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## Geology

The surface geology of the project area is rather straightforward. The steep hills on and around the property are Cretaceous limestone. These limestone hills have been strongly weathered and karstified, resulting in many caves and crevices. The remaining area consists of recent (Pleistocene) deposits. Since these deposits consist of weathered material from the nearby Maya Mountains, these deposits consists of acidic sands and clays poor in nutrients.

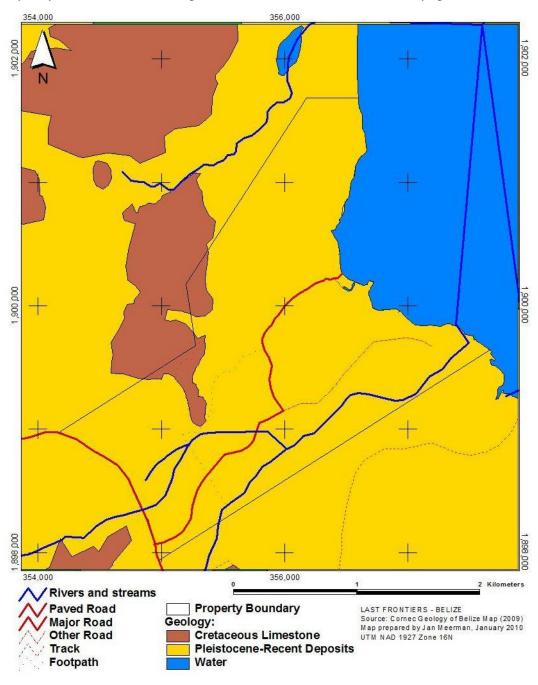


Figure 1. Geology of Last Frontiers, Modified from Cornec 2009)

A prominent geological feature is formed by the Limestone hill. As so often this hill is heavily eroded and full of caves. Most of these caves are "wet" caves and most likely devoid of significant Maya artifacts that are usually associated with caves in Belize. It is rumored that fish is present in this cave, but none were seen during the survey.

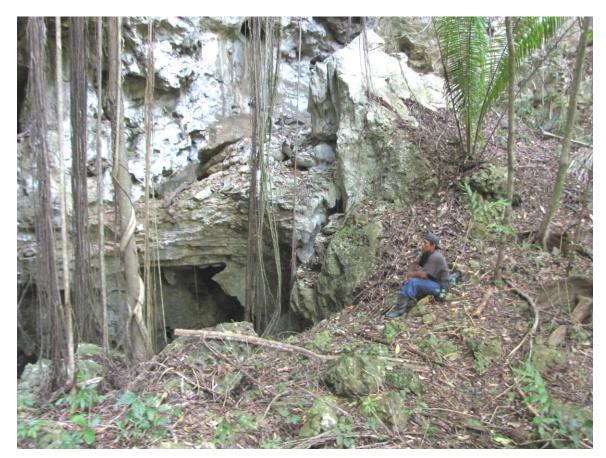


Figure 2. Main cave entrance

Typical for limestone hills in savanna terrain as is the case here, the acidic waters from the surrounding savanna gradually dissolves the foundation of the limestone hill, causing numerous narrow caves at ground level which are essentially no more than sinks. Rainwater from the savanna disappears here underground to join underground aquifers. See the Hydrology section. As part of the same process, the ground level around these limestone hills is typically lower than the rest of the savanna resulting in a moat of water with associated swamp forest. This moat with swamp vegetation is an important component of this ecosystem complex as it prevents savanna fires from reaching the dry vegetation on the limestone hills. Disturbance of this moat often leads to fire damage on these hills.



Figure 3. Sink cave at the foot of the limestone hill, Note water and swamp forest vegetation.

## Hydrology

### Introduction:

The hydrology of an area is closely linked to its rainfall and topography. The topography in itself determines the watershed and technically the Last Frontiers property sits in the Manatee River watershed (Figure 4).

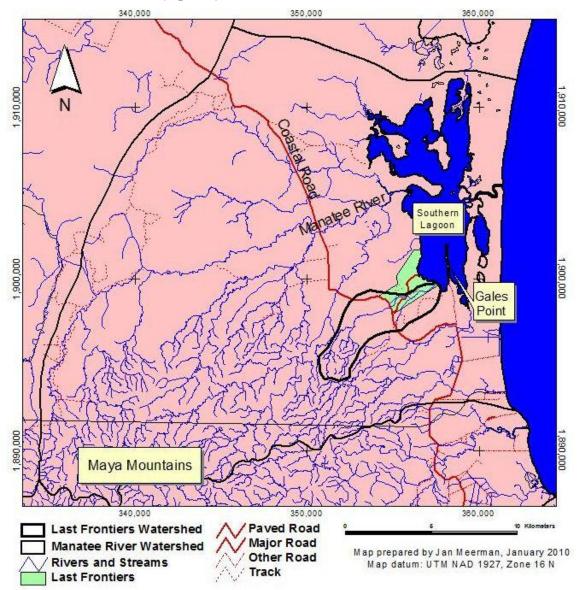


Figure 4. Watersheds in relation to the study area

However, this is a simplification of the situation on the ground. The Manatee River enters Southern Lagoon north of the property and the Last Frontiers property has effectively its own watershed centered on the un-named creek that dissects the property from SW to NE. This creek reaches into the foothills of the Maya Mountains and covers a fairly small watershed of approximate 1,700 ha.

## Findings:

The hydrological situation gets even more complicated at the local scale. To establish elevation of the terrain, much of the property was traversed with GPS and level in order to establish approximate elevation above sea level (Figure 5).

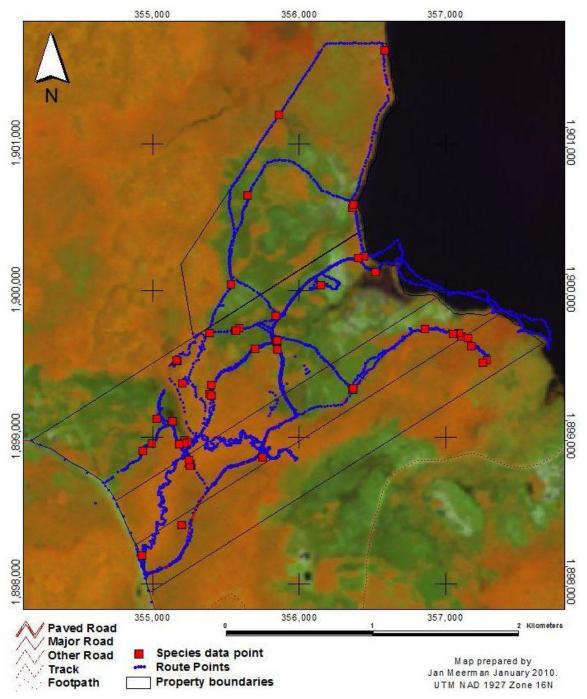


Figure 5. Routes traversed and elevation established using GPS and Level (Blue dots)

The results of these measurements and approximations are presented in figure 6 below. It should be noted that the technique and equipments used is rather coarse, however it serves to establish general elevations and thereby drainage patterns.

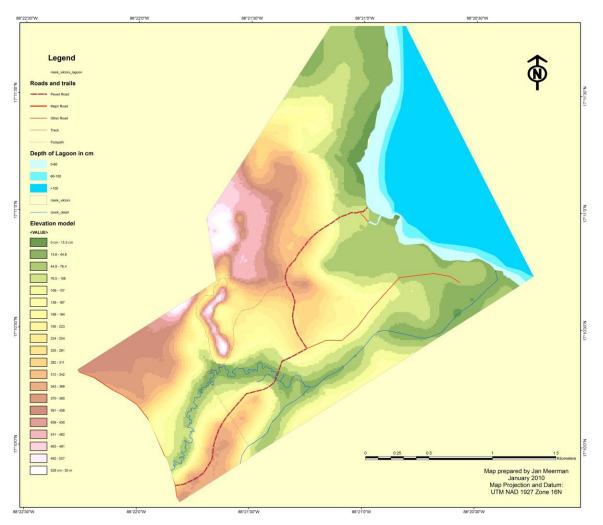


Figure 6. Approximate elevation levels within Last Frontiers.

