

# Sample Species List

# Reptiles





**Mammals**

**Birds**

**Frogs  
& Toads**

**Trees  
& Shrubs**

**Butterflies**

**Wildflowers**

**Reptiles**

**Insects**

**Natural  
Communities**

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) manages the water resources for west-central Florida as directed by state law. The goal of the District is to meet the needs of current and future water users while protecting and preserving the water resources within its boundaries.

Through its efforts to protect water resources, the District buys and manages land. As a result, plants and animals that live on these lands are also protected and the public can enjoy recreational and educational activities in the great outdoors.

Every year approximately 2.5 million people visit the more than 325,000 acres of public conservation lands acquired by the District and its partners to protect the region's water resources. The District provides opportunities for these recreational activities to highlight the uniqueness of conservation lands while protecting the natural resources that make them such great places to visit. The lands are open to the public for activities such as hiking, bicycling, hunting, horseback riding, fishing, camping, nature study and picnicking. Many District lands also have facilities that are universally accessible for the mobility-impaired. Each of the areas owned by the District offers something special. Learning as much as possible about what is special before you visit a park/management area allows you to gain an appreciation for what you are likely to experience. These species guides highlight common habitats, plants and animals found on District conservation lands.

For additional information on District lands, order or download our *Recreation Guide to Southwest Florida Water Management District Lands* at [WaterMatters.org/recreation/](http://WaterMatters.org/recreation/). The property descriptions included in the recreation guide convey basic information about each property, such as location, access and parking, hours of operation, restroom and water availability, recreational opportunities, and contact numbers. You can also contact the District's Land Use and Protection Section at (352) 796-7211, ext. 4470, or via email at [Recreation@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Recreation@WaterMatters.org).

Southwest Florida  
Water Management District



CONSERVATION LANDS

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**American Alligator**  
*Alligator mississippiensis*



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**Eastern Glass Lizard**  
*Ophisaurus ventralis*



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**Eastern Fence Lizard**  
*Sceloporus undulatus*



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**Green Anole**  
*Anolis carolinensis*



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**Brown Anole**  
*Anolis sagrei*\*



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**Southeastern Five-Lined Skink**  
*Eumeces inexpectatus*



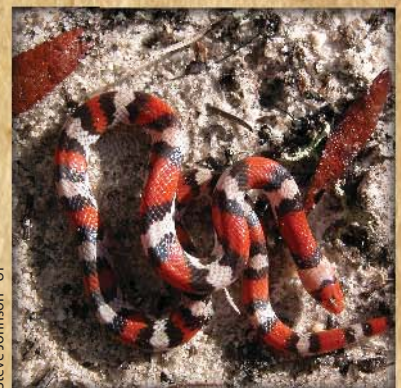
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**Ground Skink**  
*Scincella lateralis*



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**Six-Lined Racerunner**  
*Aspidoscelis sexlineata*  
(old scientific name: *Cnemidophorus sexlineatus*)



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**Scarlet Snake**  
*Cemophora coccinea*

\* Introduced species

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**Eastern Racer (Black Racer)**  
*Coluber constrictor*



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**Southern Ringneck Snake**  
*Diadophis punctatus*



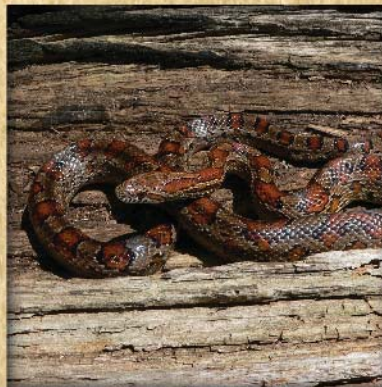
Henry Mushinsky

**Eastern Indigo Snake**  
*Drymarchon corais couperi*



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**Red Rat Snake**  
*Elaphe guttata guttata*



John Jensen

**Red Corn Snake**  
*Elaphe guttata*



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**Eastern Ratsnake**  
*Pantherophis alleghaniensis*



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**Coachwhip**  
*Masticophis flagellum*



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**Southern (Banded) Watersnake**  
*Nerodia fasciata*



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**Florida Green Watersnake**  
*Nerodia floridana*

Reptiles outlined in **red** are venomous

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**Brown Watersnake**  
*Nerodia taxispilota*

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**Rough Green Snake**  
*Opheodrys aestivus*

John B. Jensen



**Eastern Ribbon Snake**  
*Thamnophis sauritus*

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**Common Garter Snake**  
*Thamnophis sirtalis*

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**Eastern Coral Snake**  
*Micrurus fulvius* (venomous)

Henry Mushinsky



**Cottonmouth Water Moccasin**  
*Agkistrodon piscivorus* (venomous)

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**Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake**  
*Crotalus adamanteus* (venomous)

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**Dusky Pygmy Rattlesnake**  
*Sistrurus miliarius* (venomous)

Henry Mushinsky



**Eastern Hognose Snake**  
*Heterodon platirhinos*

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Ryan Means

**Southern Hognose Snake**  
*Heterodon simus*



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**Snapping Turtle**  
*Chelydra serpentina*



John Jensen

**Chicken Turtle**  
*Deirochelys reticularia*



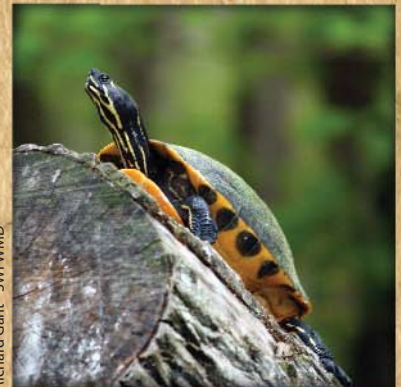
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**Florida Softshell**  
*Apalone ferox*



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**Florida Red-Bellied Cooter**  
*Pseudemys nelsoni*



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**Peninsula Cooter**  
*Pseudemys peninsularis\**



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**Florida Box Turtle**  
*Terrapene carolina bauri*



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**Stinkpot Turtle**  
*Sternotherus odoratus*



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**Gopher Tortoise**  
*Gopherus polyphemus*

\* Endemic to Florida