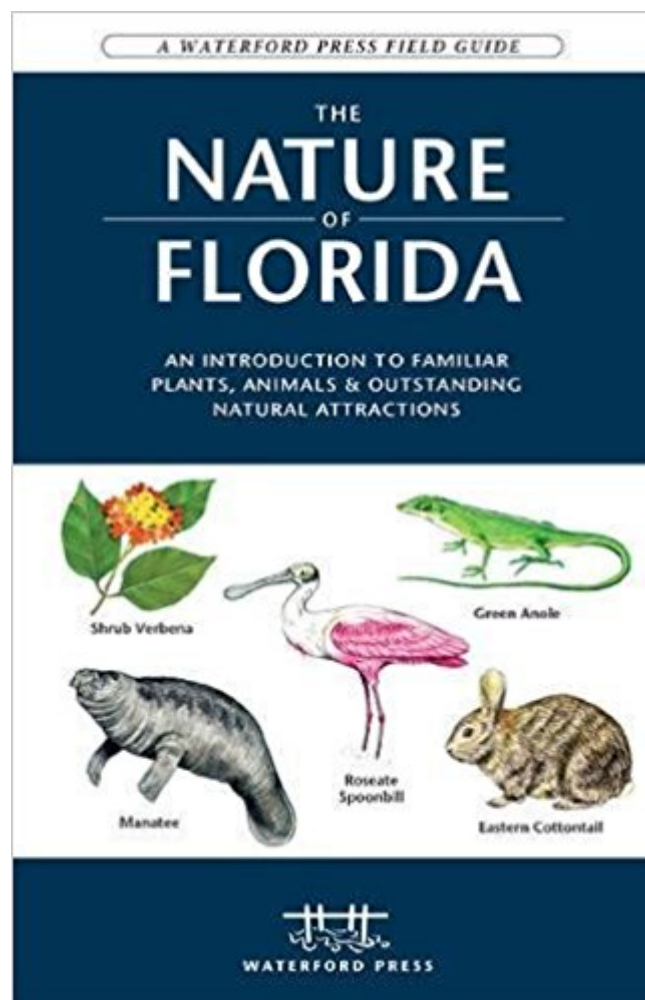


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# The Nature Of Florida: An Introduction To Familiar Plants, Animals & Outstanding Natural Attractions (Waterford Press Field Guides)





## Synopsis

Florida is home to an astonishing diversity of wildlife species including over 500 birds, 98 mammals, 198 reptiles and amphibians, hundreds of fresh and saltwater fishes and thousands of species of invertebrates. This beautifully illustrated guide highlights more than 380 familiar plants and animals and dozens of Florida's outstanding natural attractions. It is an indispensable single reference for amateur naturalists, students and tourists alike.

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## Customer Reviews

Zoologist Jim Kavanagh has made a career out of introducing novices to plants, animals, the sciences and world cultures. In addition to creating over 500 simplified nature guides, he has also authored guides to languages, cities and outdoor skills. An avid traveler and backpacker, Kavanagh's path has taken him around the world to many remote destinations including the upper , Africa, Australia, and the Arctic Circle (and this is just the As). He is also the author of a series of state-specific guides to common species and natural attractions and a children's book on evolution.

CROCODILIANS American Alligator, *Alligator mississippiensis* Size: 10-20 ft. (3-6 m) Description:

Large black reptile is distinguished by its broad, rounded snout. Habitat: Freshwater lakes, bayous,

marshes and swamps. Comments: Populations have slowly recovered from overhunting in the early 20th century. The endangered American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) inhabits saltwater shorelines in extreme southern Florida. It is distinguished from the alligator by its green color and narrow, pointed snout.

Bought this book for a vacation in Florida. It was a nice quick reference book that was easy to pack in a backpack for exploring the Everglades. It's not as detailed as some other guides, but I liked that it covered, birds, mammals, reptiles, sea life (including shells), and plants/trees all in one location. I had an Audubon bird guide as well and while it was more detailed, it was heavy and much larger, which made it harder to pack in a backpack all day.

This is a lazily written field guide. It is organized fairly well, has good pictures, but leaves out 90 percent of the common wildlife you will see in Florida. Why only have one type of cypress, or one type of fig if there is only two native species in Florida. Really don't know why they put trees in there actually, didn't show bark and only had a few types of trees. In summary if you are an old lady that wants to see some pretty pictures of some song birds, sea shells (I am glad they included this actually) and wildflowers you may see on trail this book may be for you.

I'm glad I bought this despite some reviews saying it didn't encompass enough animals. It has almost all the animals we see regularly on outdoor adventures, perfect for a kid's learning experience.

I moved to SW Florida seven years ago. I didn't realize the amount of wildlife in this state. Just walking around my community I was seeing a lot but didn't know the names of the animals I was seeing. This book is a must have if you live in the Sunshine state. It will give you names, brief descriptions and habits of each.

This book is a great guide to nature in Florida - from the beach to our own backyard. It has a lot of information on a wide variety of plants, birds, shells, sea creatures and wildlife; yet it's small enough to take when we travel.

Definitely does not have an extensive list in each category. I should have bought the laminated birds of FL brochure.

it's a nice book, but I wish it had more of a descriptions of the animals and plants. Serves our purpose.

Well written, love it and found it much cheaper than at Fairchild.

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