Key elements within the property are the Southern Lagoon, the un-named creek, the limestone karst hills and the savanna.

As noted before the un-named creek carries water from the lower slopes of the Maya Mountains just south of the property (Figure 4). While the actual watershed is very small, the water throughput during heavy rain can be substantial.

On the property itself the flow is augmented with local drainage. Parts of the savanna drain ultimately into this creek as well. Interestingly, much of the water from the savanna drains as sheet flow (over the surface rather than underground) first to the karstic limestone hills. As the water from the savanna is distinctly acidic, it will dissolve the limestone at the base of

these hills, and as a result the hills are full of caves. Some of this water may drain away through an unknown system of underground rivers, but much ultimately ends up in the creek (Figure 7). When this happens, the amount of water in the creek increases quite substantially resulting in a very strong flow in the creek. In the past this heavy and often very sudden flow has wrought havoc with the road and bridge. Once the water has passed the bridge it finds an unimpeded way through swamp forest towards the lagoon. Part of the swamp forest below the bridge has been cleared in the past, ostensibly to "improve" drainage. Ironically this clearing could conceivably have added to the problem; by improving the drainage towards the east of the bridge, but not impacting the flow from the left of the bridge, a pressure difference was created which would have added to the risk of damage to road and bridge. For this same reason, further clearing of swamp forest to the east and Northeast should be avoided, and if flood damage to the bridge and road remains a problem, the size of the bridge needs to be increased instead (or additional culverts added in the road at strategic spots).

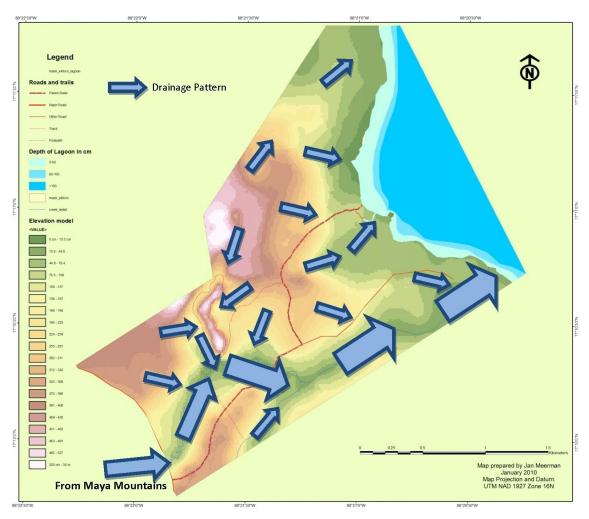


Figure 7. General drainage patterns on Last Frontiers. Weight of the arrows indication differences in water volume.

While part of the savanna ultimately drains through the creek, the northern part of the savanna will drain more directly into the lagoon. (Figure 7). Most of the water drainage will occur as sheet flow and some parts of the savanna act as clear water passages. There exist for example a low spot immediately east of the current house building site. This spot is more or less permanently water logged and vegetation wise characterized as a "marine salt marsh" (figure 7). Very likely this spot is also prone to flooding when the lagoon level rises and gets covered with brackish lagoon water.

#### **Conclusions:**

The actual coastline (lagoon) exists of low lying land, with only a few places more that 50 cm above normal high water level. Any structures in the immediate coastal zone will therefore be subject to occasional flooding and only raised buildings (on pilings) can be recommended. While raised buildings are the only way to go close to the lagoon, they should even be recommended elsewhere on the terrain as much of the terrain, with exception of the limestone karst hills are prone to frequent flooding after heavy rain storms.

## Vegetation and Ecosystems

#### Introduction:

The geology and hydrology of the terrain are immediately reflected in the vegetation, which can be grouped into distinct ecosystems. Geology and hydrology are therefore key elements in the understanding of the vegetation types. Ecosystems/vegetation types typically arrange themselves according to geological and hydrological features which have been discussed previously.

In order to assess vegetation cover further, it is customary to assess satellite imagery. For the purpose of this assessment, a number of satellite images were used but ultimately, the most useful proved to be a 2004 SPOT image at a resolution of 10 m

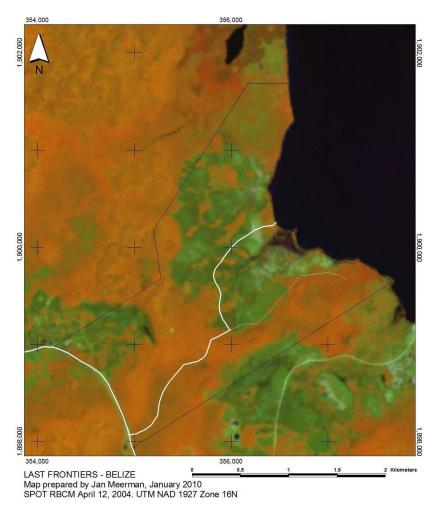


Figure 8. 2004 False Color SPOT image. Orange/Red colors indicate dense vegetation. Blueish/green colors indicate open vegetation and white areas without vegetation.

In addition to satellite imagery, an important source of vegetation cover came from the over flights of 15 (fixed wing) and 16 (helicopter) November 2009.

Most important however were the various field visits undertaken between September 2009 and January 2010 (Figure 5).

#### Results

To establish the number of ecosystems is largely a matter of scale. Most of the maps of Belize covering the entire country are at a scale of 1:250,000. Using that approach, only 4 broad ecosystems can be mapped (figure 9).

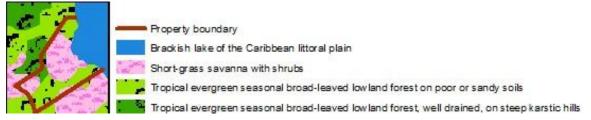
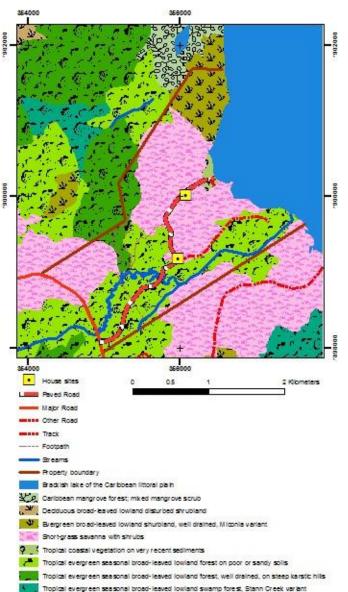


Figure 9. Vegetation types of Last Frontiers 1:250.000



#### Figure 10. Map at a scale of 1:50.000

At a level of 1:50,000; the scale of most topographic maps, more detail can be identified. In this case about 9 ecosystems can be indicated with some level of confidence (Figure 10)

For local management purposes this 1:50,000 scale is still rather coarse and for this reason, vegetation and ecosystem research on Last Frontiers has attempted to survey and map at a scale of 1:20,0000 (Figure 11). At this scale no less than 13 distinct ecosystems could be identified and mapped (16 when taking the different depths of the lagoon into account).

