

Internet Sites on Florida Wildlife

This is a selected listing of internet sources on Florida wildlife. Three categories--Native Species, Invasive (Exotic) Species, and Endangered Species--are covered. Sites are limited to URLs ending in .gov, .edu and .org. The user should be aware that for many of the sites there may be some overlap between the three categories.

Native (Indigenous) Species

(You will also find information on native species in the section **Threatened and Endangered Species**.)

1.

<http://www.mote.org/index.php?src=gendocs&link=Library,%20Collections&category=Library>

Sponsored by the Mote Marine Laboratory.

The Mote Marine Library offers a number of resources for information on Florida animals. Of particular interest is the collection of technical reports from the staff of Mote Marine. These reports include information on marine animals and water conditions in Florida. Follow the link under Mote Technical Report Collection.

2. <http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/manatee/manatee-native-facts.htm>

Sponsored by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: North Florida Office

This site focuses on the manatee. Note the link [Manatee Information](#) at the bottom of the page.

3.

<http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20protecting%20and%20restoring/florida%20wildlife>

Sponsored by South Florida Water Management District

The site is valuable as a gateway to information on Florida habitats and wildlife. Note the links under "Partners" for further information.

4. http://sofia.usgs.gov/projects/index.php?project_url=comp_gator

Sponsored by United States Geological Survey: South Florida Information Access

This site focuses on alligators. Numerous links lead to information resources on various aspects of alligator life in Florida. Note that some headings may be somewhat misleading. For example, the links under Posters do not lead to poster pictures of alligators; they lead to topics such as the ecological importance of alligators.

5. <http://www.nps.gov/ever/naturescience/floridapanther.htm>

Sponsored by the National Park Service

This site focuses on the Florida Panther. Note that if you go far enough with the links for more information, you will reach a Checklist of Mammals in Everglades National Park that includes a link for information on manatees.

6. <http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/SeaTurtles/seaturtle-info.htm>

Sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North Florida Ecological Services Office
This site features sea turtles. Note the multitude of links providing information on the turtles and on programs to study and preserve them.

7. <http://research.myfwc.com/>

Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Fish and Wildlife Institute.

The home page for this site provides links to information on a variety of Florida wildlife, including various fish, manatees, and panthers. For further information on the Institute, see <http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/profiles/6132/>.

8. <http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/birds/chekbird/r4/12.htm>

Sponsored by the United States Geological Survey Northern Prairie Research Center.

The site features links to pages that provide information on bird populations in a variety of locations in Florida.

9. <http://www.nps.gov/ever/naturescience/birds.htm>

Sponsored by the National Park Service.

This site features the birds of Everglades National Park. Links are provided for other subjects in relation to the park.

10. <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/herpetology/FL-GUIDE/onlineguide.htm>

Sponsored by the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida.

The site specializes in Florida snakes. There are links to information on other reptiles.

11.

http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Puma_concolor_corvi.html

Sponsored by the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology.

This site focuses on the Florida Panther. You may want to search for other species from here.

Invasive (Exotic) Species

1. <http://www.nbio.gov/portal/server.pt>

Sponsored by the National Biological Information Infrastructure

Although not limited to Florida, the site does contain information specific to the state. For example, click on the map on the yellow Southeast region and then on on the link “Invasive Species Resources for Gulf of Mexico and Coast Areas.” You will find links to topics, some of which are specific to Florida.

2. <http://sofia.usgs.gov/sfrsf/rooms/species/invasive/intro/>

Sponsored by U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Center for Coastal Geology

This site specifically deals with exotic, invasive species in Florida, with a focus on South Florida.

3. <http://www.invasive.org/species/list.cfm?id=77>

Sponsored by the Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health, The University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

This site lists invasive (exotic) species in Florida. Each listing is a link that will provide a brief amount of information on a particular species. On 8/31/11 there were 361 records on the list.

