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| 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>Ammodramus savannarum floridanus</i> | Florida grasshopper sparrow | | Endangered | Endangered | Slough, S. FL Flatwoods (dry prairie) |
| <i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i> | Florida scrub-jay | | Threatened | Threatened | Sand Pine Scrub and Scrubby Flatwoods |
| <i>Aramus guarauna</i> | Limpkin | | Sp. Spec. Concern | | Mangrove Swamp, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Cypress Swamp, Springs, Slough, Sawgrass Marsh, Ruderal (impoundments, canals, sugarcane, etc.) |
| <i>Athene cucularia 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 |

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| <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.) |
| <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>Picoides borealis</i> | Red-cockaded woodpecker | Sp. Spec. Concern | Endangered | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, N. & S. FL Flatwoods, Mixed Hardwood Pine |
| <i>Platalea ajaja</i> | Roseate spoonbill | Sp. Spec. Concern | | Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Sloughs, Mangrove Swamp, Sawgrass Marsh, Ruderal (impoundments, spoil banks) |
| <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) |
| <i>Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus</i> | Everglades snail kite | Endangered | Endang. - Crit. Hab. Designated | S. FL Flatwoods, Sloughs, Sawgrass Marsh, Freshwater Marsh & Ponds, Cypress Swamp |
| <i>Rynchops niger</i> | Black skimmer | Sp. Spec. Concern | | N. FL Coastal Strand, Ruderal (commonly nests in rooftops) |

Lichen

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| <i>Cladonia perforate</i> | Florida perforate cladonia; deer moss | Endangered | Endangered | Florida coastal Strand, Sand Pine Scrub |
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Mammals

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| <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>Podomys floridanus</i> | Florida mouse | Sp. Spec. Concern | | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub, Scrubby Flatwoods |
| <i>Sciurus niger shermani</i> | Sherman's fox squirrel | Sp. Spec. Concern | | N. & S. FL Flatwoods, Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Ruderal |

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| <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

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| <i>Bonamia grandiflora</i> | Florida (=large-flowered) bonamia | Endangered | Threatened | Sand Pine Scrub & Scrubby Longleaf Pine & Turkey Oak Hills |
| <i>Chionanthus pygmaeus</i> | Pygmy fringetree | Endangered | Endangered | Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Clitoria fragrans</i> | ScrubPigeon-wing (=sandhill) butterfly-pea | Endangered | Threatened | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub, Scrubby Flatwoods |
| <i>Conradina breviflora</i> | Short-leaved rosemary | Endangered | Endangered | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Crotolaria avonensis</i> | Avon Park rattlebox; Avon Park harebells | Endangered | Endangered | Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Eriogonum longifolium</i> var. <i>gnaphalifolium</i> | Scrub buckwheat | Endangered | Threatened | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Hypericum cumulicola</i> | Highlands scrub hypericum | Endangered | Endangered | Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Liatris ohlingerae</i> | Florida gayfeather; scrub blazing star | Endangered | Endangered | Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Polygala lewtonii</i> | Scrub milkwort; Lewton's polygala | Endangered | Endangered | Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Polygonella basiramia</i> | Wireweed; Florida (=tufted) jointweed | Endangered | Endangered | Sand Pine Scrub |

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| <i>Polygonella myriophylla</i> | Sandlace; Small's jointweed | Endangered | Endangered | Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Prunus geniculata</i> | Scrub plum | Endangered | Endangered | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Warea amplexifolia</i> | Wide-leaf (Clasping) warea | Endangered | Endangered | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills |
| <i>Warea carteri</i> | Carter's mustard | Endangered | Endangered | Scrubby Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub, Scrubby Flatwoods, S. FL & Cabbage Palm Flatwoods |
| <i>Ziziphus celata</i> | Florida (=scrub) jujube | Endangered | Endangered | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |

Plant - Monocots

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| <i>Nolina brittoniana</i> | Scrub (=Britton's) beargrass | Endangered | Endangered | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub, Scrubby Flatwoods |
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Reptiles

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| <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>Eumeces egregius lividus</i> | Bluetail mole skink | Threatened | Threatened | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <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 |
| <i>Neoseps reynoldsi</i> | Sand skink | Threatened | Threatened | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |
| <i>Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus</i> | Florida pine snake | Sp. Spec. Concern | | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Scrubby Flatwoods, Xeric Oak Hammock, Ruderal |
| <i>Pseudemys concinna suwanniensis</i> | Suwannee cooter | Sp. Spec. Concern | | Alluvial, Blackwater & Spring-run Streams |
| <i>Stilosoma extenuatum</i> | Short-tailed snake | Threatened | | Longleaf Pine/Turkey Oak Hills, Sand Pine Scrub |