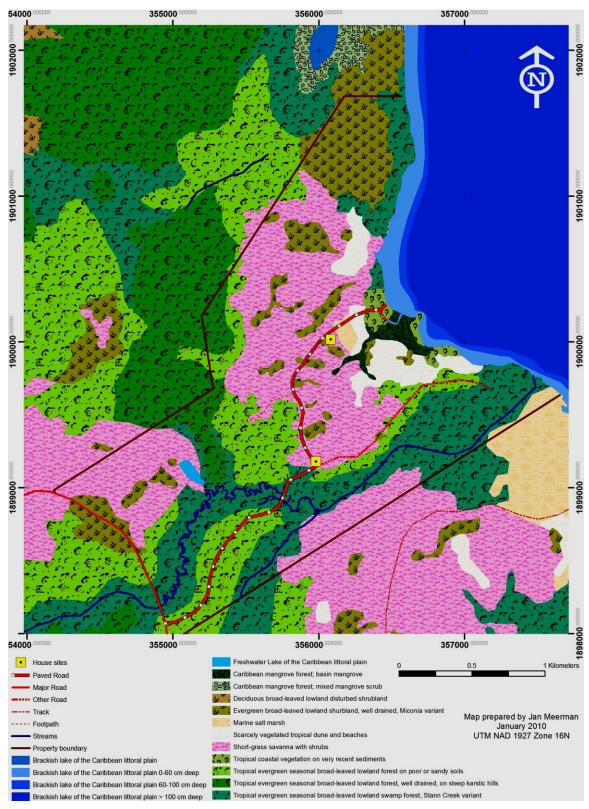


Figure 11. Map of Last Frontiers with ecosystems/vegetation types indicated at a scale of 1:20,000

The vegetation/ecosystems surveys revealed a highly complex matrix of ecosystems each with their typically associated species. As such the species encountered were not unexpected. Only one particularly rare and endangered species was found "Zamia meermanii" a species of Cycad¹ that was recently discovered and named only in 2009 (Figure 12). The species is endemic to Belize and even within Belize it has a very limited distribution. As a consequence, the species is considered "endangered".



Figure 12. Zamia meermanii on a cliff on one of the limestone hills.

Otherwise, the species encountered were not highly unusual or endangered.

A list of species with their ecosystem, is presented in table 1 below. A full list of species recorded during the surveys is presented in appendix 1. Note that voucher specimens of many species were collected as pictures, and the collection number represents the "voucher picture" taken.

In Appendix 3 a picture guide is presented identifying some of the more recognizable plant species found on Last Frontiers.

Table 1. Plant species identified during fieldwork at Last Frontiers

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	Ecosystem
Aizoaceae	Sesuvium portulacastrum	1	Marine Salt Marh
Anacardiaceae	Metopium brownei	Black Poisonwood	Savanna, Broken Ridge
Annonaceae	Annona glabra		Swamp in savanna
Annonaceae	Xylopia frutescens	Polewood	Broken Ridge
Apocynaceae	Cameraria latifolia	White Poisonwood	Savanna, Marine Salt Marsh
Apocynaceae	Pentalinon andrieuxii		Broken Ridge
Aquifoliaceae	Ilex guianensis		Savanna, Broken Ridge
Araceae	Philodendron fragrantisimum		Broken Ridge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cycad are evolutionary ancient plants. Cycads were particularly numerous in the Mesozoic (65 to 230 million years ago) that this era is often called the "Age of Cycads and Dinosaurs." Cycads are dioecious species with pollen cones and seed cones produced on separate male and female individuals.

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	Ecosystem
Araceae	Philodendron smithii	I	Swamp Forest
Arecaceae	Attalea cohune	Cohune	Limestone Hills
Arecaceae	Bactris mexicana	Pokenoboy	Swamp forest
Arecaceae	Cocos nucifera	Coconut	Littoral Forest
Arecaceae	Schippia concolor	Palmetto	Broken Ridge
Asclepidiaceae	Metastelma stenomeres		Savanna
Bignoniaceae	Amphitecna breedlovei	Calabash	Savanna, Broken Ridge
Bombacaceae	Pachyra aquatica	Provision tree	Swamp Forest
Bromeliaceae	Catopsis beteroana		Swamp Forest, Swamps
Bromeliaceae	Tillandsia utriculata		Broken Ridge
Bromeliaceae	Vriesea heliconioides		Swamp Forest
Chrysobalanaceae	Chrysobalanos icaco	Coco Plum	Savanna, Swamp Forest, Broken Ridge
Chrysobalanaceae	Hirtella racemosa		Broken Ridge
Clusiaceae	Callophyllum brasiliensis	Santa Maria	Swamp Forest
Clusiaceae	Hypericum terrae-firmae		Savanna
Clusiaceae	Symphonia globulifera	Waika Chewstick	Swamp Forest
Combretaceae	Bucida buceras	Bullet Tree	Swamp forest
Combretaceae	Conocarpus erecta	Buttonwood	Marine Salt Marh
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea squamosa		Swamp Forest
Cyperaceae	Cyperus ligularis		Savanna
Cyperaceae	Eleocharis geniculata		Swampy Savanna
Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis cymosa		Littoral Forest
Cyperaceae	Rhynchospora barbata		Savanna
Cyperaceae	Rhynchospora cephalotes		Swamp Forest
Cyrillaceae	Cyrilla racemiflora		Broken Ridge
Cyrillaceae	Purdeae belizensis		Broken Ridge
Ebenaceae	Diospyros bumelioides		Savanna
Eleocarpaceae	Sloanea tuerkheimii	Wild Anatto	Swamp Forest
Erythroxylaceae	Erythroxylon guatemalense		Savanna, Broken Ridge
Erythroxylaceae	Erythroxylum rotundifolium		Savanna, Marine Salt Marsh
Euphorbiaceae	Dalechampia schippii	Pica pica	Savanna
Euphorbiaceae	Drypetes laterifolia		Broken Ridge
Fabaceae	Acoelorraphe wrightii	Palmetto	Swampy Savanna
Fabaceae	Calliandra houstoniana		Broken Ridge
Fabaceae	Chamaecrista desvauxii		Savanna
Fabaceae	Diphysa carthagenensis		Marine Salt Marh
Fabaceae	Mimosa pellita	Prickle	Swamps near lagoon
Fabaceae	Pithecellobium lanceolatum		Savanna
Fabaceae	Pterocarpus officinalis	Kaway	Swamp Forest
Fabaceae	Zygia cognata		Swamp Forest
Flacourtiaceae	Xylosma sp		Swamp Forest
Gentianaceae	Schultesia guianensis		Savanna

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Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	Ecosystem
Violaceae	Rinorea guatemalensis	1	Swamp Forest
Xyridaceae	Xyris ambigua		Savanna
Zamiaceae	Zamia meermanii		Limestone Hills
Zamiaceae	Zamia prasina	Bullrush	Broken Ridge

To assist in the understanding of the various ecosystems, the following pages present the individual ecosystems as encountered on last Frontiers with a description of ecological identifiers and plant species typically encountered.



Figure 13. Swampy savanna lake just west of the limestone hill.

