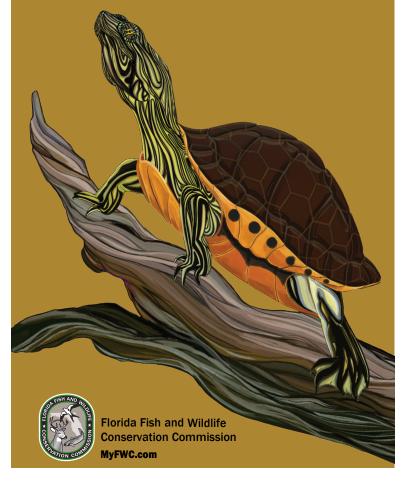
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Introduction

Whether you're a professional herpetologist, an amateur naturalist, or simply someone with an interest in the fascinating world of amphibians and reptiles, this checklist provides a valuable reference for learning about the diverse fauna of Florida.

Florida is home to a wide range of amphibians and reptiles, including many species that are found nowhere else. From anoles that scurry across urban sidewalks to the secretive salamanders and snakes that inhabit the state's wetlands and forests, these animals play important ecological roles and capture the imagination of both residents and visitors alike.

As interest in these creatures grows, so does our understanding of their classification (taxonomy) and biology. This checklist of the amphibians and reptiles of Florida is up to date at the time of printing, but it is important to note that taxonomy is rapidly changing. Our understanding of Florida's species is evolving as genetic data become available, resulting in frequent changes that will be reflected in future editions of this checklist.

This guide includes many nonnative species found in the state. Nonnative species can compete with and spread diseases to native species, potentially cause harm to the environment, the economy, and/or human health and safety. If nonnative snakes, monitors, or tegus are observed, they should be reported to FWC's Invasive Species Hotline at 888-Ive-Got1 (483-4681). All other nonnative reptile and amphibian species can be reported via the IveGot1 app or *IveGot1.org*.

For those interested in delving deeper into the world of Florida's amphibians and reptiles, the definitive reference is the book *Amphibians and Reptiles of Florida* by Krysko, Enge, and Moler, published in 2019. This comprehensive volume provides detailed information on the taxonomy, distribution, ecology, and conservation of most species known to occur in the state. It is an invaluable resource for professionals, amateurs, and students alike.

The following abbreviations are placed after species names to identify species with legal protections or restrictions. A footnote (*) is included when the status applies to only a portion of the population, either certain subspecies or certain locations.

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R – Regulated Species
There are restrictions on collection or possession of this species. Check MyFWC.com for current regulations.

		Non- native	Status
ORDER CAUDATA - Salamanders			
FAMILY AMBYSTOMATIDAE - Mo	le Salamanders		
☐ Reticulated Flatwoods Salamander	Ambystoma bishopi		FE
☐ Frosted Flatwoods Salamander	Ambystoma cingulatum		FT
☐ Marbled Salamander	Ambystoma opacum		
☐ Mole Salamander	Ambystoma talpoideum		
□Tiger Salamander	Ambystoma tigrinum		
FAMILY AMPHIUMIDAE - Amphiu	ımas		
☐Two-toed Amphiuma	Amphiuma means		
□One-toed Amphiuma	Amphiuma pholeter		
FAMILY PLETHODONTIDAE - Lung	gless Salamanders		
Apalachicola Dusky Salamander	Desmognathus apalachicolae		
☐Southern Dusky Salamander	Desmognathus auriculatus		
Spotted Dusky Salamander	Desmognathus conanti		
☐ Seal Salamander	Desmognathus monticola		
☐Southern Two-lined Salamander	Eurycea cirrigera		
☐Three-lined Salamander	Eurycea guttolineata		
☐ Hillis's Dwarf Salamander	Eurycea hillisi		
☐ Dwarf Salamander	Eurycea quadridigitata		
☐ Bog Dwarf Salamander	Eurycea sphagnicola		
☐ Georgia Blind Salamander	Eurycea wallacei		ST
☐ Four-toed Salamander	Hemidactylium scutatum		
☐Southeastern Slimy Salamander	Plethodon grobmani		
☐ Mud Salamander	Pseudotriton montanus		
☐ Red Salamander	Pseudotriton ruber		
☐ Many-lined Salamander	Stereochilus marginatus		
FAMILY PROTEIDAE - Waterdogs	and Mudpuppies		
□ Apalachicola Waterdog	Necturus moleri		
□ Escambia Waterdog	Necturus mounti		
FAMILY SALAMANDRIDAE - New	ts		
☐Striped Newt	Notophthalmus perstriatus		ST

