Disposable Pets, Unwanted Giants: Getting a Grip on Pythons in the Glades

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Pythons Removed

* As of 9 December 2008
58 fertile eggs

embryo

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Mammal prey items found inside pythons

Hispid Cotton Rat
Old World Rats
Round-tailed Muskrat
Rabbits

Raccoon
Key Largo Woodrat
Opossum
Tree Squirrel
Whit-tailed Deer
Bobcat
Cotton Mouse
Domestic Cat
Marsh Rice Rat
Fox Squirrel
Otter
Bird prey items found inside pythons

Limpkin
Pied-billed Grebe
King Rail
White Ibis
American Coot
Clapper Rail
Unidentified Rails

Anhinga
Purple Gallinule
Great Blue Heron
Red-winged Blackbird
Virginia Rail
Great Egret
Magnificent Frigatebird
House Wren
Little Blue Heron
Snowy Egret
Blue-winged Teal
Common Moorhen
Wood Stork
Whimbrel
Sora
Eastern Meadowlark
Domestic Rooster
On several occasions radio tagged pythons released within Everglades National Park have led us to aggregations of untagged pythons; which were captured and removed.
Non-Translocated Pythons

2007-2008 Telemetered Python Locations

Legend:
- Forest
- Scrub
- Prairie
- Exotic
- Water
- Range of movements
### Summary of movements made by telemetered pythons between Oct 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008.

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Habitat Use by Telemetered Pythons Oct 1, 2007- Sept 30, 2008

- Prairie: 41%
- Forest: 37%
- Scrub: 18%
- Other: 4%
Monitoring python body temperatures can help us understand activity patterns and habitat use to develop more effective control methods.
Trap Prototypes
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