ZOO 4462C – Herpetology Spring 2019, 4 credits

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Mark Catesby (1731) "Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands"

"These foul and loathsome animals . . . are abhorrent because of their cold body, pale color, cartilaginous skeleton, filthy skin, fierce aspect, calculating eye, offensive smell, harsh voice, squalid habitation, and terrible venom; and so their Creator has not exerted his powers to make many of them." Carolus Linnaeus (1758)

***Email Requirements: I teach several courses and receive a large volume of emails. To help me help you please:

- 1. format the subject of your email as follows: "Course Herpetology, Subject Question about exam 1"
- 2. include your 1st and last name in the body of all correspondence.

I try to respond to emails within 48 hours however, response time may be greater. Please plan accordingly by not waiting to the last minute to contact me with questions or concerns. Due to confidentiality, <u>I will only reply to questions emailed from your</u> Knights email and any questions about grades must be discussed in person and cannot be discussed via email.

Office Hours: Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm and Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

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Class Meeting Times: Lecture: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:50 PM in BSFS 105;

(BSFS = Biological Sciences Field Station (aka Biological Field Research Center (BFRC) or Building 92).

Lab: Thursdays 8:00-12:20 PM in BSFS 105 or elsewhere as announced.

Course Prerequisite: BSC 2010C, BSC 2011C, PCB 3044, with a grade of 'C' or better, or C.I.

Course Description: Introduction to the biology of the amphibians and reptiles, their classification, evolution, and life histories.

Course Outline: Herpetology is the study of amphibians and non-avian reptiles. This is an unnatural (non-monophyletic) and somewhat strange grouping. Crocodilians and amphibians have not shared a common ancestor for over 300,000,000 years, crocodilians are more closely related to birds than lizards (birds are simply highly modified reptiles), and lizards are more closely related to mammals than frogs! Herpetology, therefore, is somewhat a science of convenience. This course will survey the origin, evolution, systematics, taxonomy, anatomy, physiology, ecology, and conservation of amphibians and non-avian reptiles. While we will examine global diversity of frogs, salamanders, caecilians, lizards, tuataras, snakes, turtles and crocodilians, there will be a special emphasis on the diverse herpetofauna of Florida. The laboratory component of this course is broken into 2 portions: One will make use of preserved specimens to illustrate morphology, taxonomy, systematics, and biogeography. The second will include field trips and as much hands-on experience as possible. You will learn some of the methods that biologists use to capture, identify, and understand the ecology of amphibians and reptiles. The goal is to provide you with some background and experience which will better equip you for independent or graduate-level research, to work as a field biologist, or just to become more aware of the "creepy and crawly" things around you.

Course Objectives:

- * To learn the evolutionary history of major groups of amphibians and reptiles and the biological characters which distinguish amphibians and reptiles from one another and other vertebrate groups.
- * To learn the taxonomy, systematic relationships, patterns of distribution and ecology of many of the amphibian and reptile families of the world, genera of North America, and species in Florida.
- To learn the diversity and variability among families and species, including anatomy, physiology, behavior, ecology, and life history.
- * To learn major conservation issues of amphibian and reptile populations.
- * To learn field and lab identification techniques and methods used for sampling reptile and amphibian populations.

Required Resources:

A. Text: Pough, F.H., R. M. Andrews, M. L. Crump, A. H. Savitzky, K. D. Wells, and M. C. Bradley. 2016. Herpetology, 4th edition. Sinauer Associates, Inc. Sunderland, Massachusetts, USA. 591 pp. Available at Book Store.

- B. Journal Articles: To obtain PDFs of scholarly articles you must have internet access to the UCF library.
- C. Webcourses: Herpetology is a web-enhanced class. Announcements, lecture notes, grades, study tips, and relevant web links will be made available at this site. Use your PID and myUCF password to log in. Before emailing me, please check this site for frequently asked questions.

