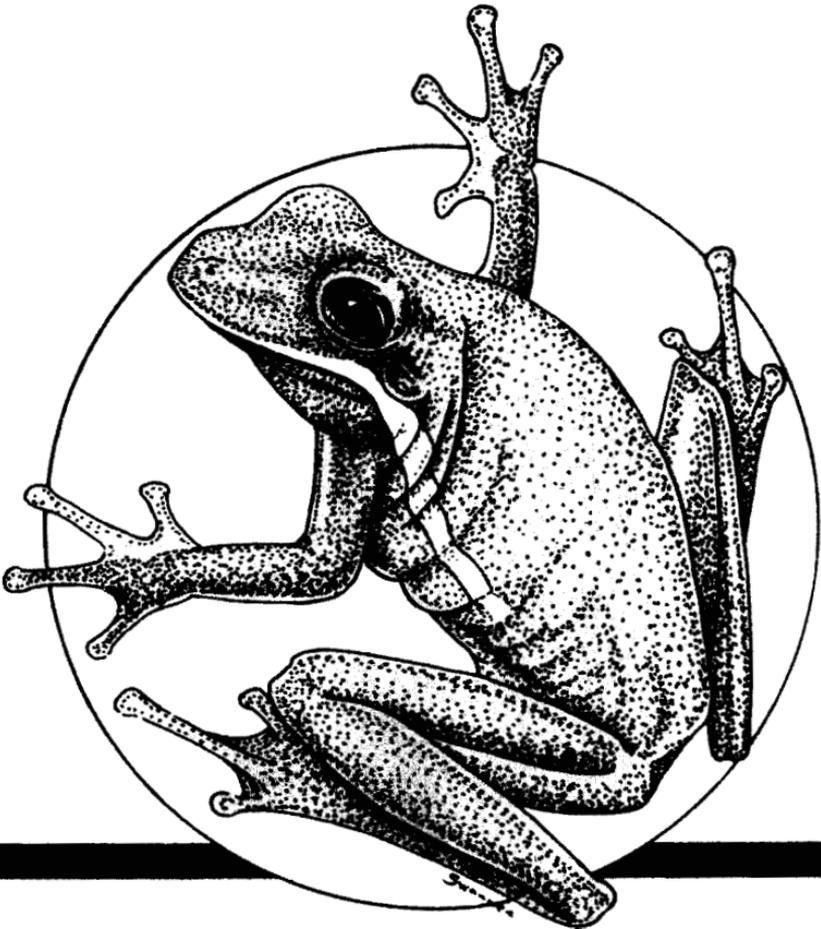


FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CHECKLIST OF FLORIDA'S AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES



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Introduction

Florida is home to at least **142** native species of amphibians (**53**) and reptiles (**89**), six of which occur nowhere else except Florida. Additionally **43** nonnative species are known to have established breeding populations in the state. The greatest diversity of native species is found in northern Florida, and diversity progressively decreases southward down the peninsula. By contrast, the greatest diversity of exotic species is found in southern Florida. To help you keep track of the occurrences and status of all of the reptiles and amphibians that have been recorded in Florida, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has published this checklist of the amphibians and reptiles of Florida.

Except where more current information is available:

1) Common and scientific names and recognition of subspecies follow *Standard Common and Current Scientific Names for North American Amphibians and Reptiles, Third Edition* (Collins, J. T., 1990. Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio);

2) Distributions follow *A Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians of Eastern and Central North America, Third Edition* (Conant, R., and J. T. Collins. 1991. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, Massachusetts) and/or *Catalogue of*

American Amphibians and Reptiles (Accounts by various authors. Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio);

3) Inclusion of nonnative species follows *The Ecological Impact of Man on the South Florida Herpetofauna* (Wilson, L. D., and L. Porras. 1983. Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas) and *A Field Guide to Florida Reptiles and Amphibians* (Bartlett, R. D., and P. P. Bartlett. 1999. Gulf Publishing Co., Houston, Texas).

In order to facilitate the description of species' distributions, the state has been divided into the following three regions.

Western Panhandle (W)–

That portion of Florida westward of, and including, the Ochlockonee River drainage basin.

Northern Peninsula and Eastern Panhandle (N)–

That portion of Florida eastward from the Ochlockonee River basin to a line from Tampa Bay to Merritt Island.

Southern Peninsula (S)–

That portion of Florida south of a line from Tampa Bay to Merritt Island.

Relative abundance has necessarily been determined very subjectively and is intended to convey only a general indication of abundance. Abundance may differ markedly in your area, depending in part on local availability of suitable

habitat. Also, some species may be very common but, because of secretive habits, may only rarely be seen. The status column provides information on both perceived biological status and regulatory status of the various species. Where questions arise, you should contact the nearest regional office of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for current status, since the legal status is subject to annual review.

