



A **black bear** travels through its vast range near a 500-year-old cypress tree.



A **sphinx moth** potentially pollinates a rare ghost orchid within the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.



A male **Florida panther** leaps over swamp water as he patrols his territory in Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.



A **burrowing owl** in the Everglades Headwaters area holds a mole cricket, possibly its next meal.



The Osceola variety of the **American turkey** thrives in Florida woodlands and swamps, here south of the Caloosahatchee River.



Carrying a **marsh rabbit**, a **bobcat** flies over a swamped log in the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.





A **manatee** mother and calf seek refuge from the cold Gulf of Mexico in the spring-fed Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge.



A **double-crested cormorant** dries its wings from a submerged log in the spring-fed Rainbow River.



**Longleaf pines** stand over an understory of palmettos and wire grass in Ocala National Forest.



A **raccoon** eyes the camera trap set in the Fakahatchee Strand within the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.



**Otters** hunt along submerged swamp trails in the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.



An **American alligator** carries a large salamander called an amphiuma through a cypress forest.





**Coyotes**, considered an invasive species, can survive in habitats with few panthers as predators.



**Wild hogs**, an invasive species destructive to native landscapes and ranchlands, are a food source for Florida panthers.



A **grasshopper sparrow**, among the most endangered birds in North America, perches in the Everglades Headwaters area.



A **white-tailed deer** grazes in a protected area of longleaf pine and grass habitat north of the Caloosahatchee River.

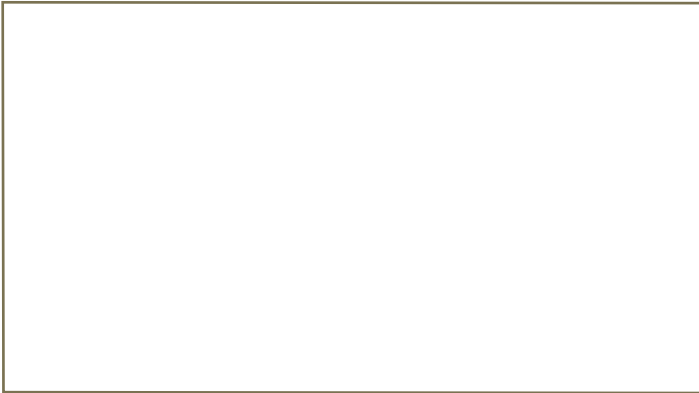


A **Virginia opossum** moves through grassland of a protected area north of the Caloosahatchee River.

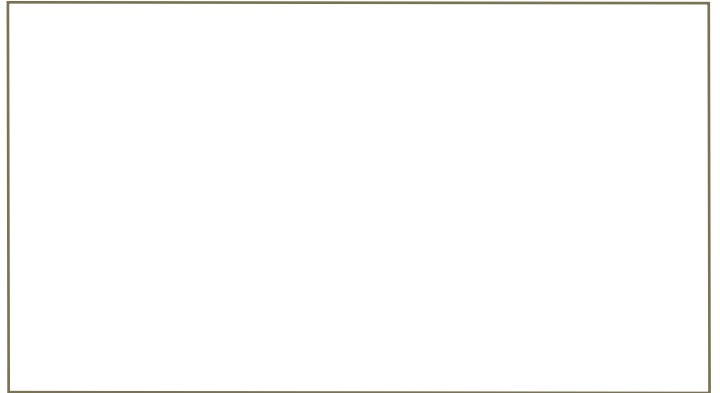


**Sea grasses** grow in bays, lagoons, and shallow coastal waters, providing habitat for a diversity of marine animals.







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