Optional Resources: For lab and field work and your own personal library, I highly recommend these guides:

- * Powell, R., R. Conant & J. T. Collins. 2016. Peterson Field Guide To Reptiles And Amphibians Of Eastern And Central North America, 4th ed.
- * iPhone app Audubon Reptiles and Amphibians: A Field Guide to North American Reptiles and Amphibians
- * Powell, R., J. T. Collins, and E. D. Hooper. 2012. Key to the Herpetofauna of the Continental United States and Canada, second edition. University of Kansas Press, Lawrence, KS.

Grades: Your final grade should reflect your abilities as a vertebrate zoologist. While a single exam or assignment is not necessarily a good estimator of your ability, a variety of exams and other evaluative tools (including the professional opinion of your instructors) will provide an accurate assessment. Grades do not necessarily measure how hard you've worked, how much you've learned, or even how much you've matured as a biologist, and they certainly do not reflect your value as a person. In college in general, and in this class in particular, there is much to be learned outside the classroom (e.g. in departmental seminars) and you will need to balance your personal goals and aspirations versus grades per se.

Your final grade will be determined by your performance as follows:

Performance Evaluation:	Proportion of grade
Lecture quizzes	$2 \times 3\% = 6\%$
Lecture exams	$3 \times 15\% = 45\%$
Lab quizzes	$5 \times 2\% = 10\%$
Lab Exams	$2 \times 15\% = 30\%$
Field lab summaries	$5 \times 1.5\% = 7.5\%$
Field lab participation	<u>= 1.5%</u>
	100%

Assignments are due by 11:59 pm. Late assignments will incur a penalty of 10% for each late day.

Grading Scale

Α	93.0 – 100%	B+	87.0 - 89.9%	C+	77.0 - 79.9%	D+	67.0 - 69.9%	F	0 - 59.9%
A-	90.0 - 92.9%	В	83.0 - 86.9%	С	73.0 - 76.9%	D	63.0 - 66.9%		
		B-	80.0 - 82.9%	C-	70.0 - 72.9%	D-	60.0 - 62.9%		

For additional assistance in calculating your grade see: http://www.conguercollege.com/gradecalc/

Final Grade Rounding Policy: The overall semester grade will not be rounded. Either you have the grade or you don't. In other words, a 79.99 is still a 'C+'. No matter where I set the limit, there will ALWAYS be someone who is close to the next grade. As I strive for consistency and fairness there will be no exceptions to this policy and no extra credit or other adjustments will be made.

Student Responsibilities:

Attendance - It is to your advantage to regularly attend lectures and to be on time. Also, out of respect for your peers, please do not disrupt class by being tardy. If this is unavoidable then you should sit near the door to reduce disruption to the class. All cell phones should be turned OFF (not on vibrate) before entering the classroom. Students should not disrupt other students (or the instructor) in class by talking unless instructed to do so by the instructor. Anyone texting during lecture or lab or using her/his computer for reasons not related to class will be asked to leave for the day.

Lab attendance is required. You must arrive on time and remain until excused by the professor or graduate TA. For EACH of the 1st two labs missed your course grade will be reduced by 10%. If you miss 3 labs you will receive an F for the course. Similarly, if you arrive late or leave early your grade will be reduced. The ONLY exceptions to this policy are for legitimate, documentable circumstances. Authorized absence must include written documentation from a competent authority (physician, coach, counselor, etc.). Acceptable absences are major illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular or professional requirements (e.g. attending a scientific meeting), court-imposed legal obligations, military obligations, severe weather conditions, religious holidays, and participation in official university-sponsored activities such as intercollegiate athletics. Even if your absences are excused, if you miss 3 or more labs you will receive an F.

It is your responsibility to contact Dr. Klowden prior to or as soon as is possible following an absence. An authorized absence does not excuse you from any missed work. You are individually and entirely responsible for all information, announcements, assignments, and/or handouts that you miss during an absence. Work missed due to unauthorized absence cannot be made up and a grade of zero will be recorded. Work missed due to an authorized absence must be made up or will be assigned a grade of zero. Late assignments will not be accepted.

