

Barcelo Buddies

Here are some of the cool critters and creepy crawlies you might see around the resort. Almost all of these creatures have been sited at the Barcelo Maya, and most of these pictures were actually taken there!



Agouti: Often seen in the early morning all over the resort. Related to the guinea pig, but longer legs



Paca: Sometimes seen in the long grass. About the size of a small pig.



Coati: Member of the racoon family, but active during the day. Rarely seen on the resort.



Jaguarondi: A small (house cat sized) wild cat. Rarely seen



Spider Monkey: Although native to the area, usually only this captive one is seen on the resort.



Howler Monkey: Are sometimes seen in the jungle surrounding the resort.



Great Kiskadee



Oriole



Sandpiper



Pelican



Osprey



Cuckoo



Heron



Boat Tailed Grackle



Scarlet Tanager



Mangroves



Palm Trees



Iguanas: All kinds of iguanas can be seen sunning themselves on the paths between the buildings, especially on the beach/caribe side. They won't hurt you, but they are very used to humans and won't skitter out of your way either. They may hiss at you if you get too close.



Basilisk: Also known as the Jesus lizard, because it walks on water on its hind legs. Seen near the Tropical pool in the trees/grass.



Zapote: A tree which bears soft, edible fruit.



Banana: Look on the paths by the beach resort.



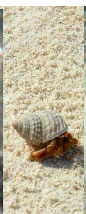
Gecko: Look on the walls near the rooms.



Ornate tree lizard: Very long tailed lizards. The males have bright blue-green patches on their chests and necks.



Hermit Crabs: Most often found at dusk.



Long-Spined Urchin: Found in cracks in coral. Don't touch, those spines are sharp!



Nurse Shark: A slow moving nocturnal shark which sucks prey (lobsters, crabs and rays) off the ocean bottom like a vacuum cleaner. Found out by the reef, sleeping under the coral.



Green sea turtle

Look for turtles in the ocean between the Tropical and the Palace. Be quiet and don't use flashlights on the beach at night, April/May is nesting season.



Hawksbill Sea Turtle



Octopus: Usually squeezed under coral, as shown here.



Cuttlefish: These cephalopods can rapidly change skin colours to camouflage and communicate.



Seahorse: Hide in floating seaweed.



Starfish: Fierce hunters of clams and oysters.

Fishes and Rays and Eels Oh My!



Spotted Eagle Ray



Round Stingray

Southern Stingray

Yellow Stingray

Eel

Great Barracuda



Green Moray

Trunkfish

Trumpetfish

Yellow Jack

Squirrelfish

Spotted Drum



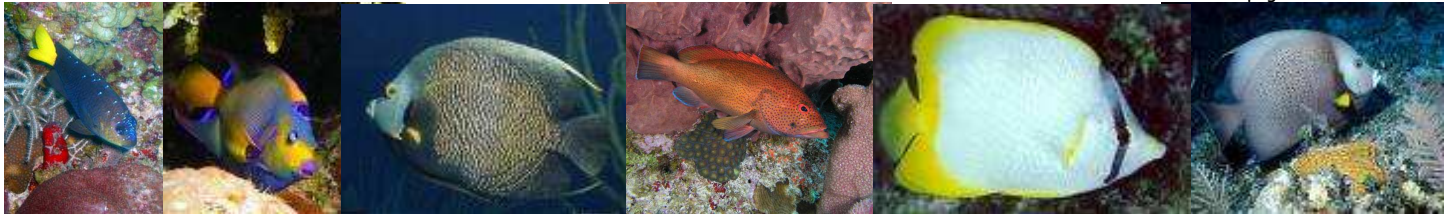
Yellow Goatfish

Bluehead Wrasse

Needlenose Fish

Porkfish

Stoplight Parrotfish



Yellowtail Damsel

Queen Angelfish

French Angelfish

Coney

Spotfin Butterflyfish

Gray Angelfish



Foureye Butterflyfish

Spotlight Parrotfish

Fairy Basslet

Black Durgon

Creole Wrasse

Queen Triggerfish



Rock Beauty

Spanish Hogfish

Parrotfish

Honey Damsel

Blue Chromis

Searobin



Sergeant Major

Jewfish

Red Hind

Brain Coral

Fan Coral