

Science classifies living things into 5 kingdoms:

- **Animals.**
 - **Wildlife** is animals living in the wild (not captivity).
- **Plants.**
- **Bacteria.**
- **Fungi.**
- **Protozoa (amoebas, etc).**

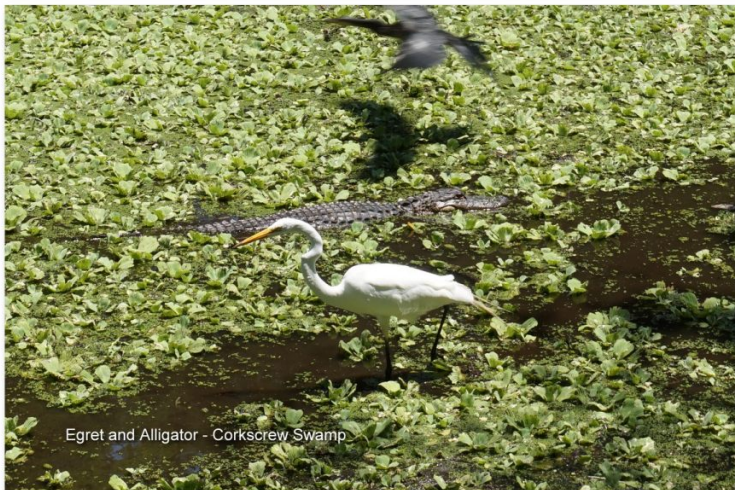
Animal kingdom - 2 main groups:

- **Vertebrates** - have backbones and internal skeletons.
 - **Invertebrates.**
- Vertebrates = mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish.**
- Around 70,000 species.**
- **Smallest:** Kind of frog 0.3 inches.
 - **Largest:** Blue whale 108 feet.

Invertebrates – no backbones or internal skeletons. These include:

- **Insects.**
- **Arachnids (spiders).**
- **Snails.**
- **Crustaceans.**
- **Clams.**
- **Corals, squids, others.**

Total: Around 1,300,000 species.





Alligator - Corkscrew Swamp



American Alligator Close-up - Six Mile Cypress Slough



Alligator Sunning on Turner River Road, Ochopee, Florida



Anhinga - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp



Apple Snail - Collier-Seminole State Park



Baby Alligator - Corkscrew Swamp



Audubon Corkscrew Swamp - Baby Alligator and Tricolor Heron



Bald Eagle and Nest - Honeymoon Beach State Park





Blue Crab - Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge - Sanibel Island, Florida



Blue Heron (and submerged alligator) Big Cypress Bend



Bottlenose Dolphins - Naples Bay



Brown Anole (Invasive) - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp



Brown Anole - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp
Missing Tail Lost in a Fight Will Regrow in Around 60 Days



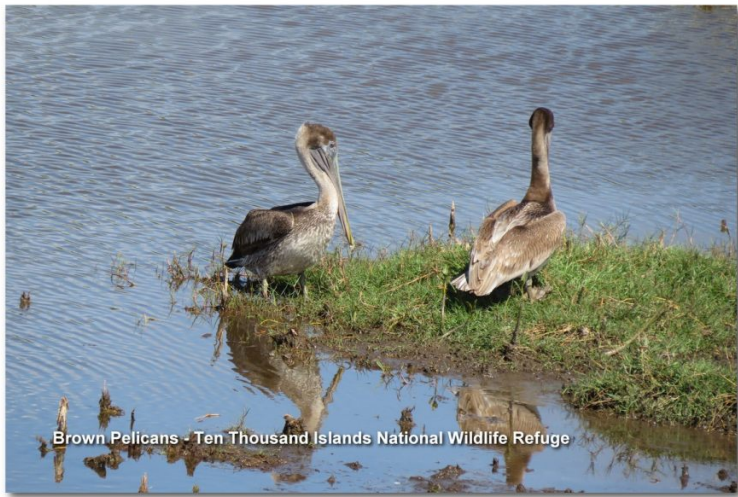
Brown Anole with Dewlap Extended - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Brown Anole - Rookery Bay Shell Island, Naples



Brown Crab - Rookery Bay



Brown Pelicans - Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge



Bullfrog - Kirby Storter Park, Big Cypress Preserve



Cooter Turtle - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp



Cooter Turtle - CREW Bird Rookery Swamp



Cooter Turtle - Kirby Storter Park, Big Cypress National Preserve



Fish Dead and Dying in South Lettuce Lake Due to Lack of Water
Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida, Late April 2025



