



Mammals of the Swamp...

Big Cypress is home to 39 species of mammal. From the diminutive Least Shrew to the well-rounded West Indian Manatee, all shapes and sizes occur here. Lucky observers might catch a glimpse of the Florida Panther, Black Bear, Eastern Spotted Skunk, or Big Cypress Fox Squirrel, but most mammals here avoid being seen. Most mammal presences are detected using remote-sensing cameras in the Big Cypress backcountry.

Watching wildlife the responsible way...

The thrill of watching a wild animal in its native surroundings is spectacular and awe inspiring. While visiting Big Cypress National Preserve, or any other natural area, remember:

- All wildlife is wild and unpredictable. Stay a safe distance from any wild animal — 15 feet is recommended.
- View wildlife with respect.
- Never feed wildlife.
- All plants and animals within national park areas are protected, it is illegal to collect any wildlife without special permits.



**How You Behave
Can Save
Do Not Feed or
Harass Wildlife**



Big Cypress Mammals

Common Name		Scientific Name	Abundance	Common Name		Scientific Name	Abundance
CARNIVORES				SHREWS, RABBITS AND RODENTS			
	Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>	Uncommon		Southern Short-tailed Shrew	<i>Blarina carolinensis</i>	Rare
	Gray Fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	Rare		Least Shrew	<i>Cryptotis parva</i>	Rare
	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Rare		Eastern Cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	Rare
	Bobcat	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	Common		Marsh Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus palustris</i>	Rare
	Florida Panther	<i>Puma concolor coryi</i>	Rare		Round-tailed Muskrat	<i>Neofiber alleni</i>	Rare
	Striped Skunk	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	Rare		Marsh Rice Rat	<i>Oryzomys palustris</i>	Common
	Eastern Spotted Skunk	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	Rare		House Mouse*	<i>Mus musculus</i>	Uncommon
	North American River Otter	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	Common		Cotton Mouse	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus</i>	Common
	Long-tailed Weasel	<i>Neogale frenata</i>	Rare		Hispid Cotton Rat	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	Common
	Everglades Mink	<i>Neogale vison evergladensis</i>	Rare		Norway Rat*	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Common
	Northern Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Uncommon		Black Rat*	<i>Rattus rattus</i>	Common
	Florida Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus floridanus</i>	Common		Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Common
MARINE MAMMALS, PIGS, AND CERVIDS					Big Cypress Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger avicennia</i>	Uncommon
	West Indian Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	Common	BATS			
	Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Uncommon		Florida Bonneted Bat	<i>Eumops floridanus</i>	Rare
	White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	Uncommon		Brazilian Free-tailed Bat*	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	Common
	Feral Pig*	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Uncommon		Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rare
MARSUPIALS AND ARMADILLOS					Big Brown Bat	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	Common
	Virginia Opossum	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	Common		Eastern Red Bat	<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	Rare
	Nine-banded Armadillo	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	Uncommon		Northern Yellow Bat	<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>	Rare
* Non-native species					Seminole Bat	<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Rare
					Evening Bat	<i>Nycticeius humeralis</i>	Uncommon
					Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Rare



Left: White-tailed Deer
Right: Big Cypress Fox Squirrel