

REPTILES

LIZARDS

green anole
 brown anole (E)
 racerunner
 mole skink
 southeastern five-lined skink
 Indo-Pacific gecko (E)
 Mediterranean gecko (E)
 slender glass lizard
 island glass lizard
 eastern glass lizard
 ground skink

Anolis carolinensis
Anolis sagrei
Cnemidophorus sexlineatus
Eumeces egregius
Eumeces inexpectatus
Hemidactylus garnotii
Hemidactylus turcicus
Ophisaurus attenuatus
Ophisaurus compressus
Ophisaurus ventralis
Scincella lateralis

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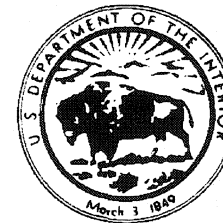
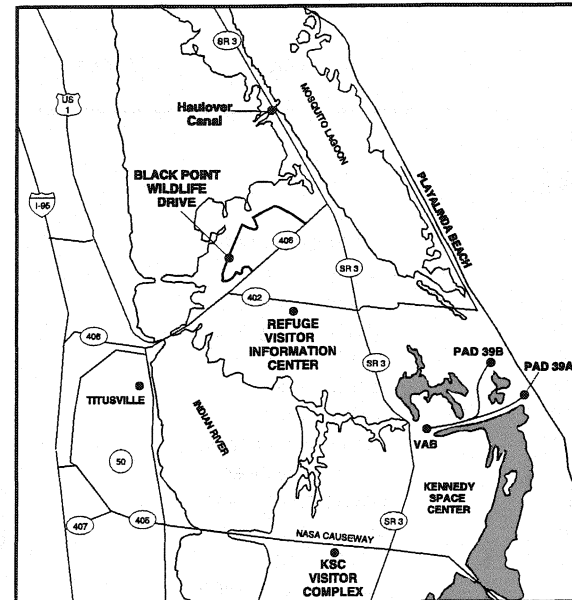
SNAKES

cottonmouth (V)
 scarlet snake
 racer
 diamondback rattlesnake (V)
 ring-necked snake
 indigo snake
 corn snake
 yellow rat snake
 mud snake
 eastern hog-nosed snake
 common kingsnake
 scarlet kingsnake
 coachwhip
 coral snake (V)
 Atlantic saltmarsh snake
 banded water snake
 green water snake
 rough green snake
 pine snake
 striped crayfish snake
 pine woods snake
 black swamp snake
 pygmy rattlesnake (V)
 brown snake
 coastal dunes crowned snake
 ribbon snake
 garter snake

Agkistrodon picivorus
Cemophora coccinea
Coluber constrictor
Crotalus adamanteus
Diadophis punctatus
Drymarchon corais
Elaphe guttata
Elaphe obsoleta
Farancia abacura
Heterodon platirhinos
Lampropeltis getula
Lampropeltis triangulum
Masticophis flagellum
Micrurus fulvius
Nerodia clarkii
Nerodia fasciata
Nerodia floridana
Opheodrys aestivus
Pituophis melanoleucus
Regina alleni
Rhadinaea flavilata
Seminatrix pygaea
Sistrurus miliarius
Storeria dekayi
Tantilla relicta
Thamnophis sauritus
Thamnophis sirtalis

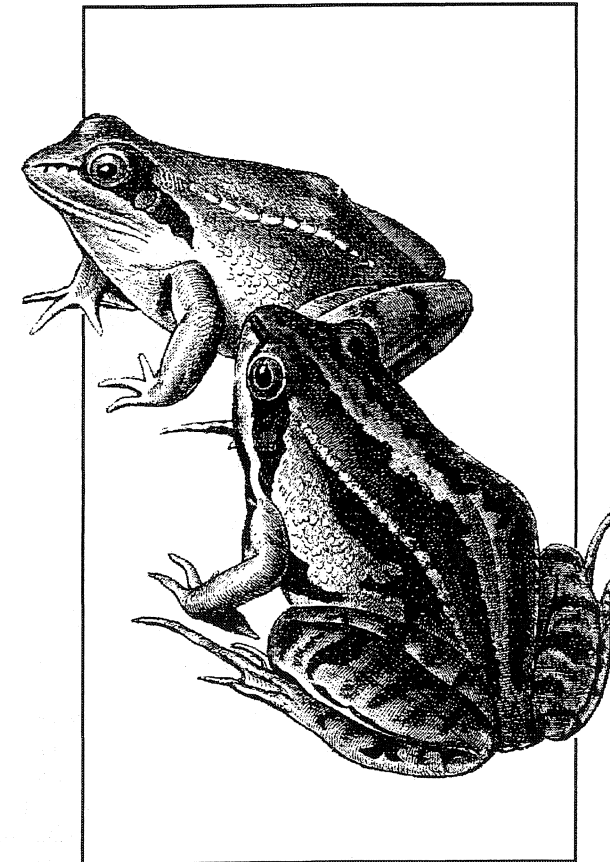
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Mammals, Amphibians & Reptiles



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Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, located east of Titusville, Florida, shares a common boundary with the John F. Kennedy Space Center. Its coastal location, tropic-like climate, and wide variety of habitat types contribute to Merritt Island's diverse flora & fauna.