<u>Readings</u> – Readings are designed to coincide with and supplement the lecture component of the course. The order of reading assignments is listed in the schedule below. You are expected to have read the material prior to class.

<u>Lecture Exams</u> – There will be 3 lecture exams. The 3rd lecture exam will occur during the final exam period. None of the lecture exams will be comprehensive however complete understanding of information on later exams may require knowledge of previously covered material. The questions will be predominantly short answer essay but may also include multiple choice, fill in the blank and other formats. All questions will pertain to material covered in lectures and textbook readings (<u>but not lab</u>). Exams will be challenging. To be adequately prepared it is critical that you stay caught up and do not cram at the last minute. Bring a #2 pencil, eraser, and student ID with you to each exam.

<u>Late for the exam policy</u> - If you arrive late for any exam you will be allowed to take the test if no one has yet turned in an exam. However, you must turn in the exam at the regular scheduled end of the test. You will not be allowed extra time unless a documentable emergency has occurred.

<u>Makeup Exam Policy</u> – There will not be any make up exams due to unauthorized absence. If you miss an exam for other than an acceptable absence (see above) your score will be a zero. Makeup exams will not be given to accommodate travel plans. When allowed, makeup exams will be in an essay format.

<u>Labs</u> - Labs are an integral - and FUN! - part of this course and should be taken seriously. The University of Central Florida provides access to a tremendous diversity of prepared slides, preserved specimens and skeletons and supplies vans and equipment for field labs and trips at considerable expense. Please take care with all lab equipment so that it remains in good shape for your peers. <u>Attendance is mandatory for ALL labs</u>. Missing a lab, arriving late, or leaving before being dismissed will result in a 10% reduction to your final course grade for <u>each</u> of the 1st two missed lab and a course grade of 'F' upon the 3rd missed lab.

Labs will consist of both indoor and outdoor (field) labs.

<u>Indoor</u> - Students will observe preserved, skeletal and slide specimens and dissect representative specimens within the major amphibian and reptile groups. Students will learn the key characteristics used to identify and differentiate groups (e.g. Families) with emphasis being placed on characteristics useful to their identification in the field or museum collections.

Lab Exams – Lab exams will be in a "practical" exam format consisting of a number of stations with 2 questions at each station. You will have 2 minutes to answer the questions and then must move to the next station. There will be approximately 25 stations. Following the last station, you will have 5 additional minutes to briefly return to any desired stations. At each station there will be preserved specimens, dissected specimens, slides, etc. similar to those observed during labs. Questions may ask you to identify the taxonomic group (YES spelling counts so practice, practice, practice!), name which of the specimens shown are most closely related, identify a labeled structure or its function, or something about the ecology of the organism (e.g. its distribution or preferred habitat or food). Answers will generally consist of 1 or 2 words. As there is a good amount of material and a need for near instant recall of the information, it is essential that you spend a substantial amount of time reviewing the material prior to the lab exam.

Lab Quizzes – Lab quizzes are designed to encourage you to stay caught up. It is to your benefit to take these seriously as success on lab quizzes is likely to enhance your chances of success on lab exams. Lab quizzes will require knowledge of the phylogeny, common and scientific names, and other specific details from lab. Specific areas of focus for each quiz will be announced prior to each quiz.

<u>Outdoor (Field)</u>: During the semester we will have several field trips to capture reptiles and amphibians or to visit captive collections of herpetofauna. Students will learn techniques used by field ecologists to learn where amphibians and reptiles occur, what controls their abundance, and how they interact with each other and their environment. This will include both capture and observation. Handling of live reptiles and amphibians by the students is at the discretion of the instructor. Care must be taken to insure that the animal will not be injured or endangered. It is forbidden for any student to handle a venomous reptile and may result in a grade of F for the class. The three U. S. herpetological societies have put together guidelines for the use of live amphibians and reptiles in research and education: https://www.asih.org/sites/default/files/documents/resources/guidelinesherpsresearch2004.pdf.

