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National Wildlife Refuge Amphibian and Reptile List



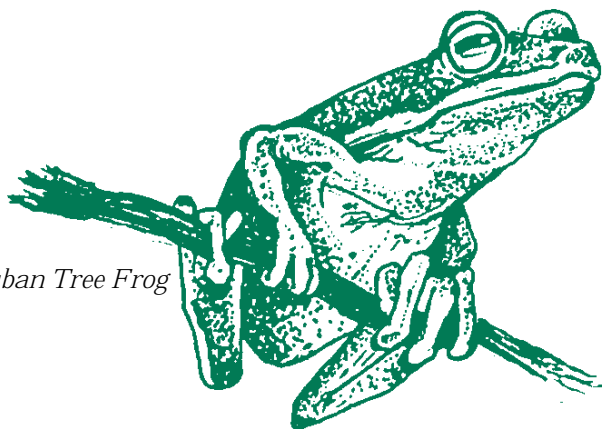
Key

- * Introduced exotic species
- T Threatened species, Federal listing
- E Endangered species, Federal listing

Special research requests for the study of amphibians and reptiles should be forwarded to the refuge manager at:
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Amphibians

Amphibians are moist-skinned, cold blooded creatures who were the first vertebrates to dwell on land. Most amphibians utilize a two stage life cycle, beginning with aquatic eggs and larvae, and maturing to a terrestrial adult life form.



Cuban Tree Frog

Toads

- Southern Toad
- Eastern Narrow-Mouthed Toad
- Oak Toad

Frogs

- Florida Cricket Frog
- Florida Chorus Frog
- Little Grass Frog
- Greenhouse Frog
- Pig Frog
- Southern Leopard Frog

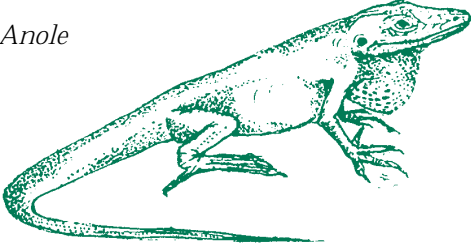
Tree Frogs

- Green Tree Frog
- Squirrel Tree Frog
- Cuban Tree Frog*

Reptiles

Reptiles are scaly bodied, cold blooded vertebrates that must breathe air. Many are found in and around aquatic habitats. Most reptiles reproduce by laying eggs, but some bear live young.

Carolina Anole



Venomous Snakes

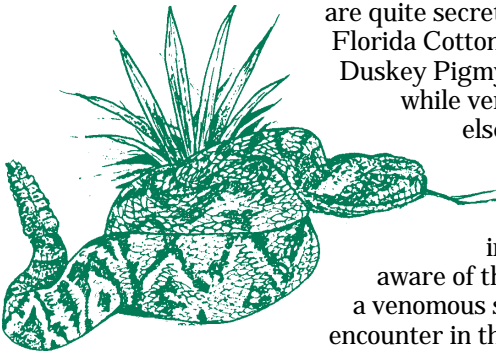
Florida's venomous snakes are amongst its most fascinating creatures. Though dangerous, these snakes represent a critical element of our ecological community. Most

are quite secretive, and the Florida Cottonmouth and Dusky Pigmy Rattlesnake, while very common elsewhere are extremely rare here.

While it is important to be aware of the possibility of a venomous snake

encounter in the wild, its equally critical to note that the vast majority of snake bites occur when one is trying to catch or kill the serpent. The refuge supports conservation of these unique reptiles by offering protection and critical habitat, especially for the magnificent Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake, whose numbers are declining.

*Eastern
Diamondback*



Eastern Coral Snake
Florida Cottonmouth
Dusky Pigmy Rattlesnake
Eastern Diamondback

Non-Venomous Snakes

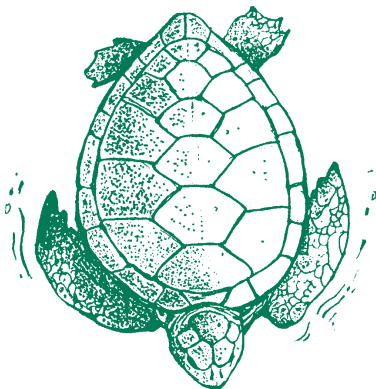
These snakes are totally harmless and valuable members of Florida's ecological communities. Though they may bite humans if provoked, the resulting wound is not serious.

Southern Ringneck Snake
Southern Black Racer
Eastern Coachwhip
Eastern Indigo Snake T
Yellow Rat Snake
Red Rat Snake
Florida Water Snake
Brown Water Snake
Florida Green Water Snake
Mangrove Salt Marsh Snake
Florida Brown Snake
Eastern Garter Snake
Peninsula Ribbon Snake
Everglades Racer

Turtles and Tortoises

Florida Snapping Turtle
Striped Mud Turtle
Florida Mud Turtle
Florida Box Turtle
Ornate Diamond-Back Terrapin
Florida Red-Bellied Turtle
Peninsula Cooter
Florida Chicken Turtle
Florida Softshell Turtle
Leatherback Sea Turtle E
Green Sea Turtle E
Hawksbill Sea Turtle E
Loggerhead Sea Turtle T
Ridley Sea Turtle E
Gopher tortoise (protected by Florida State law)

Loggerhead



Lizards

Green Anole

Brown Anole*

Ground Skink

Eastern Glass Lizard

Southeastern Five-Lined Skink

Six-Lined Racerunner

Indo-Pacific Gecko*

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American Alligator T



American Crocodile

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