UNESCO Classification code	<u>I.A.2.a.(1).(a).K-s</u>
Name	Tropical evergreen seasonal broadleaf lowland forest over steep calcareous hills = Limestone Karst Hills
Altitude	< 500 m.
Geology and soil	Over calcareous rock. Soils may be extremely organic due to the leaching of the mineral soil and the build-up of organic matter in the limestone cracks and fissures.
Water regime	Well drained
Rainfall	Average rainfall less than 2500 mm per year with a pronounced dry season from February through May.
Fire exposure	Fires can do tremendous damage to this ecosystem. The soil at the base of steep limestone hills is often quite fertile and sought after for slash and burn agriculture. Agricultural fires associated with this practice frequently escape and creep up the hills, commonly doing relatively minor damage at the lower elevations but completely destroying the tops of the hills.
Description	Found in steep terrain, often where there is more non-vegetated ground surface, particularly bare rock. Altitude is less important than steepness and the vegetation cover is dictated by the seasonally extreme droughtyness. Normally the valleys between these steep hills have an ecosystem that should be termed IA2a(1)(a)K-r but the current mapping effort does not allow this type of detail. The canopy tends to reach 25-30 m.
Frequent plant species	Distinctive species include: Acalypha sp., Achimenes erecta, Alseis yucatenensis, Aphelandra scabra, Astronium graveolens, Bauhinia divaricata, Brosimum spp., Bursera simaruba, Cedrela odorata, Clusia sp., Coccoloba acapulcensis, Costus pictus, Crysophila stauracantha, Cupania belizensis, Cymbopetalum mayanum, Dendropanax arboreus, Desmoncus orthacanthos, Dracaena americana, Deherainia smaragdina, Drypetes laterifolia, Gausia maya, Gouania lupuloides, Heliconia spissa, Louteridium chartaceum, Louteridium donnell-smithii, Manilkara zapota, Oreopanax obtusifolius, Passiflora xiikzodz, Pimenta dioica, Piper spp., Plumeria rubra, Pouteria campechiana, Protium copal, Pseudobombax ellipticum, Swartzia cubensis, Talisia oliviformis, Thouinia paucidentata, Trichilia havanensis, Trichilia minutiflora, Vitex gaumeri and Zanthoxylum sp. Epilithic herbs are locally abundant, e.g. Anthurium slechtendahlii, Anthurium verapazense, Tradescantia discolor, Begonia sericoneura and locally the endemic Zamia meermanii. The vegetation of burned hilltops is replaced by vines such as Bidens squarrosa and Calea sp. or more commonly with the fern Pteridium caudatum.
Faunistic comments	Rich environment favored by many species. Animal diversity will be higher here than in the surrounding ecosystem types on acidic soils
References	Brokaw & Lloyd-Evans 1987, Iremonger & Sayre 1994, Meerman 1998b, 1999a, 1999c, Hawkes et al. 1998, Schultze and Whitacre 1999, Wright et al. 1959: 2d, 2e (where on hills)
	Picture top: Runaway Creek. Belize district. J. Meerman
	Bottom: Heliconia spissa: Green Hills, Cayo district. J. Meerman

UNESCO Classification code	I.A.2.a.(1).(b).S
Name	<u>Tropical evergreen seasonal broadleaf lowland forest over poor or sandy soils = "Broken Ridge"</u>
Altitude	< 100 m.
Geology and soil	Nutrient poor, acidic soils
Water regime	Moderately well drained
Rainfall	Average rainfall less than 2500 mm per year with a pronounced dry season from February through May.
Fire exposure	Fire is of at least occasional occurrence in this ecosystem
Description	Medium high forests over poor, acidic soils.
Frequent plant species	Characterized by low Attalea cohune, Calophyllum brasiliense, Miconia spp., Terminalia amazonia, Virola koschnyi, Vochysia hondurensis and Xylopia frutescens. Other, frequently encountered species include: Aspidosperma sp., Bactris major, Bactris mexicana, Belotia campbellii, Bucida buceras, Byrsonima crassifolia, Calliandra houstoniana, Chrysobalanus icaco, Chrysophyllum mexicanum, Clidemia sp., Coccoloba sp., Cyrilla racemiflora, Desmoncus orthacanthos, Drypetes laterifolia, Guettarda combsii, Hampea trilobata, Hirtella racemosa, Licania hypoleuca, Luhea speciosa, Metopium brownei, Mouriri exilis, Ouratea sp., Pentalinon andrieuxii, Philodendron fragrantisimum, Pinus caribaea, Pouteria sp., Psychotria poeppigiana, Purdeae belizensis, Randia lundelliana, Roupala montana, Schippia concolor, Scleria bracteata, Simarouba glauca, Tetracera volubilis, Tillandsia utriculata, Zamia prasina.
Faunistic comments	As the principal forest system on Last Frontiers, this is the main habitat for forest species such as Jaguar, Tapir and Great Curassow.
References	Meerman 1999c, Wright et al. 1959: 1, 11a, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11g, Iremonger and Brokaw 1995: I.2.2.4.
	Picture: Xylopia frutescens. Toledo district. J. Meerman

UNESCO Classification code	I.A.2.g.(1).(a).SC
Name	Tropical evergreen seasonal broadleaf lowland swamp forest: Stann Creek variant = Swamp Forest
Altitude	< 50 m.
Geology and soil	Mostly over calcium-poor soils. Some hog-wallow micro-relief exists.
Water regime	Ill drained, often waterlogged for part of the year.
Rainfall	Average rainfall less than 2500 mm per year with a pronounced dry season from February through May.
Fire exposure	Limited to areas with slash and burn cultivation.
Description	Swampy stands of thin stemmed, partly deciduous trees and shrubs without emergents in the coastal zone of Central Belize.
Frequent plant species	Frequently encountered plants in these forests are Acosmium panamense, Aspidosperma cruenta, Astrocaryum mexicanum, Attalea cohune, Bactris mexicana., Bucida buceras, Callophyllum brasiliensis Calyptranthes chytraculia, Clidemia sp., Coccoloba belizensis, Crysophila stauracantha, Dialium guianense, Dracaena americana, Encyclia cochleata, Eugenia aeruginea, Eugenia farameoides, Guettarda combsii, Heliconia vaginalis, Hirtella racemosa, Inga sp., Isochilus carnosiflorus, Jacquinia paludicola, Miconia sp., Mouriri exilis, Mouriri myrtilloides, Pachira aquatica, Philodendron smithii, Pleurothallus microphylla, Psychotria glomerulata, Psychotria poeppigiana, Rinorea guatemalensis, Scleria bracteata, Swietenia macrophylla, Symphonia globulifera, Tabebuia chrysantha, Terminalia amazonia, Virola koschnyi, Vismia ferruginea, Vochysia hondurensis, Vriesea heliconioides, Xylosma sp, Xylopia frutescens and Zygia cognata. On richer soils Pterocarpus officinalis is found; on poorer soils more Melastomataceae and Acoelorraphe wrightii.
Faunistic comments	Relatively poor in animal species, Jaruar, Tapir and White-tailed Deer will find a home here.
References	Meerman 1999a, Wright et al. 1959: 14,14a, 14b, 14c; Iremonger and Brokaw 1995: I.1.1.1.2.1.
	Picture: Bucida buceras. Stann Creek District. J. Meerman

UNESCO Classification	I.A.5.b.(1).(c).
code	
Name	Mixed Mangrove scrub
Altitude	Sealevel
Geology and soil	Coastal deposits, usually clays or mangrove peat.
Water regime	Not permanently inundated.
Rainfall	NA
Fire exposure	None
Description	Mixed mangrove communities.
Frequent plant species	All three mangrove species occur: Avicennia germinans, Laguncularia racemosa, and Rhizophora mangle. Other frequent species include Acoelorraphe wrightii, Acrostichum aureum, Conocarpus erectus, Eragrostis prolifera, Myrica cerifera and Rhabdadenia biflora.
Faunistic comments	Mostly rich in birds such as herons and other waders.
References	Furley & Ratter 1992, Gray <i>et al.</i> 1990, Wright et al. 1959: 29, 31, Iremonger and Brokaw 1995: II.1.2.2
	Picture: Avicennia germinans. Dangriga. J. Meerman

UNESCO	I.A.5.b.(1).(f).
Classification code	
Name	Basin Mangrove forest = Mangrove
Altitude	Sealevel
Geology and soil	Mostly coastal deposits such as clay and mangrove peat
Water regime	Mostly waterlogged.
Rainfall	NA
Fire exposure	None
Description	Found along coastal lagoons and in land-locked coastal depressions. Species composition and structure in these communities are highly variable depending on frequency and depth of inundation, nutrient exchange and water salinity levels.
Frequent plant species	Rhizophora mangle dominates in areas which receive frequent tidal flooding or where flood waters are predominantly deeper than 15 cm. Where water depth is less and tidal flushing, amplitude and kinetic energy of floodwaters decrease, other mangrove species and associates invade. Where salinity reaches levels above 50 % Avicennia germinans dominates. In addition to being highly saline the soils may be very reduced (anaerobic), giving the Avicennia an ecological advantage through its pneumatophores. Where salinity is about 30-40 %, dominant species include Avicennia germinans, Laguncularia racemosa, and Rhizophora mangle. When disturbed the fern Acrostichum aureum becomes the dominant species.
Faunistic comments	Mostly rich in birds such as herons and other waders.
References	Furley & Ratter 1992, Gray <i>et al.</i> 1990, Iremonger and Brokaw 1995: I.21.2.3.
	Picture: Gra-Gra Lagoon, Dangriga. J. Meerman

