

Epiphytes of Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, BELIZE

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Flower and seed-bearing Plants



Aechmea bracteata
(Bromeliaceae; BH)



Aechmea bracteata
(Bromeliaceae; EB)



Catopsis berteroniana
(Bromeliaceae; EM)



Catopsis berteroniana
(Bromeliaceae; EB)



Tillandsia bulbosa
(Bromeliaceae; BH)



Tillandsia bulbosa
(Bromeliaceae; EM)



Tillandsia dasylirifolia
(Bromeliaceae; BH)



Tillandsia dasylirifolia
(Bromeliaceae; PN)



Tillandsia streptophylla
(Bromeliaceae; EM)



Tillandsia streptophylla
(Bromeliaceae; EB)



Vriesea heliconioides
(Bromeliaceae; EB)



Vriesea heliconioides
(Bromeliaceae; EB)



Selenicereus testudo
(Cactaceae; EB)



Selenicereus testudo
(Cactaceae; EB)



Codonanthe sp.
(Gesneriaceae; EB)



Campylocentrum fasciola
(Orchidaceae; DA)



Campylocentrum fasciola
(Orchidaceae; MP)



Catasetum integerrimum
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Male flower

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Caularthon bilamellatum
(Orchidaceae; BH)



Caularthon bilamellatum
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Cohniella ascendens
(Orchidaceae; BH)



Cohniella ascendens
(Orchidaceae; DA)



Encyclia bractescens
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Encyclia bractescens
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Encyclia chloroleuca
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Encyclia chloroleuca
(Orchidaceae; BH)



Encyclia guatemalensis
(Orchidaceae; BH)



Encyclia guatemalensis
(Orchidaceae; PN)



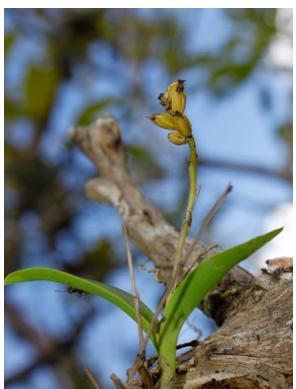
Epidendrum nocturnum
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Epidendrum nocturnum
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Myrmecophila sp.
(Orchidaceae; EM)



Polystachya clavata
(Orchidaceae; DA)



Polystachya clavata
(Orchidaceae; MP)



Scaphyglottis leucantha
(Orchidaceae; DA)



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(Orchidaceae; DA)



Specklinia grobyi
(Orchidaceae; EB)

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Specklinia grobyi
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Trichosalpinx blaisdelli
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Trichosalpinx blaisdelli
(Orchidaceae; EB)



Vanilla sp.
(Orchidaceae; DA)



Vanilla sp.
(Orchidaceae; EB)

Spore-bearing Plants



Psilotum nudum
(Psilotaceae; DA)



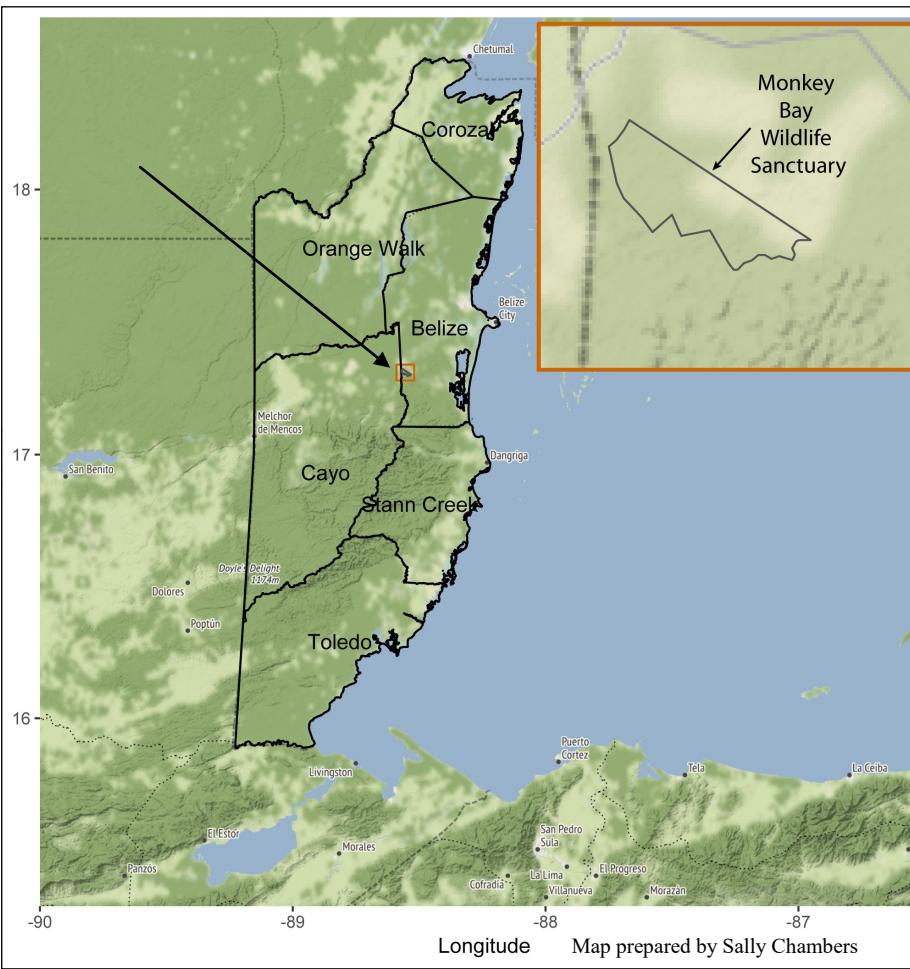
Psilotum nudum
(Psilotaceae; DA)



Vittaria sp.
(Pteridaceae; MP)



Vittaria sp.
(Pteridaceae; DA)



Located in central-eastern Belize, the Belize District is home to a combination of ecosystems including short grass savanna, lowland broadleaf, pine and swamp forests, marine salt marsh, and extensive mangrove forests. Prominent rivers in the region are the Belize and Sibun.

Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (MBWS) is an environmental education center. Established on Earth Day 1990 it specializes in customized educational programs for students from all around the globe who learn about Belize's natural ecosystems, history, and diverse cultures.

The 1070 acres of privately protected wildlife sanctuary is bordered by the Sibun River which flows from headwaters in the Maya Mountains. Along the river's edge, riparian forest connects the fresh water body with broadleaf forest into the cohune ridge, broken ridge, and savanna area. Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining protected area link the Central Belize Corridor, providing safe passage for wild animals across the country.

A guided nature walk at Monkey Bay takes visitors through a variety of habitats and plants that are marked with tags providing scientific and common names. MBWS works to bring conservation awareness to the public, promote environmental education and scientific research, and provide excellent overnight facilities and activity programming for student groups, individuals, and researchers.

For more information visit: www.monkeybaybelize.com.

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