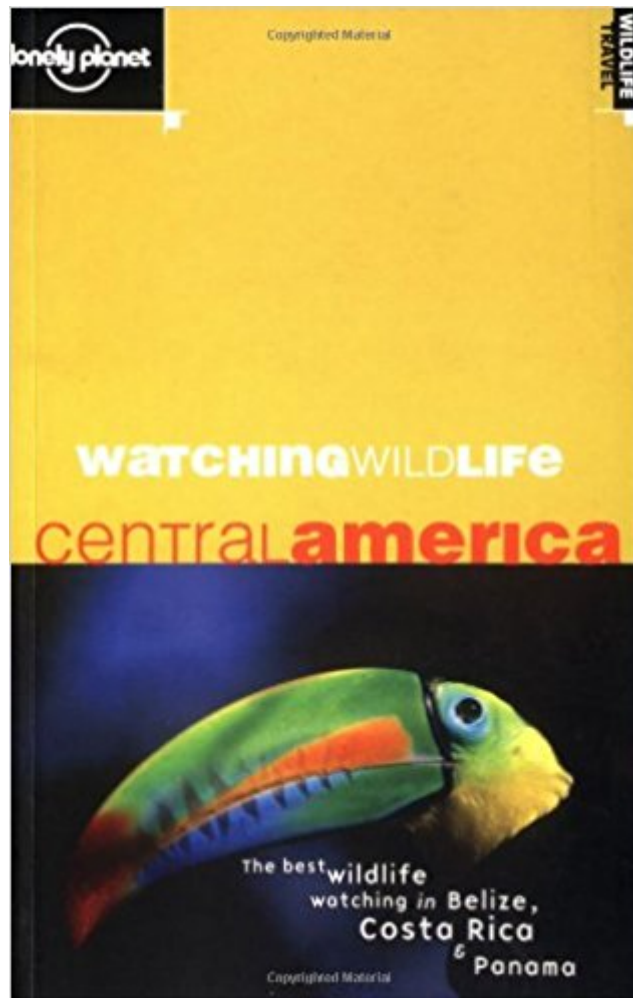




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# Watching Wildlife: Central America (Lonely Planet)



## Synopsis

Aimed at experts and beginners, this guide covers the wildlife of Belize, Costa Rica and Panama. The colour photographs highlight the region's variety of mammals, birds and reptiles.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I brought this book along with me to Central America and am glad that I did. It's a great little book, with detailed information on different species of wildlife found in Central America, where they are most likely to be seen, and so on. There is also detailed information on different parks to visit and what you may see there. I used this book along with Central America on a Shoestring by Lonely Planet. You might just buy the book to help plan your trip, or to bring along with you as well. I found that the Watching Wildlife guidebook had a lot of extra information on parks and wildlife not included in the Shoestring guide, so was glad I had it with me. You might find more detailed information on parks in other guidebooks, so I would consider my interests and a guidebook's coverage of parks and wildlife in deciding whether to bring this book in addition to another general guidebook. The book is a tad bit heavier than you might expect, perhaps because of lots of glossy photos. On the other hand, this book can help you identify many animals you may see, and because it includes natural history information on different species, it can serve as a travel guide and natural history guide in one.

We just returned from Panama and Costa Rica and this was the best of all the books I got. Far from

complete; but none of the resources are, it was the closest to complete. I really appreciated the layout, the amount of information packed into it, the features on each animal such as where you were most likely to see it, the area it covers (all of Central America which is hard to find) and the size being small enough to carry along on a hike. Good purchase and I will keep it!

This book is ok. It doesn't include Nicaragua or else it could be 4 stars. Nica has similar wildlife to Costa Rica and is growing in Eco tourism. Adding a few more pages about Nica's national parks and reserves would have made it complete. Maybe in future editions?? It's unlikely you'll see most of the difficult to spot mammals in the book and if you're into birding it's really lacking on variety of species. If you're birding in Panama or CR there are more complete guides.

Lovely book, fabulous photos, really a fun read during two weeks in Central America.

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