Sample Species List

Mammals
The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) manages the water resources for west-central Florida as directed by state law. The goal of the District is to meet the needs of current and future water users while protecting and preserving the water resources within its boundaries.

Through its efforts to protect water resources, the District buys and manages land. As a result, plants and animals that live on these lands are also protected and the public can enjoy recreational and educational activities in the great outdoors.

Every year approximately 2.5 million people visit the more than 325,000 acres of public conservation lands acquired by the District and its partners to protect the region’s water resources. The District provides opportunities for these recreational activities to highlight the uniqueness of conservation lands while protecting the natural resources that make them such great places to visit. The lands are open to the public for activities such as hiking, bicycling, hunting, horseback riding, fishing, camping, nature study and picnicking. Many District lands also have facilities that are universally accessible for the mobility-impaired. Each of the areas owned by the District offers something special. Learning as much as possible about what is special before you visit a park/management area allows you to gain an appreciation for what you are likely to experience. These species guides highlight common habitats, plants and animals found on District conservation lands.

For additional information on District lands, order or download our Recreation Guide to Southwest Florida Water Management District Lands at WaterMatters.org/recreation/. The property descriptions included in the recreation guide convey basic information about each property, such as location, access and parking, hours of operation, restroom and water availability, recreational opportunities, and contact numbers. You can also contact the District’s Land Use and Protection Section at (352) 796-7211, ext. 4470, or via email at Recreation@WaterMatters.org.
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**Mammals**

- **Virginia Opossum**
  *Didelphis virginiana*

- **Brazilian Free-Tailed Bat**
  *Tadarida brasiliensis*

- **Big Brown Bat**
  *Eptesicus fuscus*

- **Nine-Banded Armadillo**
  *Dasypus novemcinctus*

- **Eastern Cottontail**
  *Sylvilagus floridanus*

- **Marsh Rabbit**
  *Sylvilagus palustris*
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**Eastern Gray Squirrel**
*Sciurus carolinensis*

**Sherman’s Fox Squirrel**
*Sciurus niger shermani*

**Southeastern Pocket Gopher**
*Geomys pinetis*

**Cotton Mouse**
*Peromyscus gossypinus*

**Hispid Cotton Rat**
*Sigmodon hispidus*

**Coyote**
*Canis latrans*
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Red Fox
*Vulpes vulpes*

Gray Fox
*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*

Black Bear
*Ursus americanus*

Raccoon
*Procyon lotor*

River Otter
*Lutra canadensis*

Striped Skunk
*Mephitis mephitis*
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**Spotted Skunk**  
*Spilogale putorius*

**Bobcat**  
*Lynx rufus*

**Feral Pig**  
*Sus scrofa*

**White-Tailed Deer**  
*Odocoileus virginianus*