☐ Eastern Newt	Notophthalmus viridescens				
FAMILY SIRENIDAE - Sirens	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
Southern Dwarf Siren	Pseudobranchus axanthus				
□ Northern Dwarf Siren	Pseudobranchus striatus				
Lesser Siren	Siren intermedia complex	Siren intermedia			
☐ Greater Siren	Siren lacertina				
☐ Reticulated Siren	Siren reticulata				
☐ Seepage Siren	Siren sphagnicola				
ORDER ANURA - Frogs and T	oads				
FAMILY BUFONIDAE - Toads	s				
☐ Fowler's Toad	Anaxyrus fowleri				
☐ Oak Toad	Anaxyrus quercicus				
☐Southern Toad	Anaxyrus terrestris				
☐ Cane Toad	Rhinella horribilis/marina	Х			
FAMILY ELEUTHERODACTY	LIDAE - Rain Frogs				
☐ Greenhouse Frog	Eleutherodactylus planirostris	Х			
FAMILY HYLIDAE - Treefrog	(s				
☐ Eastern Cricket Frog	Acris crepitans				
☐ Southern Cricket Frog	Acris gryllus				
☐ Pine Barrens Treefrog	Hyla andersonii		R		
☐ Bird-voiced Treefrog	Hyla avivoca				
☐ Cope's Gray Treefrog	Hyla chrysoscelis				
☐ Green Treefrog	Hyla cinerea				
☐ Pine Woods Treefrog	Hyla femoralis				
☐ Barking Treefrog	Hyla gratiosa				
☐ Squirrel Treefrog	Hyla squirella				
☐ Cuban Treefrog	Osteopilus septentrionalis	Х			
☐ Spring Peeper	Pseudacris crucifer				
☐ Upland Chorus Frog	Pseudacris feriarum				
Southern Chorus Frog	Pseudacris nigrita				
Little Grass Frog	Pseudacris ocularis				
Ornate Chorus Frog	Pseudacris ornata				

FAMILY MICROHYLIDAE - Narrov			,
☐ Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad	Gastrophryne carolinensis		
FAMILY RANIDAE - True Frogs			
☐ Gopher Frog	Rana capito		R
□American Bullfrog	Rana catesbeiana		
□ Bronze Frog	Rana clamitans		
☐ Pig Frog	Rana grylio		
□ River Frog	Rana heckscheri		
□ Florida Bog Frog	Rana okaloosae		ST
□Southern Leopard Frog	Rana sphenocephala		
☐ Carpenter Frog	Rana virgatipes		
FAMILY SCAPHIOPODIDAE - Spa	defoot Toads		
☐ Eastern Spadefoot	Scaphiopus holbrookii		
FAMILY PIPIDAE - Clawed Frogs			
☐ Western Clawed Frog	Xenopus tropicalis	Χ	
ORDER GYMNOPHIONA - Caecilia	ns		
FAMILY TYPHLONECTIDAE - Aqu	atic Caecilians		
□ Rio Cauca Caecilian	Typhlonectes natans	Χ	
RI	EPTILES		
ORDER TESTUDINES - Turtles and	Tortoises		
FAMILY CHELONIIDAE - Typical S	Sea Turtles		
☐ Loggerhead Sea Turtle	Caretta caretta		FT
☐ Green Sea Turtle	Chelonia mydas		FE
☐ Hawksbill Sea Turtle	Eretmochelys imbricata		FE
☐ Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle	Lepidochelys kempii		FE
FAMILY DERMOCHELIDAE - Lea	therback Sea Turtles		
☐ Leatherback Sea Turtle	Dermochelys coriacea		FE
FAMILY CHELYDRIDAE - Snappir	ng Turtles		
☐ Snapping Turtle	Chelydra serpentina		R
☐ Alligator Snapping Turtle	Macrochelys temminckii		R
☐ Apalachicola Alligator Snapping Turtle			R
Suwannee Alligator Snapping Turtle	Macrochelys suwanniensis		ST
FAMILY EMYDIDAE - Pond and B	ox Turtles		
☐ Spotted Turtle	Clemmys guttata		
☐ Chicken Turtle	Deirochelys reticularia		
☐ Barbour's Map Turtle	Graptemys barbouri		ST

