

Beloved Isle Cayman

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*O land of soft, fresh breezes,
Of verdant trees so fair!
With the Creator's glory
Reflected ev'rywhere.*

CAYMAN ISLANDS WILDLIFE

some endemic,
some culturally significant, some rare

Quintessential Cayman



Swallowtail - Grand Cayman endemic
Heroclides andraemon tailori



Above: **Ironwood** *Chionanthus caymanensis* on the world's list of threatened trees, with **Hohenbergia** *Hohenbergia caymanensis* growing on its branches.



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Mahogany

Below: Picklewood & Silver Thatch



National symbols

Cayman Parrot, Wild Banana Orchid & Silver Thatch

Explore the Cayman Islands ancient, original growth forests & dry, rocky woodlands, - living museums - where the plants that sustained the first settlers and their descendants are found - Silver Thatch, Ironwood, Cedar, Mahogany, Candlewood etc. Look for orchids, bromeliads, ferns, mosses, lichens, fungi, birds, crabs, bugs, and other forest creatures.

Know the plants to avoid touching - Maiden Plum, Manchineel, Lady Hair, Shake Hand trees.

Endemic: occurring in one limited locality or region only. Confined to a particular area & found nowhere else, not imported or introduced.



Cayman Velvety Brown Leaf Butterfly & Ghost Orchid, both endemic



Candlewood

Endemic Broadleaf

Rare Trichilia

Trichilia havanensis



Cedar