Cottonmouth - Big Cypress Bend



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Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake



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Doe and Fawn - Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge



Dolphin - Naples Pier



Dung Beetle



Eastern Gray Squirrel - With Pond Apple, Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Eastern Gray Squirrel - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp sanctuary



Eastern Indigo Snake - Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge



Eastern Lubber Grasshopper - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp



Eastern Lubber Grasshopper
Freedom Park, Naples, Florida



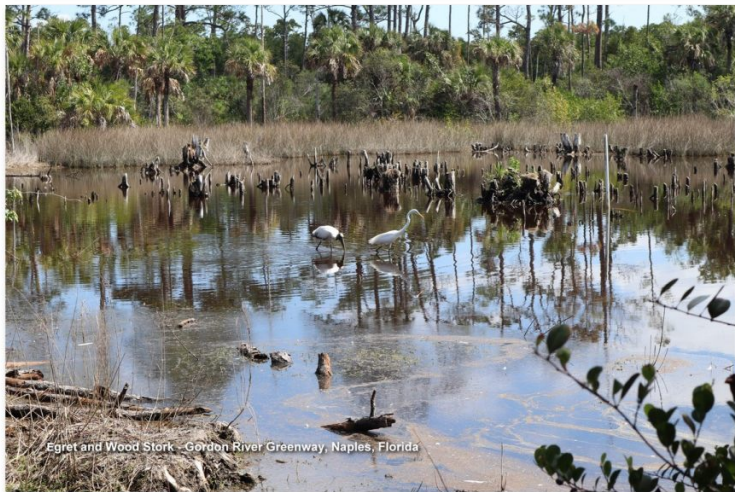
Eastern Pondhawk Dragonfly - Six Mile Cypress Slough



Eastern Rat Snake aka Yellow Rat Snake - Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, FL



Eastern Ratsnake - Koresnan State Park



Egret and Wood Stork - Gordon River Greenway, Naples, Florida



Five Florida Banded Water Snakes - Kirby Storter Park, Big Cypress Preserve



Florida Gar (El Peje Lagarto de Florida) - Big Cypress Preserve



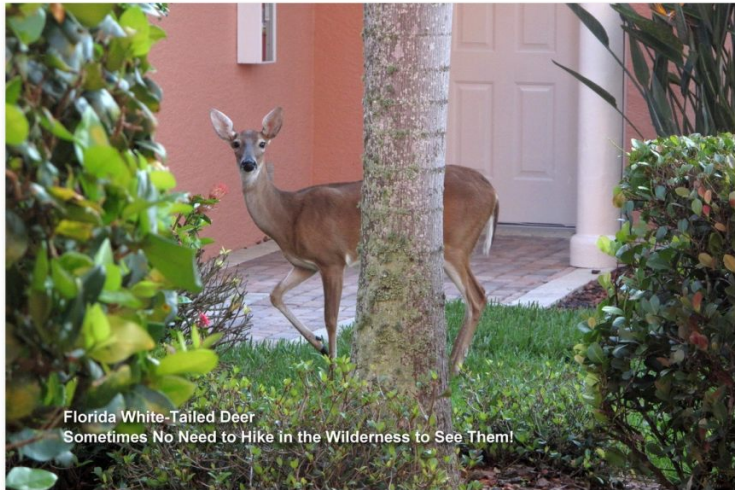
Florida Ivory Millipede - Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge



Florida Scrub Lizard - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Florida White-tailed Deer - CREW Bird Rookery Swamp



Florida White-Tailed Deer
Sometimes No Need to Hike in the Wilderness to See Them!



Florida White-tailed Deer - Corkscrew Swamp, Panther Island



Florida White-tailed Deer, Myakka River State Park, Sarasota, Florida



Florida White-tailed Deer (Doe) - Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Giant African Apple Snail Eggs (Invasive) -
Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, FL