UNESCO Classification code	III.A.1.b.(a).Mi
Name	<u>Broad-leaved lowland shrubland: <i>Miconia</i> variant = Savanna</u> <u>Hammocks</u>
Altitude	< 100 m.
Geology and soil	Soil has a "hog-wallow" micro-relief, and is gray sandy clay, fairly well mottled below.
Water regime	Ill drained, frequently inundated.
Rainfall	Average rainfall less than 2500 mm per year with a pronounced dry season from February through May.
Fire exposure	Where Karst limestone hills occur in association with savannas, this ecosystem acts as a buffer, protecting the vegetation on the hills from being affected by the frequent savanna fires.
Description	This is a swampy stand of thin-stemmed trees and shrubs 3-4 m high with no emergents, often associated with savannas. Where Karst limestone hills occur in association with savannas, this ecosystem is often found at the base of these hills,
Frequent plant species	Frequently encountered species include Acoelorrhaphe wrightii, Aspidosperma cruenta, Bucida buceras, Calyptranthes sp., Chrysobalanus icaco, Clidemia sp., Haematoxylon campechianum, Miconia spp., Mimosa hemendieta, Tetragastis stevensonii, and Xylopia frutescens.
Faunistic comments	Main reservoir for many typical Savanna species, particularly birds
References	Meerman 1999c, Wright et al. 1959: 15, Iremonger and Brokaw 1995: II.1.1.2.2.
	Picture: Runaway Creek, Belize District. J. Meerman

UNESCO Classification code	<u>V.A.2.b.(2).</u>
Name	Short-grass savanna with shrubs = Savanna
Altitude	< 50 m.
Geology and soil	The soils all have in common that they have a pale colored, course textured topsoil sharply overlying a compact, brightly red and white mottled finer textured subsoil. The soils are all acid and very deficient in nutrients (King et al. 1992).
Water regime	The very dense subsoil prevents vertical water movements causing the landscape to be partially inundated during the wet season and extremely dry in the dry season.
Rainfall	Average rainfall generally less than 2500 mm per year with a pronounced dry season from February through May.
Fire exposure	The extreme drought in the dry season caused by the soil conditions makes this ecosystem extremely vulnerable for fires. Some areas burn more than once a year. The wetter conditions in most of the Toledo district do not favor extensive fires and although favorable soil conditions exist, savannas in the Toledo district are extremely limited in extend. Documentation of lowland broadleaf forest fires started by lightning is rare (Middleton et al., 1997). Consequently, fire in tropical lowland forests has traditionally been considered as human induced (Janzen, 1986; Koonce & Gonzalez-Caban, 1990).
Description	Typical Belizean lowland savannas are found on gently sloping alluvial deposits in the coastal plain. The combination of poor nutrient availability, extremes in water availability and recurring fire regime has resulted in a species poor but highly specialized ecosystem. The aspect of this community is quite variable. Moss (1998) classified 12 different savanna land classes from cutting grass marsh through to pine woodland. The scrublands generally appear as islands of small, densely packed trees and shrubs in a grassland area; in some areas the islands are large and merging, in others they are quite separate.
Frequent plant species	The graminoid vegetation is usually being dominated by sedges. Frequent woody species are Accelorraphe wrightii, Cameraria latifolia, Chrysobalanus icaco, Cipura campanulata, Clidemia sp., Crescentia cujete, Curatela americana, Diospyros bumelioides, Erythroxylum guatemalense, Gliricidia sepium, Hippocratea excelsa, Hypericum terrae-firmae, Metopium brownei, Miconia sp., Mimosa albicans, Myrica cerifera, Pinus caribaea, Pithecellobium lanceolatum, Quercus oleoides and Roupala montana. There is a strong herbaceous component with typically: Anisantherina hispidula, Brassavola nodosa, Buchnera pusilla, Bletia purpurea, Borreria sp., Casytha filliformis, Chamaecrista desvauxii, Chamaecrista spp., Cipura campanulata, Coutoubea spicata, Dalechampia schippii, Drosera cappilaris, Eriocaulon sp., Marsypianthes chamaedrys, Metastelma stenomeres, Passiflora urbaniana, Polygala sp, Schultesia guianensis, Turnera aromatica, Utricularia juncea, Xyris ambigua and Zamia prasina. Grasses reported from this ecosystem include: Aristida appressa, Axonopus poiophyllus, Eragrostis maypurensis, E. acutifolia, E. elliottii, Gymnopogon spicatus, Leptocoryphium lanatum, Mesosetum filifolium, Panicum rudgei, Paspalum peckii, P. pulchellum, Sporobolus cubensis and Trachypogon plumosus. Sedges include mostly Rhynchospora barbata, Rhynchospora spp., but also Bulbostylis paradoxa and Fimbristylis vahlii. Wet places usually have Eleocharis spp. and Cyperus ligularis. The latter mostly near the coast.

Faunistic comments	The short-grass savannas are characteristic habitat for a number of bird species such as the Fork-tailed Flycatcher <i>Tyrannus savanna</i> , the Grasshopper Sparrow <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> and the Aplomado falcon <i>Falco femoralis</i> .							
References	eferences Meerman 1999a, Wright et al. 1959: 19, 19a, 19b, Iremonger & Brokaw II.1.1.2.3							
	Picture top: Western Highway, Cayo district. J. Meerman							
	Bottom: Passiflora urbaniana. Belize district. J. Meerman							

UNESCO Classification code	<u>V.E.1.a.(1)</u>					
Name	Marine salt marsh with many succulent species = Marine Salt Marsh					
Altitude	Sealevel					
Geology and soil Over calcareous rock.						
Water regime Partially inundated with brackish water during the rainy season. Sal increases as water evaporates.						
Rainfall	Variable					
Fire exposure	Very rare					
Description	This community type occurs in marshes in the coastal plains where the salinity level is high, and is generally greater than 5%. This community is highly heterogeneous and containing patches dominated by different species, which are all taken together here to indicate one main salt marsh community type. The variant found on Last Frontiers, is dominated by fresh water swamp species.					
Frequent plant species	Common dominants in the vegetation are Batis maritima, Distichlis spicata, Fimbristylis spadicea, Fuirena sp., Juncus spp., Turnera difusa, Encyclia belizensis, Salicornia perennis, Sesuvium portulacastrum, Solanum donianum and Spartina cynosuroides. Flats with these principally herbaceous species contain stunted Cameraria latifolia, Conocarpus erecta Erythroxylum rotundifolium, Gymnopodium floribundum, Jacquinia macrocarpa, Chrysobalanos icaco and dwarf Rhizophora mangle.					
Faunistic comments	Poor in species. During fieldwork a migratory Snipe was seen here.					
References	Davis 1943, Gray <i>et al.</i> 1990, Meerman 1993, Bijleveld 1998, Iremonger & Brokaw III.1.2.1					
	Picture: Gales Point, Belize District. J. Meerman					

