

# Web Resources

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## Invasive Species (general)

The Nature Conservancy's site has easy-to-find information on invasive issues  
<http://nature.org/initiatives/invasivespecies/>

## Fish

List of exotic freshwater fishes in Florida  
<http://myfwc.com/fishing/fishes/non-native.html#armored>

## Plants

Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/invaspec/index.htm>

Atlas Project, University of South Florida  
<http://www.plantatlas.usf.edu>

Florida Native Plant Society  
<http://www.fnps.org>

University of Florida's Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants  
<http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Florida Gardner Shade Tree Recommendations  
<http://www.floridagardener.com/misc/shade.htm>

## Exotic Plant Management

Collier County Environmental services department  
<http://www.co.collier.fl.us/natresources/exotics/>

Institute for Regional Conservation  
<http://www.regionalconservation.org>

## Water Conservation

South Florida Water Management District  
<http://www.sfwmd.gov/site/index.php?id=34>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Aquatic Plant Control  
[http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/conops/apc/apc\\_page.html](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/conops/apc/apc_page.html)

# Help to Fight the Spread of Exotics!

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From <http://nature.org/initiatives/invasivespecies/help/>

**You can help stop the introduction and spread of exotic species. Help protect native plants and animals by following these six easy guidelines:**

1. Verify that the plants you are buying for your yard or garden are not invasive. Replace invasive plants in your garden with non-invasive alternatives. Ask your local nursery staff for help in identifying invasive plants!
2. When boating, clean your boat thoroughly before transporting it to a different body of water.
3. Clean your boots before you hike in a new area to get rid of hitchhiking weed seeds and pathogens.
4. Don't "pack a pest" when traveling. Fruits and vegetables, plants, insects and animals can carry pests or become invasive themselves.
5. Don't release aquarium fish and plants, live bait or other exotic animals into the wild.
6. Volunteer at your local park, refuge or other wildlife area to help remove invasive species. Help educate others about the threat.

**If you have a pet that you can no longer take care of...**

- Give the animal to someone else.
- Return it to where it was bought, for resale or trade.
- Donate it to a museum, science center, zoo, public aquarium, school, nursing home, hospital, or prison.
- Contact an animal rescue group.
- If the above options are not available have the animal humanly euthanized.
- But whatever you do, **Don't Let It Loose!**

**If you do see someone releasing exotics into the wild, here's what you can do!**

1. Contact law enforcement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. You can do it online at <http://myfwc.com/whatsnew/04/wildlifealertonline-st.html>

2. Or call or write their office
  - a. Miami Area:  
3200 NE 151 Street  
Miami, FL 33181  
305-956-2500
  - b. Naples/ Ft. Myers Area:  
2423 Edwards Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
941-332-6971

Make sure you include a complete description; what the person looked like, the vehicle they were driving with the license plate number, and exactly what you saw the person doing.

**If you see a Burmese python within Everglades National Park, this is what you can do to report it!**

Call the park’s PYTHON HOTLINE as soon as possible to report your observation: (305) 242-7827 or (305) 815-2080.

Or report the sighting to the nearest Park Ranger

Or you can send the information to:

Skip Snow, Wildlife Biologist	or	Lori Oberhofer, Wildlife Technician
Everglades National Park		(305) 242-7889
40001 State Road 9336		Lori_Oberhofer@nps.gov
Homestead, Florida 33034		
(305) 242-7800		

- **What did you see?** (Description of what was observed. What was the color of the snake, what did the pattern look like, etc.)
- **When did you see it?** (Record year, month, day, and time of the observation. Time of day is important.)
- **Where did you see it?** (Be as specific as possible.)
- **How big was it?** (Estimated length and girth.)
- **What was it doing?** (Make note of snake’s behavior.)
- **How did it look?** (Any comment on the snake’s general appearance or condition.)
- **Did you take any pictures?** (If yes, can the park get copies?)

You can help South Florida and Everglades National Park control the spread of exotic species!