, find refuge and nesting grounds here. The sanctuary is managed by the Belize Audubon Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of Belize's natural heritage.



Birdwatchers are treated to a spectacle of avian diversity as they observe these travelers in their natural habitat. The wetlands provide a safe haven for species such as herons, egrets, and waterfowl during their long journeys. The sanctuary's waterways are ideal for canoeing, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the wetland wonderland. Paddling through the lagoons and marshes, you'll have the chance to get up close to the wildlife and absorb the serene atmosphere of the wetlands. As you glide silently through the water, you might encounter crocodiles basking on the banks, turtles slipping into the water, and a rich variety of birdlife.