UNESCO Classification	<u>VI.B.3.a.</u>							
code								
Name	<u>Tropical Littoral forest and beach communities = Littoral Forest</u>							
Altitude	0 - 5 m.							
Geology and soil	Littoral forests are found in a narrow coastal strip on recent dune sands.							
Water regime	Well drained							
Rainfall	NA							
Fire exposure	Unknown							
Description	This ecosystem is typically bordered by Mixed mangrove scrub IA5b(1)(c), with mostly <i>Rhizophora mangle</i> and <i>Myrica cerifera</i> . These forests are not widespread in Belize and under considerable pressure from coastal development. In the past much of it has been transformed to coconut plantations and more recently, tourist and residential developments have claimed much of what remained.							
Frequent plant species	The littoral forest itself varies in composition but usually contains the following species: Brassavola nodosa, Bursera simaruba, Cassipourea guianensis, Cassytha filiformis, Chrysobalanus icaco, Coccoloba swartzii, Coccoloba uvifera, Cordia sebestena, Fimbristylis cymosa, Hymenocalis latifolia, Metopium brownei, Myrmecophylla tibicinis, Ouratea nitida, Pouteria campechiana, and Sophora tomentosa. The introduced Cocos nucifera now forms an integral part of this community.							
Faunistic comments	Important habitat for migratory birds and breeding habitat for marine turtles and American Crocodiles <i>Crocodylus acutus</i> .							
References	Meerman and Boomsma 1995a, Wright et al. 1959: 32, Iremonger and Brokaw 1995: II.2.2.							
	Pictures top: Ambergris Caye. J. Meerman							
	Bottom: Laughing Bird Caye. J. Meerman							

UNESCO Classification code	VII.C.1.						
Name	Rooted floating leaf communities of fresh water lakes = Swampy Savanna Lakes						
Altitude	< 100 m.						
Geology and soil	Variable						
Water regime	Inundated year through but water level may fluctuate strongly. Some lakes my occasionally dry up during the dry season.						
Rainfall	NA						
Fire exposure	None						
Description	Not mapped						
	Distinctive aquatic assembly of freshwater lakes, lagoons and slow flowing rivers. Due to its often linear occurrence difficult to map but to be expected in most shallow freshwater habitats. Good examples can be found in the New River and Crooked Tree Lagoons.						
Frequent plant species	Typical species include Nymphaea ampla, Nymphoides indica Mayaca fluviatilis, free floating Utricularia gibba, Utricularia purpurea and blue green algae The shores are often rimmed with Eleocharis geniculata and other Eleocharis spp. Aquatic tree species include Annona glabra						
Faunistic comments	Important habitat for water birds and Morelet's Crocodile.						
References	Rejmánková et al. 1996						
	Picture: New River Lagoon, Orange Walk District. J. Meerman						

UNESCO	<u>VI.B1a(1).</u>
Classification	
code	
Name	Scarcely vegetated tropical dune and beaches
Altitude	< 100 m.
Geology and soil	Sandy, the Last Frontier sandflats may be remnants of ancient dunes.
Water regime	Inundated during unusual high tide and floods
Rainfall	NA
Fire exposure	None
Description	Sandy flats and shores without much permanent vegetation.
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Frequent plant species	None, some Sesuvium portulacastrum just outside Last Frontiers
Faunistic comments	None
References	None

## Fauna

The focus of this Rapid Ecological Assessment was on Ecosystems. Nevertheless, faunal records were taken when species were encountered opportunistically. Most of the species encountered are birds. Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians are much more difficult to encounter and were noted principally as tracks. A full list of species recorded during the surveys is presented in appendix 2. Note that voucher specimens of many species were collected as pictures, and the collection number represents the "voucher picture" taken.

Particularly for birds, very few species were noted. The most species rich area (but least researched) appears to be the limestone hill in the center of the property.

Table 2. Birds and other fauna species recorded

Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecosystem
Birds	Acorn Woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus	Savanna
Birds	Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	Savanna Pond
Birds	Bare-throated Tiger Heron	Tigrisoma mexicanum	Creek
Birds	Black-throated Bobwhite	Colinus nigrogularis	Savanna
Birds	Blue-crowned Motmot	Motmotus momota	Limestone Hill
Birds	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea	Savanna
Birds	Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora pinus	Savanna
Birds	Brown Jay	Cyanocorax morio	Limestone Hill
Birds	Common Black Hawk	Buteogallus anthracinus	Mangrove
Birds	Common Yellowtrhoat	Geothlypis trichas	Swamp Forest
Birds	Couch's Kingbird	Tyrannus couchii	Savanna
Birds	Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	Savanna
Birds	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana	Savanna
Birds	Gray-throated Chat	Granatellus sallaei	Swamp Forest
Birds	Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	Mangrove
Birds	Great Currasow	Crax rubra	Swamp Forest
Birds	Great Egret	Ardea alba	Savanna Pond
Birds	Great Tinamou	Tinamus major	Swamp Forest
Birds	Green Honey Creeper	Chlorophanes spiza	Broken Ridge
Birds	Green Jay	Cyanocorax yncas	Broken Ridge
Birds	Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana	Creek
Birds	Hepatitic Tanager	Piranga flava	Savanna
Birds	Hooded warbler	Wilsonia citrine	Limestone Hill
Birds	Keel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos sulfuratus	Limestone Hill
Birds	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes burrovianus	Savanna

Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecosystem
Birds	Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	Mangrove I
Birds	Long-billed Hermit	Phaethornis longirostris	Swamp Forest
Birds	Montezuma oropendola	Psarocolius montezuma	Limestone Hill
Birds	Olive-throated Parakeet	Aratinga nana	Broken Ridge
Birds	Plain Chachalaca	Ortalis vetula	Swamp Forest
Birds	Red-lored Parrot	Amazona autumnalis	Limestone Hill
Birds	Ringed Kingfisher	Megaceryle torquata	Creek
Birds	Short-tailed Hawk	Buteo brachyuris	Savanna
Birds	Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana	Limestone Hill
Birds	Strong-billed Woodcreeper	Xiphocolaptes promeropyrhinchus	Broken Ridge
Birds	Tawny-winged Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla anabatina	Broken Ridge
Birds	Tropical King Bird	Mimus gilvus	Savanna
Birds	Tropical Mockingbird	Mimus gilvus	Savanna
Birds	White-collared Manakin	Manacus candei	Limestone Hill
Birds	White-colored Seedeater	Sporophila torqueola	Savanna
Birds	Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	Savanna
Birds	Yellow breasted Chat	Icteria virens	Broken Ridge
Birds	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Nyctinassa violaceae	Mangrove
Birds	Yellow-throated Euphonia	Euphonia hirundinacea	Broken Ridge
Butterflies	Hairstreak	Electrostrymon joya	Savanna
Crustacea	Blue Land Crab	Cardisoma guanhumi	Mangrove
Fishes	Mexican Tetra	Astyanax fasciatus	Creek
Mammals	Jaguar	Panthera onca	Broken Ridge
Mammals	Tapir	Tapirus bairdi	(Tracks) Broken Ridge (Tracks)
Mammals	White-tailed Deer	Odocoileus virginianus	Savanna (Tracks)
Mammals	Raccoon	Procyon lotor	Savanna, Mangrove
Snails	Jute Snail	Pachychilus indiorum	(Tracks) Creek

Scientific Name	Locality	Northing	Easting Notes	•	Month Day	CollectorNumber
Acoelorraphe wrightii	Last Frontiers	1901199	355863 Acoeloraphe wrightii swamp partly inundated.	2009	9	9
Acoelorraphe wrightii	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Along Shoreline	2009	9	9
Acrostichum aureum	Last Frontiers	1899506	357252 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Acr_aur_4797.JPG
Alibertia edulis	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Ali_edu_6199.JPG
Amphitecna breedlovei	Last Frontiers	1898901	354934 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Amp_bre_4885.JPG
Anisantherina hispidula	Last Frontiers	1898901	354934 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Ani_his_4465.JPG
Annona glabra	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Ann_gla_4458.JPG
Attalea cohune	Last Frontiers	1898800	355256 Swampforest. Stream crossing, really more a swampy flow	2009	9	9
Bacopa lacertosa	Last Frontiers	1899617	357173 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Bac_lac_4794.JPG
Bactris mexicana	Last Frontiers	1898966	355217 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Bac_mex_4911.JPG
Bactris Mexicana	Last Frontiers	1898800	355256 Swampforest. Stream crossing, really more a swampy flow	2009	9	9
Brassavola nodosa	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Bra_nod_6403.JPG
Brassavola nodosa	Last Frontiers	1899742	355593 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16 Bra_nod_4570.JPG
Buchnera pusilla	Last Frontiers	1899723	355563 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Buc_buc_4819.JPG
Bucida buceras	Last Frontiers	1898399	355200 Broken Ridge on Viktors Property near Coastal Highway	2010	1	5
Bucida buceras	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Buc_pus_4537.JPG
Byrsonima bucidifolia	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Byr_buc_4852.JPG
Calliandra houstoniana	Last Frontiers	1899733	356861 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Cal_chy_4814.JPG
Callophyllum brasiliensis	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1	5
Calyptranthes chytraculia	Last Frontiers	1899685	357103 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Cal_hou_4860.JPG
Cameraria latifolia	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Cam_lat_6397.JPG