☐ Escambia Map Turtle	Graptemys ernsti		R
☐ False Map Turtle	Graptemys X pseudogeographica		
☐ Diamond-backed Terrapin	Malaclemys terrapin		R
☐ River Cooter	Pseudemys concinna		R
☐ Florida Cooter or Coastal Plain Cooter	Pseudemys floridana		R
☐ Florida Red-bellied Cooter	Pseudemys nelsoni		R
☐ Eastern Box Turtle	Terrapene carolina		R
☐ Florida Box Turtle	Terrapene bauri		R
☐ Red-eared Slider	Trachemys scripta elegans	Х	R
☐ Yellow-belled Slider	Trachemys scripta scripta		
FAMILY KINOSTERNIDAE - Mud ar	nd Musk Turtles		
☐Striped Mud Turtle	Kinosternon baurii		R*
☐ Eastern Mud Turtle	Kinosternon subrubrum		
☐ Florida Mud Turtle	Kinosternon stendachneri		
☐ Intermediate Musk Turtle	Sternotherus intermedius		
☐ Loggerhead Musk Turtle	Sternotherus minor		R
☐ Common Musk or Stinkpot Turtle	Sternotherus odoratus		
FAMILY TESTUDINIDAE - Tortoises	6		
☐ Gopher Tortoise	Gopherus polyphemus		ST
FAMILY TRIONYCHIDAE - Softshel	l Turtles		
☐ Florida Softshell	Apalone ferox		R
☐Smooth Softshell	Apalone mutica		R
☐ Spiny Softshell	Apalone spinifera		R
ORDER CROCODILIA - Crocodilians			
FAMILY ALLIGATORIDAE - Alligato	ors and Caimans		
☐ American Alligator	Alligator mississippiensis		FT*
☐Spectacled Caiman	Caiman crocodilus	X	
FAMILY CROCODYLIDAE - Crocodi	les		
☐ American Crocodile	Crocodylus acutus		FT
ORDER SQUAMATA - Lizards and Sr	nakes		
SUBORDER SAURIA - Lizards			
FAMILY ANGUIDAE - Glass Lizards	3		
☐Slender Glass Lizard	Ophisaurus attenuatus		
☐ Island Glass Lizard	Ophisaurus compressus		
☐ Mimic Glass Lizard	Ophisaurus mimicus		
☐ Eastern Glass Lizard	Ophisaurus ventralis		

FAMILY GEKKONIDAE - Typical (Geckos		
□ Tokay Gecko	Gekko gecko	Χ	
☐ Common House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus	Χ	
☐ Indo-Pacific House Gecko	Hemidactylus garnotii	Χ	
☐Tropical House Gecko	Hemidactylus mabouia	Χ	
☐ Mediterranean Gecko	Hemidactylus turcicus	Х	
☐ Madagascan Giant Day Gecko	Phelsuma grandis	Χ	
FAMILY SPHAERODACTYLIDAE	- Dwarf Geckos		
☐ Ocellated Gecko	Sphaerodactylus argus	Χ	
☐ Ashy Gecko	Sphaerodactylus elegans	Х	
Reef Gecko	Sphaerodactylus notatus		
FAMILY AGAMIDAE - Agamas			
□ Peters's Rock Agama	Agama picticauda	Х	
Red-banded Butterfly Lizard	Leiolepis rubritaeniata	Χ	
FAMILY CHAMAELEONIDAE - CH	nameleons		
☐ Veiled Chameleon	Chamaeleo calyptratus	X	
☐ Panther Cameleon	Furcifer pardalis X		
FAMILY CORYTOPHANIDAE - He	Imeted Lizards		
☐ Brown Basilisk	Basiliscus vittatus	Χ	
FAMILY ANOLIDAE - Anoles			
☐ Green Anole	Anolis carolinensis		
☐ Hispaniolan Green Anole	Anolis chlorocyanus	Χ	
☐ Puerto Rican Crested Anole	Anolis cristatellus	Χ	
Large-headed Anole	Anolis cybotes	Χ	
Bark Anole	Anolis distichus	Χ	
☐ Knight Anole	Anolis equestris	Χ	
☐Jamaican Giant Anole	Anolis garmani	Χ	
☐ Brown Anole	Anolis sagrei	Χ	
FAMILY IGUANIDAE - Iguanas			
☐ Mexican Spiny-tailed Iguana	Ctenosaura pectinata	Χ	
☐ Gray's/Black Spiny-tailed Iguana	Ctenosaura similis	Χ	
☐Green Iguana	Iguana iguana	Χ	R
FAMILY Leiocephalidae - Curly	tail Lizards		
☐ Northern Curly-tailed Lizard	Leiocephalus carinatus	Χ	
Red-sided Curly-tailed Lizard	Leiocephalus schreibersii	Χ	
FAMILY PHRYNOSOMATIDAE - S	Spiny and Horned Lizards		
☐Texas Horned Lizard	Phrynosoma cornutum	Χ	

