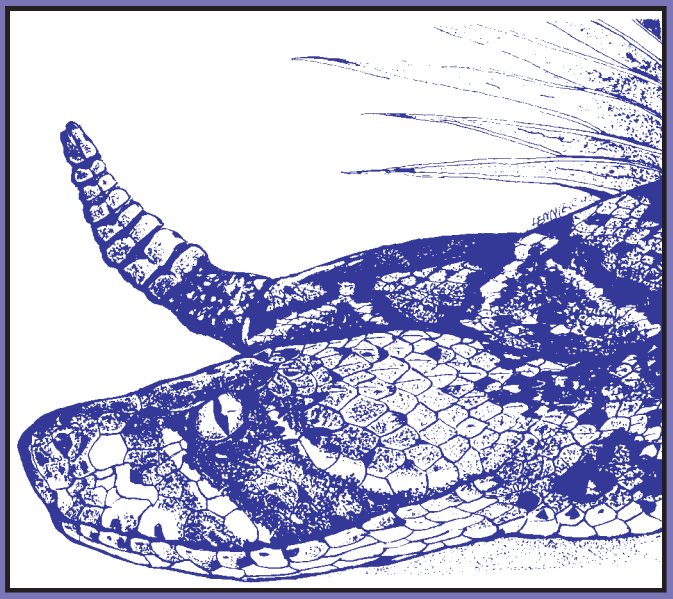
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Florida Panther and Ten Thousand Islands

National Wildlife Refuges Amphibian and Reptile List



Covering nearly 45,000 acres, Florida Panther and Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuges in southwest Florida are comprised of sloughs, mangrove and cypress swamps, wet prairies, pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks and cabbage palm forests. Reptiles and amphibians are afforded this variety of habitats in a favorable sub-tropical climate. As a result, these creatures are generally abundant, and observable throughout most of the year.

Florida Panther and Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuges

Like all refuge wildlife, reptiles and amphibians are fully protected and shall not be hunted, collected, or otherwise harmed in anyway. They should be observed and appreciated for the valuable role they play in the natural world. At the present time, Florida Panther NWR is closed to the public to protect the few remaining Florida Panthers. For more information, contact the Refuge Manager at 3860 Tollgate Boulevard, Suite 30 Naples, Florida, 33942, 941/353-8442

Amphibians
Amphibians are moist skinned vertebrates and were the first vertebrates to dwell on land. Most necessitate a "two stage" life cycle, with aquatic eggs and larvae, and the subsequent terrestrial adult form.

Toads
+ Marine Toad
Southern Toad
Oak Toad
Eastern Narrow Mouthed Toad

Frogs
Florida Cricket Frog
Florida Chorous Frog
Southern Leopard Frog
Pig Frog
+Greenhouse Frog

Tree Frogs
+Cuban Tree Frog
Barking Tree Frog
Squirrel Tree Frog
Green Tree Frog

Amphiumas, Sirens
Two Toed Amphiuma
Greater Siren



This blue goose, designed by Ding Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildife System

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Reptiles
All reptiles have scaly bodies and must breath air. Many live and can be found in and around water.

Crocodilians
E American Crocodile
American Alligator

Lizards
+ Brown Anole
*+ Mediterranean Gecko
+ Indo-Pacific Gecko
Southeastern Five Lined Skink
Ground Skink
Six lined Race Runner
Eastern Glass Lizard
Eastern Slender Glass Lizard
Green Anole

Turtles and Tortoises
Florida Box Turtle
Florida Snapping Turtle
Florida Red Bellied Turtle
Florida Chicken Turtle
Florida Softshell Turtle
Striped Mud Turtle
* Stinkpot
Peninsula Cooter
Gopher Tortoise
Ornate Diamond Back Terrapin
T Atlantic Loggerhead Sea Turtle
E Green Sea Turtle
E Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle

Non-Venomous Snakes
These snakes are harmless and valuable in habitants of our natural Florida environment. Though they may bite humans if provoked, the resulting wound is not serious.

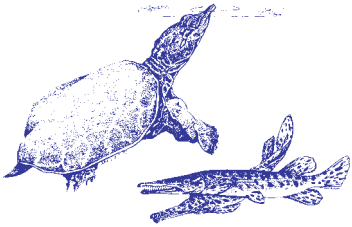
Florida Watersnake
Florida Green Watersnake
Florida Brown Snake
Southern Black Racer
Corn Snake
South Florida Kingsnake
* Rough Green Snake
Striped Crawfish Snake
Eastern Hognose Snake

Peninsula Ribbon Snake
Eastern Garter Snake
Yellow Rat Snake

* Everglades Rat Snake
* Eastern Indigo Snake
Florida Scarlet Snake
Scarlet Kingsnake
Eastern Coachwhip
Eastern Mud Snake
Southern Ringneck Snake

Venomous Snakes

All snakes listed here are extremely dangerous and should not be approached. As well, caution should be taken in areas likely to be inhabited by these creatures. Contrary to folklore and superstition, no poisonous snake will deliberately attack humans. In fact, the vast majority of bites occur when the victim is trying to capture, harm or kill the snake.



Florida Cottonmouth
Dusky Pigmy Rattlesnake
Eastern Diamond Back Rattlesnake
Eastern Coral Snake

+ Introduced species, which is likely to have established a breeding population.

* Species observed in the vicinity of the refuges, and presumed to occur within its borders.

E Federally listed endangered species.

T Federally listed threatened species.

Additional species identified on the refuges will be periodically added to an updated list.

Sighting Notes

Location

Date

Time

Species

Observers

Weather

American Alligator



Joe Doherty

Green Anole

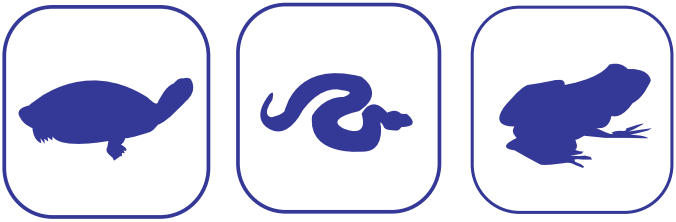


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Gopher Tortoise



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