

STATE AND FEDERAL THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND OTHER SPECIES OF CONCERN LIKELY TO OCCUR IN
GULF COUNTY FLORIDA

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Status State	Status FWS	Natural Communities
FISH:				
Gulf sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i>	SSC	T CH	ESTUARINE: various MARINE: various habitats RIVERINE: alluvial and blackwater streams
Bluenose shiner	<i>Pteronotropis welaka</i>	SSC		RIVERINE: blackwater, alluvial, and spring-run streams
AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES:				
American alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	SSC	T(s/a)	ESTUARINE: marshes, various habitats LACUSTRINE: marshes, swamps, various habitats PALUSTRINE: swamps, floodplains, marshes, various habitats RIVERINE: open water, shorelines, various habitats
Flatwoods salamander	<i>Ambystoma cingulatum</i>	SSC	T	PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods, dome swamp, basin swamp, ruderal TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods (reproduces in ephemeral wetlands within this community)
Loggerhead turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	T	T	TERRESTRIAL: sandy beaches; nesting
Green turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas mydas</i>	E	E	TERRESTRIAL: sandy beaches; nesting
Leatherback turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E	E	TERRESTRIAL: sandy beaches; nesting
Eastern indigo snake	<i>Drymarchon corais couperi</i>	T	T	ESTUARINE: tidal swamp PALUSTRINE: hydric hammock, wet flatwoods TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods, upland pine forest, sandhills, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, rockland hammock, ruderal
Hawksbill turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata imbricata</i>	E	E	MARINE: open water; no nesting
Coal skink	<i>Eumeces anthracinus</i>		ce	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope, baygall TERRESTRIAL: upland pine forest, upland hardwood forest, mesic flatwoods
Gopher tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	SSC	ce	TERRESTRIAL: sandhills, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, xeric hammocks, coastal strand, ruderal
Barbour's map turtle	<i>Graptemys barbouri</i>	SSC	ce	PALUSTRINE: floodplain stream, floodplain swamp RIVERINE: alluvial stream
Kemp's Ridley turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempi</i>	E	E	TERRESTRIAL: sandy beaches; nesting
Alligator snapping turtle	<i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>	SSC	ce	ESTUARINE: tidal marsh LACUSTRINE: river floodplain lake, swamp lake RIVERINE: alluvial stream, blackwater stream
Gulf salt marsh snake	<i>Nerodia clarkii clarkii</i>		ce	ESTUARINE: tidal marsh, tidal swamp MARINE: tidal marsh, tidal swamp
Florida pine snake	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus</i>	SSC	ce	LACUSTRINE: ruderal, sandhill upland lake TERRESTRIAL: sandhill, scrubby flatwoods, xeric hammock, ruderal
Suwannee cooter	<i>Pseudemys concinna suwanniensis</i>	SSC		RIVERINE: alluvial stream, blackwater stream, spring-fed stream
Gopher frog	<i>Rana capito</i>	SSC	ce	TERRESTRIAL: sandhill, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, xeric hammock (reproduces in ephemeral wetlands within these communities)
BIRDS:				
Bachman's sparrow	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>		ce	TERRESTRIAL: various, ruderal
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	SSC		LACUSTRINE: various PALUSTRINE: various RIVERINE: various
Southeastern snowy plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus tenuirostris</i>	T	ce	ESTUARINE: exposed unconsolidated substrate MARINE: exposed unconsolidated substrate TERRESTRIAL: dunes, sandy beaches, and inlet areas