Gopher Tortoise - Naples Preserve



Gopher Tortoise - Koroshan State Park, Estero, Florida



Gopher Tortoise - Victoria Park



Green Anole - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary



Green Anole - Along the Tamiami Trail, Collier County, Florida



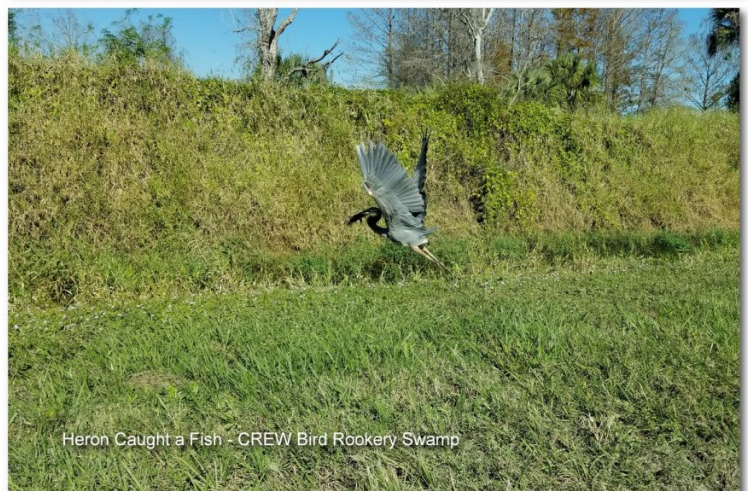
Green Heron - Gordon River Greenway



Green Water Snake - Kirby Storter Park, Big Cypress Preserve



Gulf Fritillary Butterfly, Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Heron Caught a Fish - CREW Bird Rookery Swamp



Huntsman Spider - Corkscrew Swamp



Ibises - Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge



Green Iguana - Freedom Park, Naples, Florida



Limpkin - John Chesnut Park



Lookdown Fish



Manatee - Manatee Park, Fort Myers, Florida



Manatee, Manatee Park, Fort Myers, Florida



Manatees - Homosassa River, Homosassa Springs, Florida



Manatees (Mama and Calf) - Ding Darling NWR, Tarpon Bay, Sanibel, Florida



Marsh Rabbit - Freedom Park



Marsh Rabbit - Six-Mile Cypress Slough Preserve



Milk Snail - CREW Flint Pen Strand, Bonita Springs, Florida



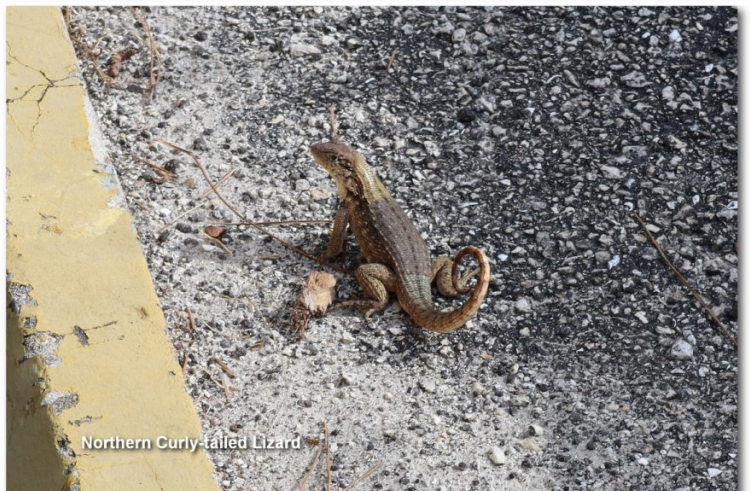
Millipede - Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Mottled Mallard Duck - Freedom Park, Naples, Florida



Nine-banded Armadillo - Honeymoon Island State Park



Northern Curly-tailed Lizard



Osprey with Fresh-caught Fish - Barefoot Beach Preserve



Otter - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



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Parchment Worms - Sanibel



Peninsula Cooter Turtle - Freedom Park, Naples, Florida



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Peninsula Cooter Turtle
Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve



Pig Frog - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Naples, Florida



Pipervine Swallowtail Butterfly - Naples Botanical Garden



Raccoon - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Raccoon in a Lettuce Lake - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp



Raccoon - Everglades National Park



Raccoon Foraging in a Fig Tree - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Raccoon in a Tree - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Raccoon - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp



Florida Red-bellied Cooter Turtle - Freedom Park, Naples, FL



Red-bellied Cooter Turtle - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Red-bellied Cooter Turtle - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Naples, Florida



Red-bellied Cooter Turtles and Small Gator - Canal, Shady Hollow Road, Naples, Florida



Three Red-bellied Cooter Turtles - Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve



Red-eared Slider Turtle - Myakka River State Park, Sarasota, Florida



Red-eared Slider Turtles (Mostly), Red Bug Slough, Sarasota, Florida



Red-headed Agama - Naples, Florida (Invasive)



Red-shouldered Hawk
CREW Bird Rookery Swamp



Roseate Spoonbill - Corkscrew Swamp



Sandpipers - Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge



Tracks of Sea Turtle
Crawling Onshore
To Lay Her Eggs
Naples, Florida
Gulf of Mexico