4. <http://www.foturkeycreek.org/Conservation/ExoticFishIdentifier.pdf>

Sponsored by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Non-Native Fish Research Laboratory.

Featuring exotic fish, the site provides a brief amount of information on thirty-two freshwater species. NOTE: the URL given under "More information about Florida's exotic fishes is available on the web at:" no longer works.

5. <http://www.evergladescisma.org/>

Sponsored by the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area.

The site provides information on invasive species in the Everglades, including the pythons that have been featured in news reports.

6.

http://www.flsenate.gov/data/Publications/2007/Senate/reports/interim_reports/pdf/2007-101ag.pdf

Sponsored by the Florida Senate.

This is an interim report on legislative issues concerning invasive species in Florida. The report, dated 9/29/06, is from the Florida Senate Committee on Agriculture.

7. http://ntrs.nasa.gov/archive/nasa/casi.ntrs.nasa.gov/19970024027_1997038336.pdf

Sponsored by the 45th Space Wing, Civil Engineering, Environmental Office, Patrick Air Force Base.

Though dated (1997), this report may be useful for background information on exotic species in the area of Patrick Air Force Base. The report includes excellent material on earlier studies done at Patrick AFB.

8. <http://www.sms.si.edu/IRLspec/Nonnatives.htm>

Sponsored by the Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce.

This site offers an introduction to non-native and invasive species along with links to species, native and non-native, that are found in Florida. Detailed information is offered on each species. For example, see the page on *Clarias batrachus*, the walking catfish, at http://www.sms.si.edu/IRLspec/Clarias_batrachus.htm.

9. <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Publications/ZooGoer/2005/3/reptilefeature.cfm>

Sponsored by the Smithsonian National Zoological Park.

This site focuses on invasive reptilian species like the iguana. Note the sidebar page on “Toxic Toads and Tyrannical Tree frogs.”

10. <http://www.myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/nonnatives/>

Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The site provides an overview of nonnative animals in Florida. You can learn the difference between nonnative and invasive species. You will also find information on rules and regulations that deal with nonnative and invasive species.

11. <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/education/teachersfree.html>

“A collaboration of the UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission / Invasive Plant Management Section”
Designed specifically for educators, this site focuses on Florida plants, native and invasive. There are also resources available on the Florida aquifer and water management.

Threatened and Endangered Species

(This section focuses on native species that are threatened or endangered. You will also find information on native animals in the first section, **Native (Indigenous) Species.**)

1. http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/stateListingAndOccurrenceIndividual.jsp?state=FL

Sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The site provides a list of endangered/threatened species in Florida. Note that you can follow the links for each species to get information on a particular one. For comparison to other states, see <http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/StateListingAndOccurrence.do?state=FL>.

2. <http://www.floridaendangeredspeciesnetwork.org/resources.htm>

Sponsored by the Florida Endangered Species Network (FESN).

This page provides links to sites offering information on endangered species in Florida.

3. <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/>

Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

This is another site featuring links to particular species. Note especially the links for managed and imperiled species.

4. <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/FISH/SouthFlorida/coral/endangeredkeys.html>

Sponsored by the Florida Museum of Natural History.

The site provides a brief amount on information on threatened and endangered species in the Florida Keys.

5. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw064>

Sponsored by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida.

This is a pamphlet entitled “The Value of Endangered Species: the Importance of Conserving Biological Diversity.”

6. <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/loggerhead.htm>

Sponsored by NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources

The site provides detailed information on loggerhead turtles with links to further information.

There are also links for information on other species and general information on threatened and endangered species.

7. http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/Wildlife/large_predators/flblackbear.pdf

Sponsored by the University of Florida Extension Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The site provides information on the Florida black bear which is a threatened species.

8. <http://www.archbold-station.org/fai/species4.html>

Sponsored by the Archibold Biological Station.

This site focuses on the Lake Wales Ridge in central Florida. For information on endangered species, click on one of the categories at the top of the page. Although a number of the links on particular species are broken, you will still find sources of information on most of the listed species.