This list contains 32 mammal, 19 amphibian and 53 reptile species compiled from observations, consultation with experts in respective fields, and literature search. Some species are more common seasonally and some are nocturnal. Look for such evidence as tracks, burrows, grass tunnels and other signs of activity. Careful eyes and attentive ears can uncover numerous clues to the variety of wildlife present.

Night spotting of animals with artificial lights is prohibited. Collecting of animals is prohibited. Feeding, enticing or disturbing manatees, alligators and other wildlife is prohibited.



MAMMALS

E = Exotic V = Venomous

Virginia opossum	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	commonly seen
least shrew	<i>Cryptotis parva</i>	rarely seen
eastern mole	<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>	rarely seen
southeastern bat	<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	occasionally seen
seminole bat	<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	rarely seen
eastern yellow bat	<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>	rarely seen
evening bat	<i>Nycticeius humeralis</i>	rarely seen
Brazilian free-tailed bat	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	occasionally seen
nine-banded armadillo (E)	<i>Dasyus novemcinctus</i>	commonly seen
marsh rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus palustris</i>	occasionally seen
eastern cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	commonly seen
gray squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	rarely seen
hispid cotton rat	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	occasionally seen
marsh rice rat	<i>Oryzomys palustris</i>	rarely seen
Florida mouse	<i>Podomys floridanus</i>	rarely seen
southeastern beach mouse	<i>Peromyscus polionotus</i>	rarely seen
cotton mouse	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus</i>	rarely seen
golden mouse	<i>Ochrotomys nuttalli</i>	rarely seen
round-tailed muskrat	<i>Neofiber alleni</i>	rarely seen
black rat (E)	<i>Rattus rattus</i>	rarely seen
raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	commonly seen
long-tailed weasel	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	rarely seen
eastern spotted skunk	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	occasionally seen
river otter	<i>Lutra canadensis</i>	occasionally seen
gray fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	rarely seen
red fox (E)	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	rarely seen
bobcat	<i>Felis rufus</i>	occasionally seen
feral cat (E)	<i>Felis catus</i>	occasionally seen
bottle-nosed dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	commonly seen
manatee	<i>richechus manatus</i>	commonly seen
wild hog (E)	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	commonly seen
white-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	rarely seen

AMPHIBIANS

SALAMANDERS

two-toed amphiuma	<i>Amphiuma means</i>	rarely seen
red-spotted newt	<i>Notophthalmus viridescens</i>	common, but rarely seen
lesser siren	<i>Siren intermedia</i>	very common, but rarely seen
greater siren	<i>Siren lacertina</i>	very common, but rarely seen

FROGS

cricket frog	<i>Acris gryllus</i>	rarely seen, commonly heard
oak toad	<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	occasionally seen, commonly heard
southern toad	<i>Bufo terrestris</i>	commonly seen and heard
greenhouse frog (E)	<i>Eleutherodactylus planirostris</i>	occasionally seen
narrow-mouthed toad	<i>Gastrophryne carolinensis</i>	occasionally seen, commonly heard
green tree frog	<i>Hyla cinerea</i>	commonly seen and heard
pinewoods tree frog	<i>Hyla femoralis</i>	occasionally heard at night; rarely seen
barking tree frog	<i>Hyla gratiosa</i>	occasionally heard at night; rarely seen
squirrel tree frog	<i>Hyla squirella</i>	commonly seen and heard
chorus frog	<i>Pseudacris nigrita</i>	rarely seen, commonly heard
little grass frog	<i>Pseudacris ocularis</i>	rarely seen, occasionally heard
gopher frog	<i>Rana capito</i>	rarely seen or heard
pig frog	<i>Rana grylio</i>	rarely seen, commonly heard
leopard frog	<i>Rana utricularia</i>	commonly seen and heard
spadefoot toad	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	occasionally seen and heard

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American alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	commonly seen
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TURTLES

Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	commonly seen while nesting
Atlantic green turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	occasionally seen while nesting
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	rarely seen
Florida softshell turtle	<i>Apalone ferox</i>	commonly seen
snapping turtle	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	occasionally seen
chicken turtle	<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	rarely seen
gopher tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	commonly seen
striped mud turtle	<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	occasionally seen
common mud turtle	<i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i>	occasionally seen
diamondback terrapin	<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>	rarely seen
Florida redbelly turtle	<i>Pseudemys nelsoni</i>	occasionally seen
Florida cooter	<i>Pseudemys peninsularis</i>	commonly seen
common musk turtle	<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>	occasionally seen
box turtle	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	occasionally seen