For all outdoor field labs please wear long pants, long sleeves, socks and close toed shoes that can get wet and dirty since you are likely to encounter waist high vegetation, poison ivy, biting insects, rain, mud, etc. and may be wading in the water. If you have something to do after this lab you may want to bring a change of clothes. Labs will occur rain or shine unless the weather is severe. So, please bring a rain coat on rainy days. Be on time for lab as we will leave promptly. Don't be late or you will miss your ride (and receive an unexcused absence)! Absolutely, positively no personal vehicles are allowed on field trips.

List of required and recommended equipment to bring to each outdoor lab:

Required:

- 1. Water bring plenty (i.e. not just 1 small bottle) as we will be outdoors in the sun for many hours.
- 2. Long pants, long sleeves, socks and close toed shoes that can get wet and dirty
- 3. Personal medications allergy, headache, bee sting kit if allergic to bee stings, etc.
- 4. Field notebook and pencils

Recommended:

- 5. Hat
- 6. Sunblock
- 7. Insect repellent
- 8. First aid kit band-aids, antibiotic ointment, tweezers and alcohol swabs
- 9. Field guides
- 10. Lunch and snack
- 11. Camera
- 12. Watch
- 13. Hand towel, wet wipes, hand sanitizer
- 14. Backpack

Field notebooks:

Detailed field notes are an extremely valuable part of natural history collections. They are used extensively for museum research, conservation, and management. For example, the distribution and abundance of plants and animals changes over time, due to natural causes as well as human-mediated impacts on the environment. By looking back at field notes from 100 years ago, we can accurately document the changing status of biodiversity in a given area.

You should maintain a field notebook in which you make notes before, during, and after field labs. Include instructions, notes, data, results, descriptions, pictures, graphs, sketches, and anything else that may act as a detailed record of all you observe or think while in the field. At first when you're learning to identify animals, you won't know what you're looking at. In that case, you should describe the animal as best you can. Once you've learned to positively identify a species, it isn't necessary to repeat the description each time you make a new account of that species. All results and observations should be written directly in the notebook and temporary notes should not be made on random pieces of paper. Mistakes in the lab notebook should be crossed out with a single line. You may find that this information is needed at a later time and if scribbled or whited out will be unreadable.

To facilitate accurate note keeping, a waterproof Write-in-the-rain notebook will be supplied for you. You should only use a <u>pencil</u> to write since pens generally smear if they get wet. Notebooks should be kept up to date and should be completed while in the field since recall of important details at a later date will be greatly reduced.

While the exact style and entries of a field notebook vary substantially between individuals, each day's work should include:

- A. Date I prefer the format DD MMM YYYY (e.g. 12 Jan 2012) since 1/6/12 could mean Jan 6 or June 1.
- B. Times I prefer 24 hour format (e.g. 13:00 to 15:30 h) rather than am and pm.
- C. Researchers names e.g. "Herpetology class" or for completeness/ future reference you may want to include specific names.
- D. Location Precise description and GPS coordinate if available.
 - e.g. Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area, 15227 Lake Pickett Road, Orlando, Orange County, Florida 32816, Latitude 28.587672°N, Longitude 81.155791° W
- E. Weather temp, cloud cover, rain etc.
- F. Activities General description of what you did.
- G. General location description (e.g. habitat, topography, important features, etc.)
- H. Data either directly written into notebook or transcribed from datasheets (indicate if transcribed).
 - i. A list of individuals and species seen or captured
 - ii. Time (e.g. 14:35 h) each was seen/ captured
 - iii. Where each individual was located (Description and GPS point if possible)
 - iv. Habitat description where encountered (e.g. In oak/pine forest w/ dense palmetto, on slash pine trunk, 1 m off ground)
 - v. What it was doing or how it sounded (e.g. was eating an frog).
 - vi. Measurements taken (e.g. body dimensions or weight)(If applicable)
 - vii. Description (e.g. color, pattern, external parasites observed etc.)
 - viii. Specimen and/or location sketches (optional)
- I. Other observations and descriptions e.g. location, equipment, or technique descriptions, sketches, or maps
- J. Overall summary and comments Good opportunity to recap the day, what went well, what did not, things to change to remember for next time, etc.

