
The Mammals

Eight federally threatened or endangered mammals occur in South Florida. Most of these mammals occur only in South Florida and are concentrated in areas like the Florida Keys (which supports five of the eight threatened or endangered mammals). Other species, like the West Indian manatee, occur in South Florida but also occur elsewhere in the southeastern U.S. The final mammal species category includes the Florida panther, which was once widely distributed throughout the southeastern U.S. but finds its last refuge in South Florida.

This section of the Multi-Species Recovery Plan contains accounts of the threatened and endangered mammal species of South Florida. These accounts detail the biology, ecology, status and trends, and management for each of these mammals. Each account is followed by the recovery needs of the species which consist of the recovery objective, criteria that will be used to determine when the objective has been achieved (called recovery criteria), and the tasks that will be necessary to achieve the objective (called recovery actions). The recovery tasks are divided into species-level recovery actions that address species-specific conservation and biology, and habitat-level recovery actions that address habitat management, conservation, and restoration needs for the species. The habitat-level recovery actions form the basis for the multi-species/community-level restoration actions that are provided in the community accounts. For species that have distributions outside of South Florida, there are two sections to the recovery objective: the first is the recovery objective for the species throughout its range; the second section identifies how South Florida will contribute to the species' recovery throughout its range.

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