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Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T	T CH	ESTUARINE: exposed unconsolidated substrate MARINE: exposed unconsolidated substrate TERRESTRIAL: dunes, sandy beaches, and inlet areas. Mostly wintering and migrants.
Little blue heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	SSC		ESTUARINE: marshes, shoreline PALUSTRINE: floodplains, swamps RIVERINE: shoreline
Snowy egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	SSC		ESTUARINE: marshes, tidal swamps, shoreline LACUSTRINE: lake edges PALUSTRINE: swamp, floodplain, ruderal RIVERINE: shoreline
Tricolored heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	SSC		ESTUARINE: marshes, tidal swamps, shoreline LACUSTRINE: lake edges PALUSTRINE: swamp, floodplain, ruderal RIVERINE: shoreline
Arctic peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus tundrius</i>	E	ce	ESTUARINE: winters along coasts LACUSTRINE: various PALUSTRINE: various TERRESTRIAL: various, ruderal
Southeastern kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius paulus</i>	T	ce	ESTUARINE: various habitats PALUSTRINE: various habitats TERRESTRIAL: open pine forests, clearings, ruderal, various
Florida sandhill crane	<i>Grus canadensis pratensis</i>	T		LACUSTRINE: flatwoods/prairie lake, marsh lake PALUSTRINE: swale, basin marsh, depression marsh, bog, marl prairie, wet prairie TERRESTRIAL: dry prairie, ruderal
American oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	SSC		ESTUARINE: exposed unconsolidated substrate, exposed mollusk reef MARINE: exposed unconsolidated substrate, exposed mollusk reef TERRESTRIAL: beaches, ruderal areas
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T	T	ESTUARINE: marsh edges, tidal swamp, open water LACUSTRINE: swamp lakes, edges PALUSTRINE: swamp, floodplain RIVERINE: shoreline, open water TERRESTRIAL: pine and hardwood forests, clearings
Wood stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	E	E	ESTUARINE: marshes LACUSTRINE: floodplain lakes, marshes (feeding), various PALUSTRINE: marshes, swamps, various
Brown pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	SSC		ESTUARINE: islands for nesting, open water MARINE: open water
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	T	E	TERRESTRIAL: mature pine forests
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	SSC		ESTUARINE: various LACUSTRINE: various RIVERINE: various TERRESTRIAL: ocean beaches, beach dune, ruderal. Nests common on rooftops.
Least tern	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>	T		ESTUARINE: various LACUSTRINE: various RIVERINE: various TERRESTRIAL: beach dune, ruderal. Nests common on rooftops.
MAMMALS:				
St. Andrew beach mouse	<i>Peromyscus polionotus peninsularis</i>	E	E	TERRESTRIAL: beach dune, coastal scrub. Bay Co. sites: Tyndall AFB (Crooked Island & mainland east to Mexico Beach canal), Gulf Co. sites: St. Joe Beach, St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, St. Joseph Peninsula, Cape San Blas (includes Eglin AFB), Cape San Blas east to Money Bayou.

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Southeastern big-eared bat	<i>Plecotus rafinesquii</i>		ce	PALUSTRINE: various, floodplains TERRESTRIAL: pine and hardwood forests, ruderal, various
West Indian manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus latirostris</i>	E	E	ESTUARINE: submerged vegetation, open water MARINE: open water, submerged vegetation RIVERINE: alluvial stream, blackwater stream, spring-run stream
Florida black bear	<i>Ursus americanus floridanus</i>	T	ce	PALUSTRINE: titi swamps, floodplains TERRESTRIAL: pine and hardwood forests
INVERTEBRATES:				
Fat threeridge (mussel)	<i>Amblema neislerii</i>		E	RIVERINE: main channels of small to large rivers; slow to moderate currents; various substrates (Panhandle watersheds: Apalachicola, Chipola)
Rayed creekshell (mussel)	<i>Anodontooides radiatus</i>		ce	RIVERINE: Small to medium sized creeks in substrates of mud, sandy mud, or sand and gravel (Panhandle watersheds: Apalachicola, Chipola, Escambia, Choctawhatchee)
Chipola slabshell (mussel)	<i>Elliptio chipolaensis</i>		T	RIVERINE: main channel of the Chipola River and its larger tributaries; prefers muddy sand and sandy clay substrates, but also found in silty sand substrates (Panhandle watersheds: Chipola upstream of Dead Lake)
Purple bankclimber (mussel)	<i>Elliptioideus sloatianus</i>		T	RIVERINE: small to large rivers in slow to moderate currents over sand, sand mixed with mud, or gravel substrates (Panhandle watersheds: Apalachicola, Ochlockonee)
Shinyrayed pocketbook (mussel)	<i>Lampsilis subangulata</i>		E	RIVERINE: medium-sized creeks to mainstem rivers; clean or silty sand substrates, in slow to moderate currents (Panhandle watersheds: Chipola, Ochlockonee upstream of Lake Talquin)
Gulf moccasinshell (mussel)	<i>Medionidus penicillatus</i>		E	RIVERINE: medium-sized creeks to large rivers with sand and gravel substrates in slow to moderate currents (Panhandle watersheds: Chipola, Econfinia Creek)
Oval pigtoe (mussel)	<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>		E	RIVERINE: medium-sized creeks to small rivers; various substrates; slow to moderate currents (Panhandle watersheds: Chipola, Econfinia Creek, Ochlockonee)
Sculptured pigtoe (mussel)	<i>Quincuncina infucata</i>		ce	RIVERINE: small streams to large rivers in sandy, muddy sand, or fine gravel substrates, pools, and rocky areas with swift current, often under debris (Panhandle watersheds: Apalachicola, Chipola)
Downy rainbow (mussel)	<i>Villosa villosa</i>		ce	RIVERINE: small streams to large rivers in sand or muddy sand substrates (Panhandle watersheds: Apalachicola, Chipola, Escambia, Choctawhatchee, Ochlockonee, Suwannee)
PLANTS:				
Southern milkweed	<i>Asclepias viridula</i>	T	ce	PALUSTRINE: wet prairie, seepage slope edges RIVERINE: seepage stream banks TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods, drainage ditches
Pine-woods aster	<i>Aster spinulosus</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope TERRESTRIAL: sandhill, scrubby and mesic flatwoods