Scientific Name	Locality	Northing	Easting Notes		Month Day	CollectorNumber
Cardisoma guanhumi	Last Frontiers	1900559	356362 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Car_gua_4547.JPG
Cassipourea guianensis	Last Frontiers	1900230	356444 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Cas_gui_4489.JPG
Cassipourea guianensis	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Cas_gui_4844.JPG
Cassipourea guianensis	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Along Shoreline	2009	9	9
Catopsis beteroana	Last Frontiers	1900644	355652 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Cat_ber_4524.JPG
Catopsis beteroana	Last Frontiers	1899708	357091 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Cat_ber_4837.JPG
Chamaecrista desvauxii	Last Frontiers	1899638	355854 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Cha_des_4765.JPG
Chrysobalanos icaco	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Chr_ica_4818.JPG
Cipura campanulata	Last Frontiers	1899723	355573 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Cip_cam_4438.JPG
Coccoloba belizensis	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Coc_bel_4836.JPG
Coccoloba swartzii	Last Frontiers	1900230	356444 Beach, Littoral Forest	2009	10	9 Coc_swa_4485.JPG
Coccoloba swartzii	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Coc_swa_4849.JPG
Coccoloba uvifera	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Along Shoreline	2009	9	9
Cocos nucifera	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Along Shoreline	2009	9	9
Conocarpus erecta	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Along Shoreline	2009	9	9
Conocarpus erecta	Last Frontiers	1898076	358644 Silver form	2009	10	30 Con_ere_4880.JPG
Conocarpus erecta	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee)	2010	1	5 Con_ere_6318.JPG
Cyperus ligularis	Last Frontiers	1899521	Lagoon, On Viktor's property 357278 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Cyp_lig_4784.JPG
Cyrilla racemiflora	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Cyr_rac_4883.JPG
Dalechampia schippii	Last Frontiers	1899319	356362 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Dal_sch_4870.JPG
Diospyros bumelioides	Last Frontiers	1899122	355031 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Dio_bum_4462.JPG

Scientific Name	Locality	Northing	Easting Notes	•	Month Day	CollectorNumber
Diospyros bumelioides	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Dio_bum_4854.JPG
Diphysa carthagenensis	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Dip_car_6315.JPG
Drypetes laterifolia	Last Frontiers	1898955	354996 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Dry_lat_4893.JPG
Electrostrymon joya	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Ele_joy_6393.JPG
Eleocharis geniculata	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Ele_gen_4788.JPG
Encyclia (belizensis?)	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Enc_bel_6306.JPG
Encyclia cochleata	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Enc_coc_6278.JPG
Erythroxylon guatemalense	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Eryt_gua_4841.JPG
Erythroxylon guatemalense	Last Frontiers	1898399	355200 Broken Ridge on Viktors Property near Coastal Highway	2010	1	5
Erythroxylum rotundifolium	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Ery_rot_6348.JPG
Eugenia aeruginea	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Eug_aer_4835.JPG
Eugenia farameoides	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Eug_far_4856.JPG
Fimbristylis cymosa	Last Frontiers	1900230	356444 Beach, Littoral Forest	2009	10	9
Gouania lupuloides	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Gou_lup_4796.JPG
Gymnopodium floribundum	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Gon_flo_6330.JPG
Hibiscus pernambucensis	Last Frontiers	1900583	356369 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Hib_per_4501.JPG
Hirtella racemosa	Last Frontiers	1898399	355200 Broken Ridge on Viktors Property near Coastal Highway	2010	1	5
Hypericum terrae-firmae	Last Frontiers	1899331	356367 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Hyp_ter_4775.JPG
llex guianensis	Last Frontiers	1900230	356444 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Ile_gui_4497.JPG
llex guianensis	Last Frontiers	1898399	355200 Broken Ridge on Viktors Property near Coastal Highway	2010	1	5
pomoea squamosa	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1	5 lpo_squ_6238.JPG

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Isochilus carnosiflorus	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Iso_car_6274.JPG
Jacquinia macrocarpa	Last Frontiers	1900037	355536 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Jac_mac_4542.JPG
Jacquinia macrocarpa	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Jac_mac_6340.JPG
Machaonia lindeniana	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		30 Mar_cha_4867.JPG
Marsypianthes chamaedrys	Last Frontiers	1898901	354934 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 May_flu_4461.JPG
Mayaca fluviatilis	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Met_ste_4529.JPG
Metastelma stenomeres	Last Frontiers	1899595	355849 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		30 Mim_pel_4780.JPG
Metopium brownei	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee)	2010	1		5 Met_bro_6321.JPG
Mimosa pellita	Last Frontiers	1899506	Lagoon, On Viktor's property 357252 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Myr_cer_4460.JPG
Montezuma oropendola	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		30
Mouriri myrtilloides	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Mou_myr_6203.JPG
Myrica cerifera	Last Frontiers	1898901	354934 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Nym_ind_4446.JPG
Nymphoides indica	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Our_nit_4523.JPG
Ouratea nitida	Last Frontiers	1900230	356444 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Pac_aqu_4506.JPG
Pachychilus indiorum	Last Frontiers	1898190	354930 Jenkins Creek: Stream from Maya Mountains flowing into Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Pac_ind_6196.JPG
Pachyra aquatica	Last Frontiers	1898800	355256 Swampforest. Stream crossing, really more a swampy flow	2009	9		9
Pachyra aquatica	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		30 Pen_and_4822.JPG
Passiflora foetida var nov.	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Along Shoreline	2009	9		9
Pentalinon andrieuxii	Last Frontiers	1899671	357152 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Pit_lan_4532.JPG
Philodendron fragrantisimum	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5

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Philodendron smithii	Last Frontiers	1898860		Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Phi_smi_6294.JPG
Piranga flava	Last Frontiers	1899600	355700	Savanna	2009	9	)	9
Pithecellobium lanceolatum	Last Frontiers	1899707	355393	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	30 Ple_mic_4910.JPG
Pleurothallus microphylla	Last Frontiers	1898976	355224	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	9 Pte_off_4444.JPG
Polygala sp	Last Frontiers	1900030		Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Pol_6406.JPG
Pterocarpus officinalis	Last Frontiers	1898814		Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	30 Mac_lin_4817.JPG
Pterocarpus officinalis	Last Frontiers	1898800	355256	Swampforest. Stream crossing, really more a swampy flow	2009	g	)	9
Purdeae belizensis	Last Frontiers	1899292	355393	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	16 Pur_bel_4615.JPG
Randia lundelliana	Last Frontiers	1900220	356403	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	9 Ran_lun_4496.JPG
Rhizophora mangle	Last Frontiers	1899702	357051	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	30 Rhi_man_4798.JPG
Rhizophora mangle	Last Frontiers	1900125		Mangrove Channel in Southern Lagoon, at Viktor's place	2010	1		5 Rhi_man_2422.JPG
Rhynchospora barbata	Last Frontiers	1899651		Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	9 Rhy_bar_4543.JPG
Rhynchospora cephalotes	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750	Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Rhy_cep_6247.JPG
Rinorea guatemalensis	Last Frontiers	1898965	355240	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	30 Rin_gua_4913.JPG
Schippia concolor	Last Frontiers	1898399	355200	Broken Ridge on Viktors Property near Coastal Highway	2010	1		5
Schultesia guianensis	Last Frontiers	1899723	355573	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	16 Sch_gui_4577.JPG
Sesuvium portulacastrum	Last Frontiers	1898076	358644	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	30 Ses_por_4873.JPG
Sloanea tuerkheimii	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750	Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Slo_tue_6202.JPG
Symphonia globulifera	Last Frontiers	1898800		Swampforest. Stream crossing, really more a swampy flow	2009	9	)	9
Tillandsia utriculata	Last Frontiers	1899353		Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	16 Til_utr_4614.JPG
Turnera aromatica	Last Frontiers	1899320	356367	Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	)	30 Tur_aro_4872.JPG

