Suggested reading list for Belize ecotour

**Birds of Belize** by H. Lee Jones. 2003. University of Texas Press, Austin, Texas (the first field guide written for the birds of Belize. It is a good reference but a bit large to carry in the field)


**The Last Flight of the Scarlet Macaw.** By Bruce Barcott. 2008. Random House, New York. (A biography of Sharon Matola, the Founding Director of the Belize Zoo. It details the history of the Belize Zoo and also the fight to stop a multinational corporation from building a dam on the Macal River, near the breeding site of Scarlet macaws in Belize.) Note: Neither Sharon or the Zoo receive funds generated by the sale of this book. The Belize Zoo received permission to reprint the book in Belize. It is available in the Belize Zoo Gift Shop for $15US ($20US if signed by Sharon) and profits for the sale of the book there go to the Zoo.

Belize guides (Lonely Planet or Moon)

To watch: [Sharon Matola’s TEDx Belmopan talk on the founding of the Belize Zoo](#)

If you like maps, you can bring a map of Belize. A number are available online.