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Additional copies of this list may be obtained from the Division of Wildlife, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600. As our knowledge of Florida’s amphibians and reptiles increases, the information in this checklist will need to change. Corrections, updates, or suggested changes for the checklist would be appreciated, and should be sent to the above address.

— Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Florida	W - Western Panhandle
Range:	N - Northern Peninsula and Eastern Panhandle
	S - Southern Peninsula
	() - The species occurs in only a small portion of the indicated region
Relative	C - Common
Abundance:	U - Uncommon
	R - Rare
	# - Populations locally distributed - not widespread
Status:	E - Endangered - fully protected
	T - Threatened - fully protected
	SC - Species of Special Concern - protected except as authorized by regulation
	K - Keys - listing applies only to those populations in the lower Florida Keys
	RG - Regulated Species - species which are not fully protected, but for which possession limits and/or seasons may apply
	X - Exotic Species - introduced nonnative species - unprotected

AMPHIBIANS

SPECIES	FLORIDA RANGE	RELATIVE ABUNDANCE	STATUS
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Frogs and Toads

BUFONIDAE - TOAD FAMILY

Bufo - Toads

<input type="checkbox"/> Fowler's toad (<i>B.fowleri</i>)	W	R-#	
<input type="checkbox"/> Giant toad (<i>B. marinus</i>)	(N)S	C-#	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Oak toad (<i>B. quercicus</i>)	WNS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern toad (<i>B. terrestris</i>)	WNS	C	

HYLIDAE - TREEFROG FAMILY

Acris - Cricket Frogs

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern cricket frog (<i>A. crepitans crepitans</i>)	W	C-#	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern cricket frog (<i>A. gryllus</i>)	WNS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida cricket frog (<i>A.g. dorsalis</i>)	NS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern cricket frog (<i>A.g. gryllus</i>)	W	C	

Hyla - Treefrogs

<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Barrens treefrog (<i>H. andersonii</i>)	W	U-#	SC
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird-voiced treefrog (<i>H. avivoca</i>)	W	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cope's gray treefrog (<i>H. chrysoscelis</i>)	WN	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green treefrog (<i>H. cinerea</i>)	WNS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pinewoods treefrog (<i>H.femoralis</i>)	WNS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barking treefrog (<i>H. gratiosa</i>)	WNS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel treefrog (<i>H. squirella</i>)	WNS	C	

Osteopilus - West Indian Treefrogs

<input type="checkbox"/> Cuban treefrog (<i>O.septentrionalis</i>)	(N)S	C	X
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Pseudacris - Chorus Frogs

<input type="checkbox"/> Spring peeper (!? <i>crucifer</i>)	WN	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern spring peeper (<i>P. c. bartramiana</i>)	N	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern spring peeper (F! <i>c. crucifer</i>)	W	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland chorus frog (<i>P.feriarum feriarum</i>)	(W)	U-#	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern chorus frog (F! <i>nigrita</i>)	WNS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern chorus frog (<i>P. n. nigritu</i>)	WN	C	

REPTILES

SPECIES

FLORIDA
RANGE

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STATUS

Alligators and Crocodiles

ALLIGATORIDAE-ALLIGATOR AND CAIMAN FAMILY

Alligator - Alligators

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American alligator (<i>A. mississippiensis</i>) | WNS | C | SC |
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Caiman - Caimans

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spectacled caiman (<i>C. crocodilus</i>) | S | U | X |
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CROCODYLIDAE - CROCODILE FAMILY

Crocodylus - Crocodiles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American crocodile (<i>C. acufus</i>) | S | R-# | E |
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Turtles

CHELONIIDAE - SEA TURTLE FAMILY

Caretta - Loggerhead Sea Turtles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead (<i>C. caretta</i>) | (WNS) | C | T |
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Chelonia - Green Sea Turtles

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|--|-------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic green turtle (<i>C. mydas</i>) | (WNS) | U | E |
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Eretmochelys - Hawksbill Sea Turtles

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|---|-------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic hawksbill (<i>E. imbricata imbricata</i>) | (WNS) | R | E |
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Lepidochelys - Ridley Sea Turtles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic ridley (<i>L. kempii</i>) | (WNS) | R | E |
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CHELYDRIDAE - SNAPPING TURTLE FAMILY

Chelydra - Snapping Turtles

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|---|-----|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common snapping turtle (<i>C. serpentina</i>) | WNS | C | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida snapping turtle (<i>C. s. osceola</i>) | NS | C | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common snapping turtle (<i>C. s. serpentina</i>) | WN | C | |