For more hints on keeping a field notebook see the attachment at the end of this syllabus.

Field lab summaries:

One day following each outdoor lab and field trip, you will need to submit a summary. Due dates and times can be found in the schedule below.

Summaries should include:

- 1) a PDF copy of the appropriate pages from your field notebook;
- 2) a completed Excel data sheet for the individuals you personally saw (If you like, for a more a complete record you may also include ones others in the group saw, being sure to note the actual observer). Download the Excel data sheet template from the Outdoor Labs page on Webcourses. It is hoped that you are able to complete all of the information for each observation however if this is not possible, complete as much information as you have written in your lab notebook.

Lab Participation:

I expect you to have a good attitude and to be active participants in the learning process. This not only means that you are present in all labs but that you are prepared and actively work to improve your understanding of the subject. Ask questions and seek answers both alone and in conjunction with your classmates. In the field you will quickly discover that working outdoors trying to collect ecological data is a challenging endeavor that is generally enjoyable but can at times be uncomfortable, exhausting and monotonous. Please try to keep a good attitude and help your classmates whenever possible. In addition to the learning benefits that active participation will bestow upon you, it will also be reflected in your grade. Dr. Klowden and the TA will observe and evaluate your preparedness, general attitude, and enthusiasm in all labs. Your grade may be further reduced beyond the participation portion already included in your grade if it is deemed that you participation is particularly poor.

Optional assignment:

This optional assignments is not extra credit however like extra credit it can boost your grade. As opposed to extra credit, which can be neutral or help your grade, this optional assignment can benefit your grade IF you do a good job but could hurt your grade if you do a poor job. I design it this way as a way to encourage you to take the assignment seriously and to do a good job and to avoid you turning in a hastily prepared assignment in hopes of getting a point or two. However, do not be dissuaded from doing this in fear of receiving poor credit. If you take the assignment seriously, you will receive full credit and it will benefit you. Just be sure to take it seriously and do a good job. If you choose to do this optional assignment, it will replace 4% of your lowest exam (lecture or lab) grade. In other words, that exam will be worth 4% less towards your final course grade and this assignment will be worth 4% towards your final course grade.

Instructions:

From the list below choose 1 journal article to review. Your review should be <u>850-1000 words in length, no more, no less</u>. Reviews are due by 11:59 pm on the date shown in the schedule below. You may however turn them in earlier if you choose. Reviews should be submitted via the appropriate link on Webcourses. Late assignments will not be accepted for any reason.

Summaries must be entirely your own work. All reviews will be submitted to Turn-it-in to check for plagiarism so be certain that ALL words are your own. When taking notes it is recommended to place any copied material in quotes to be sure you avoid using other people's writing in your final summary. Unless absolutely essential, quotations should be avoided. You are encouraged to discuss the articles with classmates however discussion is where it should end. In other words be sure each of you writes a completely original review. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade for the course or expulsion from UCF.