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Turnera difusa	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5 Tur_dif_6301.JPG
Typha domingensis	Last Frontiers	1899506	357252 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Typ_dom_4779.JPG
Utricularia gibba	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Utr_gib_4932.JPG
Utricularia juncea	Last Frontiers	1899827	355841 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	9 Utr_jun_4467.JPG
Utricularia purpurea	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Utr_pur_4925.JPG
Virola koschneyi	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor property	s 2010	1	5 Vir_kos_6200.JPG
Vriesea heliconioides	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor property	s 2010	1	5 Vri_hel_6225.JPG
Xylopia frutescens	Last Frontiers	1898399	355200 Broken Ridge on Viktors Property near Coastal Highway	2010	1	5
Xylopia frutescens	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor property	s 2010	1	5
Xylosma sp	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor property	s 2010	1	5 Xyl_6207.JPG
Xyris ambigua	Last Frontiers	1899658	355851 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Xyr_amb_4770.JPG
Zamia meermanii	Last Frontiers	1899362	355205 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16 Zam_mee_4612.JPG
Zamia meermanii	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 On Limestonecliff	2009	9	9
Zamia meermanii	Last Frontiers	1899516	355169 On Limestonecliff	2009	9	9
Zamia prasina	Last Frontiers	1898399	355200 Broken Ridge on Viktors Property near Coastal Highway	2010	1	5
Zygia cognata	Last Frontiers	1898953	355214 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30 Zyg_cog_4918.JPG
Zygia cognata	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor property	s 2010	1	5 Zyg_cog_6251.JPG

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Acorn Woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus	Last Frontiers	1899600	355700 Savanna	2009	9		9
Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	3	30
Mexican Tetra	Astyanax fasciatus	Last Frontiers	1898190	354930 Jenkins Creek: Stream from Maya Mountains flowing into Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5 Ast_fas_6221.JPG
Bare-throated Tiger Heron	Tigrisoma mexicanum	Last Frontiers	1899506	357252 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	3	30
Black-throated Bobwhite	Colinus nigrogularis	Last Frontiers	1899600	355700 Savanna	2009	9		9
Blue-crowned Motmot	Motmotus momota	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	1	6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea	Last Frontiers	1899600	355700 Savanna	2009	9		9
Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora pinus	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009			6
Brown Jay	Cyanocorax morio	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	3	30
Common Black Hawk	Buteogallus anthracinus	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	1	6
Common Yellowtrhoat	Geothlypis trichas	Last Frontiers	1898946	355183 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	3	0 Com_Yell_4903.JPG
Couch's Kingbird	Tyrannus couchii	Last Frontiers	1899600	355700 Savanna	2009	9		9
Couch's Kingbird	Tyrannus couchii	Last Frontiers	1899331	356367 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	3	30
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	Last Frontiers	1899331	356367 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	3	30
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana	Last Frontiers	1899331	356367 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	3	30
Gray-throated Chat	Granatellus sallaei	Last Frontiers	1898800	355256 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	1	6
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	Last Frontiers	1900125	356520 Mangrove Channel in Southern Lagoon, at Viktor's place	2010	1		5
Great Currasow	Crax rubra	Last Frontiers	1898840	355250 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1		5
Great Egret	Ardea alba	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10		9 Gre_Egr_4456.JPG
Great Egret	Ardea alba	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	1	6

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Great Egret	Ardea alba	Last Frontiers	1899106	355136 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Great Tinamou	Tinamus major	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Green Honey Creeper	Chlorophanes spiza	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Green Jay	Cyanocorax yncas	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana	Last Frontiers	1898190	354930 Jenkins Creek: Stream from Maya Mountains flowing into Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1	5	
Hooded warbler	Piranga flava	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Jaguar	Wilsonia citrine	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1	5	Jaguar_6250.JPG
Keel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos sulfuratus	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Keel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos sulfuratus	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes burrovianus	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Long-billed Hermit	Phaethornis longirostris	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Olive-throated Parakeet	Psarocolius montezuma	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Plain Chachalaca	Aratinga nana	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Red-lored Parrot	Ortalis vetula	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Ringed Kingfisher	Amazona autumnalis	Last Frontiers	1899506	357252 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Ringed Kingfisher	Megaceryle torquata	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property	2010	1	5	
Short-tailed Hawk	Buteo brachyuris	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	

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Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	Xiphocolaptes promeropyrhinchus	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Tapir	Tapirus bairdi	Last Frontiers	1898860	355750 Swamp forest south of Manatee Lagoon on Viktor's property		1	5	Tapir_6266.JPG
Tawny-winged Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla anabatina	Last Frontiers	1899521	355166 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Tropical King Bird	Tyrannus melancholicus	Last Frontiers	1899331	356367 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Tropical Mockingbird	Mimus gilvus	Last Frontiers	1899600	355700 Savanna	2009	9	9	
Tropical Mockingbird	Mimus gilvus	Last Frontiers	1899331	356367 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
White-collared Manakin	Manacus candei	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
White-colored Seedeater	Sporophila torqueola	Last Frontiers	1899331	356367 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	Last Frontiers	1900030	356150 Wet Savanna, South of Southern (Manatee) Lagoon, On Viktor's property	2010	1	5	
Yellow breasted Chat	Icteria virens	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Nyctinassa violaceae	Last Frontiers	1901636	356582 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	16	
Yellow-throated Euphonia	Euphonia hirundinacea	Last Frontiers	1899281	355400 Last Frontiers REA	2009	10	30	

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chytraculia Myrtaceae.

Tree: Wet forest

Apocynaceae

Savanna

Shrub:

Apocynaceae

Savanna

Shrub:

Mimosoideae Shrub:

Savanna

Clusiaceae

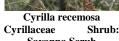
tree: Forest

Timber

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Rhizophoraceae Small Tree: Wet forest



Rhizophora mangle Rhizophoraceae Mangrove: Lagoon edge



Chrysobalanus icaco Chrysobalaceae. Shrub: Wet savanna

Shrub: Savanna Scrub



Cyrilla recemosa Cyrillaceae Savanna Scrub



Diospyros bumeloides Ebenaceae. Shrub: Savanna



Diphysa carthagensis Papilionoideae Shrub: Savanna



Savanna

**Erthroxylon** guatemalensis Erythroxylaceae Shrub: Savanna



Erthroxylon rotundifolia Erythroxylaceae Shrub: Savanna



Erthroxylon rotundifolia Erythroxylaceae Shrub: Savanna



Eugenia sp. Myrtaceae. Shrub: Savanna



Eugenia sp. Myrtaceae. Shrub: Savanna



Eugenia sp. Myrtaceae. Shrub: Savanna



Eugenia eruginea Myrtaceae. Shrub: Wet



Hibiscus pernambucensis Malvaceae. Shore line shrub



Hirtella racemosa Chrysobalanaceae. **Shrub: Forest** 



Ilex guianensis Aquifoliaceae Shrub: Savanna

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