

# J. N. "Ding" Darling

## *National Wildlife Refuge Amphibian and Reptile List*





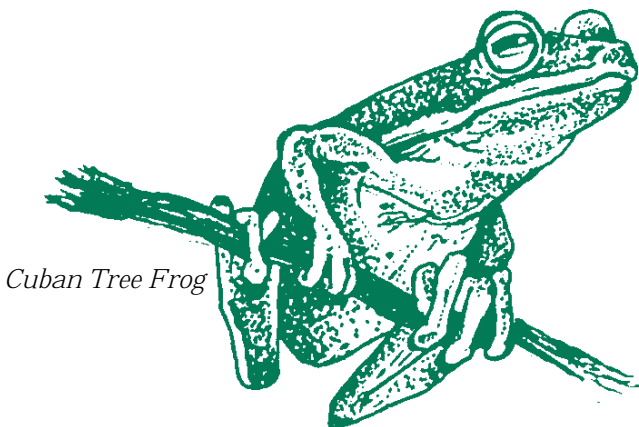
## Key

- \* 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

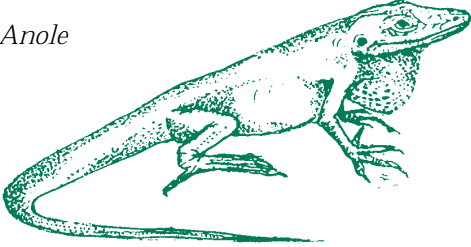
### Tree Frogs

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

## Reptiles

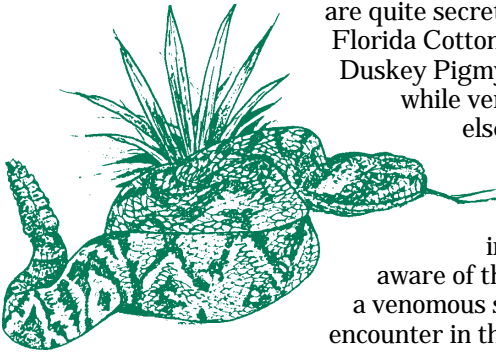
Reptiles are scaly bodied, cold blooded vertebrates that must breathe air. Many are found in and around aquatic habitats. Most reptiles reproduce by laying eggs, but some bear live young.

*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



*Eastern  
Diamondback*

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 Coral Snake  
Florida Cottonmouth  
Dusky Pigmy Rattlesnake  
Eastern Diamondback

### **Non-Venomous Snakes**

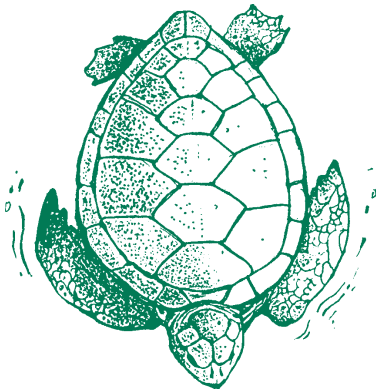
These snakes are totally harmless and valuable members of Florida's ecological communities. Though they may bite humans if provoked, the resulting wound is not serious.

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\*

## **Crocodylians**

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American Alligator T



*American Crocodile*

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