Skink - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp



Florida Softshell Turtle - Kirby Storter Park, Big Cypress Preserve



Softshell Turtle - Kirby Storter Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, Ochopee, Florida



Small Spine Sea Star - Black Island, Lovers Key



Stinging Caterpillar - Shell Island, Rookery Bay, Naples, Florida



Tegu (Invasive) - Calusa Nature Center, Fort Myers, Florida



Terns and Sandpipers - Barefoot Beach Preserve



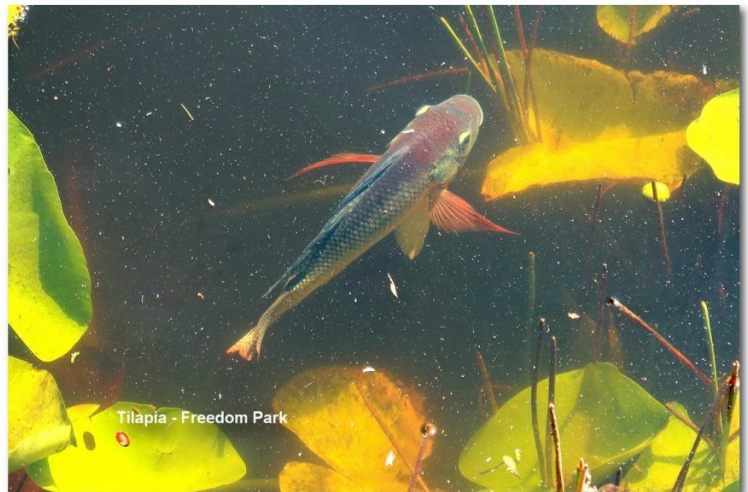
Terns - Barefoot Beach Preserve



Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly - Naples Botanical Garden



Tilapia - Freedom Park, Naples, Florida



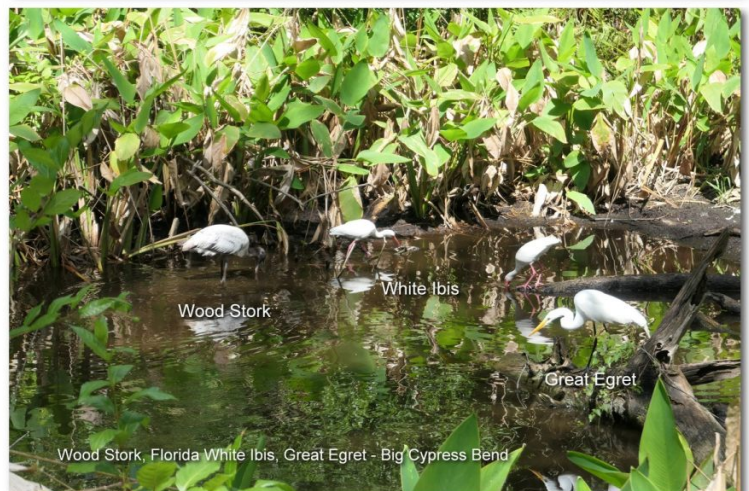
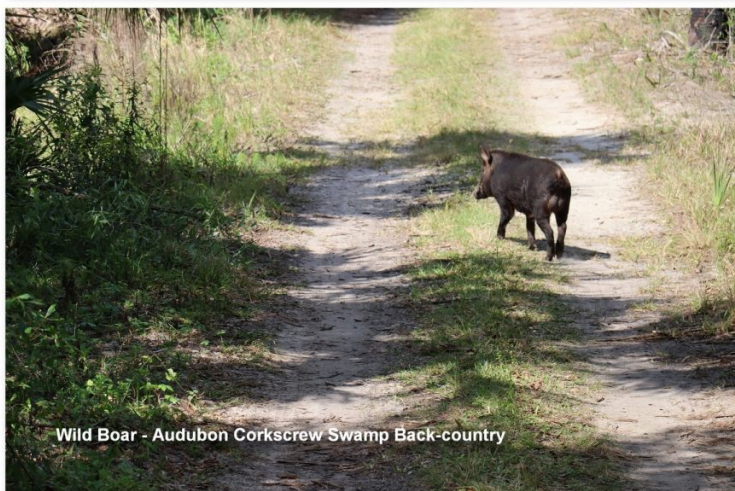
Tilapia - Freedom Park



Tilapia - Freedom Park, Naples, Florida



Tree Crab - Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge





Wood Stork - Along Tamiami Trail, Ochopee, Florida



Yellow Ratsnake - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Naples, Florida



Yellow-bellied Cooter Turtle - CREW Marsh Trails