

Future directions of adaptation research

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Animal and Plant Wisdom *Barbadian Nature Proverbs for Smart Humans*

The proverbs of Barbados are short, one-sentence sayings that express a well-known truth or fact. The imagery of animals and plants in proverbs is an age-old tradition, linking the natural world to this ancient form of folklore.

If crab don' walk 'bout 'e don' get fat.
A stay-at-home person accomplishes nothing.

Every bush is a man.
Be careful in conversation. You never know when you will be overheard.

De higher de monkey climb de more 'e show 'e tail.
The faults of showoffs are revealed. The green monkey (*Cercopithecus aethiops sabaeus*) is the only monkey on Barbados. It was imported to the island from Africa in the 17th century, probably as a pet.

Coconut don' grow pon pumpkin vine.
Children inherit their parents' personality characteristics.

When a bird fly too fast 'e does fly past 'e nest.
Being overly ambitious, or travelling too fast in life, is not always wise.

Sometimes de same tamarind rod yuh cut does turn round and cut yuh own ass.

A person can be harmed by situations he or she has created. The "tamarind rod" is a branch of the tamarind tree (*Famarindus indica*) that makes a strong switch sometimes used on the person who cut it from the tree.

If blackbird fly wid pigeon 'e will get shoot.
Socializing with the wrong people can lead to bad results.

Better fish in de sea dan wha' ketch.
Somewhere there is a better lover than the present lover.

Early bird get de sweetest flower.

The early morning person gets the best reward. In Africa, there is a similar proverb: "A person who arrives early to the spring never gets dirty drinking water."



 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

