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Scientific Name	Common Name	State	USFWS	Habitats Used
Amphibians				
<i>Rana capito</i>	Gopher (=crawfish) frog		Sp. Spec. Concern	Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub, Scrubby Flatwoods, Xeric Oak Hammock (uses ephemeral wetlands for breeding)
Birds				
<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	Florida scrub-jay	Threatened	Threatened	Sand Pine Scrub and Scrubby Flatwoods
<i>Aramus guaranauna</i>	Limpkin	Sp. Spec. Concern		Mangrove Swamp, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Cypress Swamp, Springs, Slough, Sawgrass Marsh, Ruderal (impoundments, canals, sugarcane, etc.)
<i>Athene cunicularia floridana</i>	Florida burrowing owl	Sp. Spec. Concern		N. & S. FL Flatwoods (dry prairie or grassland habitat), Ruderal (primarily pasture)
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little blue heron	Sp. Spec. Concern		N. & S. FL Coastal Strand, Wet Prairie or Slough, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Mangrove Swamps, Cypress Swamp, Sawgrass Marsh, Salt Marsh, Shrub Bog & Bay Swamp, Ruderal
<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy egret	Sp. Spec. Concern		N. & S. FL Coastal Strand, Wet Prairie or Slough, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Mangrove Swamps, Cypress Swamp, Sawgrass Marsh, Salt Marsh, Shrub Bog & Bay Swamp, Ruderal
<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	Tricolored (=Louisiana) heron	Sp. Spec. Concern		N. & S. FL Coastal Strand, Wet Prairie or Slough, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Mangrove Swamps, Cypress Swamp, Sawgrass Marsh, Salt Marsh, Shrub Bog & Bay Swamp, Ruderal
<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	White ibis	Sp. Spec. Concern		N. & S. FL Coastal Strand, Wet Prairie or Slough, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Mangrove Swamps, Cypress Swamp, Sawgrass Marsh, Salt Marsh, Shrub Bog & Bay Swamp, Ruderal
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine falcon	Endangered		N. & S. FL Coastal Strands (winter), Various Terrestrial and Ruderal Habitats
<i>Falco sparverius paulus</i>	Southeastern American kestrel	Threatened		Open Forests, Clearings, Ruderal, Various Open Habitats
<i>Grus canadensis pratensis</i>	Florida sandhill crane	Threatened		N. & S. FL Flatwoods, Wet Prairie or Slough, Dry Prairie, Shallow Freshwater Marsh, Ruderal (pasture, crop fields, etc.)

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<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald eagle	Threatened		Nearly throughout (estuarine, lacustrine, riverine, terrestrial); nests are usually near water
<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Wood stork	Endangered	Endangered	N. & S. FL, Everglades & Cabbage Palm Flatwoods, Pitcher Plant Bog, Sloughs, Sawgrass Marsh, Swamp & Bottomland Hardwoods, Cypress Swamp, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Salt Marsh, Wetland Hardwood Hammock, Shrub Bog and Bay Swamp, Cutthroat Seeps
<i>Polyborus plancus audubonii</i>	Audubon's crested caracara	Threatened	Threatened	S. FL & Cabbage Palm Flatwoods, Dry Prairie, Wet Prairie or Slough, Wetland Hardwood Hammock, Ruderal (pasture & grasslands)

Mammals

<i>Felis concolor coryi</i>	Florida panther	Endangered	Endangered	Historically most FL ecological communities are suitable for panthers (introduced mountain lions are protected via a similarity of appearance designation)
<i>Sciurus niger shermani</i>	Sherman's fox squirrel	Sp. Spec. Concern		N. & S. FL Flatwoods, Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Ruderal
<i>Sorex longirostris eionis</i>	Homosassa shrew	Sp. Spec. Concern		Swamp & Bottomland Hardwoods, Cypress & Bay Swamps, N. & S. FL Flatwoods, Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Xeric Oak Hammock, Sand Pine Scrub
<i>Ursus americanus floridanus</i>	Florida black bear	Threatened		N. & S. FL & Cabbage Palm Flatwoods, Mixed Hardwood Pine, Wetland to Upland Hardwood & Oak Hammocks, Shrub Bog & Bay Swamp, Cypress Swamp, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Pitcher Plant Bog, Swamp and Bottomland Hardwoods, Sand Pine Scrub, Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills (not applicable in Baker & Columbia counties and Apalachicola Nat'l Forest)

Plant - Dicots

<i>Bonamia grandiflora</i>	Florida (=large-flowered) bonamia	Endangered	Threatened	Sand Pine Scrub & Scrubby Longleaf Pine & Turkey Oak Hills
<i>Chrysopsis floridana</i>	Florida golden aster	Endangered	Endangered	Sand Pine Scrub

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Reptiles				
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	American alligator	Sp. Spec. Concern		All Flatwoods, Bogs, Sloughs, Swamps, Marshes, Sloughs and Perennial Water Bodies
<i>Drymarchon corais couperi</i>	Eastern indigo snake	Threatened	Threatened	E. indigo snakes use just about all FL Ecol. Communities, Ruderal
<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	Gopher tortoise	Sp. Spec. Concern		N. & S. Coastal Strand, Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub, Scrubby Flatwoods, Tropical Hammock, Ruderal