☐ Eastern Fence Lizard	Sceloporus undulatus		
☐ Florida Scrub Lizard	Sceloporus woodi		
FAMILY SCINCIDAE - Skinks			
☐ Ocellated Skink	Chalcides ocellatus	Х	
☐Coal Skink	Plestiodon anthracinus		
☐ Mole Skink	Plestiodon egregius		FE*
☐ Common Five-lined Skink	Plestiodon fasciatus		
☐Southeastern Five-lined Skink	Plestiodon inexpectatus		
☐ Broad-headed Skink	Plestiodon laticeps		
☐ Florida Sand Skink	Plestiodon reynoldsi		FT
FAMILY SPHENOMORPHIDAE - Sp	henomorphid Skinks		
☐ Ground Skink or Little Brown Skink	Scincella lateralis		
FAMILY TEIIDAE - Whiptails and T	egus		
☐ Giant Ameiva	Ameiva ameiva	Х	
☐ Giant Whiptail	Aspidoscelis motaguae	Х	
☐Six-lined Racerunner	Aspidoscelis sexlineata		
Rainbow Whiptail	Cnemidophorus lemniscatus complex	Х	
☐ Argentine Black and White Tegu	Salvator merianae	Х	R
FAMILY VARANIDAE - Monitor Liz	ards		
☐ Nile Monitor	Varanus niloticus	Х	R
SUBORDER AMPHISBAENIA - Am	phisbaenians		
FAMILY RHINEURIDAE - Worm Liz	ards		
☐ Florida Wormlizard	Rhineura floridana		
SUBORDER SERPENTES - Snakes	,		
FAMILY TYPHLOPIDAE - Blind Sna	ikes		
☐ Brahminy Blindsnake	Indotyphlops braminus	Х	
FAMILY BOIDAE - Boas			
☐ Boa Constrictor	Boa constrictor	Х	
FAMILY PYTHONIDAE - Pythons			
□ Burmese/Indian Python	Python molurus	Х	R
□ Northern African Python	Python sebae	Х	R
FAMILY COLUBRIDAE - Colubrid S	inakes		
☐ Scarletsnake	Cemophora coccinea		
☐ Black Racer or North American Racer	Coluber constrictor		
□ Eastern Indigo Snake	Drymarchon couperi		FT
□Scarlet Kingsnake	Lampropeltis elapsoides		
☐Short-tailed Kingsnake	Lampropeltis extenuata		ST

☐ Florida Kingsnake	Lampropeltis floridana	
☐ Eastern Kingsnake	Lampropeltis getula	
☐ Apalachicola Kingsnake	Lampropeltis meansi	
South Florida Mole Kingsnake	Lampropeltis occipitolineata	ST
□ Northern Mole Kingsnake	Lampropeltis rhombomaculata	
☐ Eastern Coachwhip	Masticophis (Coluber) flagellum	
☐ Rough Green Snake	Opheodrys aestivus	
☐ Gray Ratsnake	Pantherophis alleghaniensis	
☐ Corn or Red Ratsnake	Pantherophis guttatus	R*
☐ Eastern Ratsnake	Pantherophis quadrivittatus	
□Pinesnake	Pituophis melanoleucus	ST*
☐ Southeastern Crowned Snake	Tantilla coronata	
☐ Rim Rock Crowned Snake	Tantilla oolitica	ST
☐ Florida Crowned Snake	Tantilla relicta	
FAMILY Dipsadidae - Dipsadidin	e Snakes	
☐ Ring-necked Snake	Diadophis punctatus	ST**
☐ Eastern Mudsnake	Farancia abacura	
☐ Rainbow Snake	Farancia erytrogramma	
☐ Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	Heterodon platirhinos	
☐ Southern Hog-nosed Snake	Heterodon simus	
☐ Pine Woods Littersnake	Rhadinaea flavilata	
FAMILY NATRICIDAE - Natricidir	ne Snakes	
☐ Rough Earthsnake	Haldea striatula	
☐ Striped Swampsnake	Liodytes alleni	
☐ Black Swampsnake	Liodytes pygaea	
☐ Glossy Swampsnake	Liodytes rigida	
☐Saltmarsh Watersnake	Nerodia clarkii	FE*
☐ Mississippi Green Watersnake	Nerodia cyclopion	
☐ Plain-bellied Watersnake	Nerodia erythrogaster	
Southern or Banded Watersnake	Nerodia fasciata	
☐ Florida Green Watersnake	Nerodia floridana	
☐ Common Watersnake	Nerodia sipedon	
☐ Brown Watersnake	Nerodia taxispilota	
Queensnake	Regina septemvittata	

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☐ Dekay's Brownsnake	Storeria dekayi	
☐ Florida Brownsnake	Storeria victa	ST*
☐ Red-bellied Snake	Storeria occipitomaculata	
☐ Eastern Ribbonsnake	Thamnophis saurita	R*
☐ Common Gartersnake	Thamnophis sirtalis	
☐ Smooth Earthsnake	Virginia valeriae	
FAMILY ELAPIDAE - Elapid Snak	es	•
☐ Eastern or Harlequin Coralsnake	Micrurus fulvius	
FAMILY VIPERIDAE - Vipers		
☐ Florida Cottonmouth	Agkistrodon conanti	
☐ Eastern Copperhead	Agkistrodon contortrix	
Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake	Crotalus adamanteus	
☐ Timber Rattlesnake or Canebrake Rattlesnake	Crotalus horridus	
☐ Pygmy Rattlesnake	Sistrurus miliarius	

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