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Toothed savory	<i>Calamintha dentata</i>		ce	TERRESTRIAL: sandhill, roadsides
Tropical waxweed	<i>Cuphea aspera</i>		ce	PALUSTRINE: wet prairie, seepage slope TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods
Spoon-leaved sundew	<i>Drosera intermedia</i>	T		LACUSTRINE: sinkhole lake edges PALUSTRINE: seepage slope, wet flatwoods, depression marsh RIVERINE: seepage stream banks, drainage ditches
Telephus spurge	<i>Euphorbia telephioides</i>	E	T	TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods; disturbed wiregrass (<i>Aristida stricta</i>) areas, coastal scrub. All <u>known</u> sites are within 4 miles of Gulf of Mexico.
Wiregrass gentian	<i>Gentiana pennelliana</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope, wet prairie, roadside ditches TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods, planted slash pine
Panhandle spiderlily	<i>Hymenocallis henryae</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: dome swamp edges, wet prairie, wet flatwoods, baygall edges, swamp edges TERRESTRIAL: wet prairies and flatwoods
Thick-leaved water willow	<i>Justicia crassifolia</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: dome swamp, seepage slope TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods
Southern red lily	<i>Lilium catesbaei</i>	T		PALUSTRINE: wet prairie, wet flatwoods, seepage slope TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods, seepage slope; usually with grasses
Harper's grooved yellow flax	<i>Linum sulcatum var harperi</i>		ce	PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods; in site-prepped areas
West's flax	<i>Linum westii</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: dome swamp, depression marsh, wet flatwoods, wet prairie, pond margins
Gulf coast lupine	<i>Lupinus westianus</i>	T	ce	TERRESTRIAL: beach dune, scrub, disturbed areas, roadsides, blowouts in dunes
White birds-in-a-nest	<i>Macbridea alba</i>	E	T	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope TERRESTRIAL: grassy mesic pine flatwoods, savannahs, roadsides, and similar habitat.
Piedmont water-milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum laxum</i>		ce	LACUSTRINE: sandhill upland lake, submersed PALUSTRINE: floodplain and dome swamp RIVERINE: blackwater stream, roadside ditches
Giant water-dropwort	<i>Oxypolis filiformis greenmanii</i>	E		PALUSTRINE: dome swamp, wet flatwoods, ditches; in water
Godfrey's (violet) butterwort	<i>Pinguicula ionantha</i>	E	T	PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods, wet prairie, bog; in shallow water RIVERINE: seepage slope; in shallow water. Also, roadside ditches and similar habitat.
Yellow butterwort	<i>Pinguicula lutea</i>	T		PALUSTRINE: flatwoods, bogs
Chapman's butterwort	<i>Pinguicula planifolia</i>	T	ce	PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods, seepage slopes, bog, dome swamp, ditches; in water
Bent golden aster	<i>Pityopsis flexuosa</i>	E	ce	TERRESTRIAL: sandhill, upland pine forest, ruderal
Yellow fringed orchid	<i>Platanthera ciliaris</i>	T		PALUSTRINE: bogs, wet flatwoods TERRESTRIAL: Bluff
Yellow fringeless orchid	<i>Platanthera integra</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: wet prairie, seepage slope TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods
Snowy orchid	<i>Platanthera nivea</i>	T		PALUSTRINE: bogs
Meadowbeauty	<i>Rhexia parviflora</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: dome swamp margin, seepage slope, depression marsh; on slopes; with hypericum

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Chapman's rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron chapmanii</i>	E	E	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope (titi bog) TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods; ecotone between flatwoods or more xeric longleaf communities and titi bogs.
White-top pitcher plant	<i>Sarracenia leucophylla</i>	E	ce	PALUSTRINE: wet prairie, seepage slope, baygall edges, ditches
Hooded pitcher plant	<i>Sarracenia minor</i>	T		PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods, wet prairie, seepage slope
Parrot pitcher plant	<i>Sarracenia psittacina</i>	T		PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods, wet prairie, seepage slope
Decumbant pitcher plant	<i>Sarracenia purpurea</i>	T		PALUSTRINE: Bogs
Florida skullcap	<i>Scutellaria floridana</i>	E	T	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope, wet flatwoods, grassy openings TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods
Chapman's crownbeard	<i>Verbesina chapmanii</i>	T	ce	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope TERRESTRIAL: mesic flatwoods with wiregrass (<i>Aristida stricta</i>)
Drummond's yellow-eyed grass	<i>Xyris drummondii</i>		ce	PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods, bog, seepage slopes, ditches
Quillwort yellow-eyed grass	<i>Xyris isoetifolia</i>		ce	LACUSTRINE: sandhill upland lake margins PALUSTRINE: wet flatwoods, wet prairie
Harper's yellow-eyed grass	<i>Xyris scabrifolia</i>	T	ce	PALUSTRINE: seepage slope, wet prairie, bogs