Your reviews should include 6 distinctly labeled sections:

- 1) Article Citation An initial identification of the article (author, title of article, title of journal, year of publication).
- 2) Summary A brief summary of the range, contents and argument of the article. You may summarize section by section but since the review is short it may better to pick up the main themes only. This section should not normally take up more than 1/3 of the total review.
- 3) Discussion A critical discussion of 2-3 key issues raised in the article. This section is the core of your review. In this portion you should discuss the originally assigned article including what was particularly well done and what was not (e.g. methods or conclusions you disagree with or think were analyzed poorly and why, what was explained poorly, what is missing, etc.). Use other, perhaps more recent, journal articles to support your arguments for what you liked or didn't like and why. For example you might say that a more recent study contradicts certain findings, or that methods they used were improper and that another study addressed this more appropriately, or that the conclusions they drew were inappropriate and that another study highlights this incongruity. Be sure to make clear the author's own argument before you criticize and evaluate it and remember that it is seldom useful to criticize a writer for not doing something they never intended to do.
- 4) Final evaluation A <u>brief</u> discussion of the overall contribution the article has made to your understanding of the topic (and maybe its importance to the development of knowledge in this particular area or discipline, setting it in the context of other writings in the field).
- 5) Additional citations Citations of other journal articles referenced in your discussion.
- 6) Word count Number of words from your summary section (Can easily be automatically counted in Microsoft Word).

Study suggestions:

This is a fast paced and detail rich class. To succeed it is essential that you stay caught up by reading, attending lectures, and <u>studying</u> the material daily. Students who prepare for the exams by simply attending lectures and reading their notes several times are unlikely to succeed on the exams. To succeed it is best to make your learning more active and focused. Active learning involves practicing the same skills you must perform on exams. In other words, quick recall of the appropriate information and applying it. To do this you should:

- A) Treat studying like it's a job. Set a schedule, show up for work, pay attention (i.e. no multitasking) while on the job. A general rule of thumb is 2-3 hours for every hour spent in class.
- B) Keep up with readings and assignments. Students who keep up tend to do much better in an online course than those who do not.
- C) Consistently meet with the professor and TA to address questions and clarify concepts.
- D) Practice by Self-Testing. Write your own essay style study questions: If you are like most people, you do not remember what you read/hear in sufficient detail to then be tested. However, it may be unclear which details you remember/understand and which you do not. The point in study questions is to figure out prior to an exam what you don't understand or have trouble remembering and work on that material. You do not want to realize during an exam that you don't understand something as well as you thought you did as it is now too late! For methods on how to most effectively write questions and use these questions, be sure to consult the study tips section on Webcourses.

Academic Integrity and Ethics:

UCF faculty supports the UCF Creed. Integrity - practicing and defending academic and personal honesty is the first tenet of the UCF Creed. This is in part a reflection of the second tenet, Scholarship: -I will cherish and honor learning as a fundamental purpose of membership in the UCF community. Course assignments and tests are designed to have educational value; the process of preparing for and completing these exercises will help improve your skills and knowledge. Material presented to satisfy course requirements is therefore expected to be the result of your own original scholarly efforts.

Students should familiarize themselves with <u>UCF's Rules of Conduct</u>. According to Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," students are prohibited from engaging in:

- *Unauthorized assistance*: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.
- Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means. The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.
- Commercial Use of Academic Material. Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.
- Falsifying or misrepresenting the student's own academic work.
- *Plagiarism*: Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
- *Multiple Submissions*: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
- Helping another violate academic behavior standards.

Students who engage in academic misconduct contradict the educational value of your courses and undermine the value of the UCF degrees earned by their more honest peers. For more information about Academic Integrity, students may consult The Center for Academic Integrity. For more information about plagiarism and misuse of sources, see "Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism: The WPA Statement on Best Practices".

Responses to Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, or Cheating

Students should also familiarize themselves with the procedures for academic misconduct in UCF's student handbook, <u>The Golden Rule.</u> UCF faculty members have a responsibility for students' education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and when necessary respond to academic misconduct. Penalties can include a failing grade in an assignment or in the course, suspension or expulsion from the university, and/or a "Z Designation" on a student's official transcript indicating academic dishonesty, where the final grade for this course will be preceded by the letter Z. For more information about the Z Designation, see http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/zgrade.

Course Accessibility Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need disability-related access in this course should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with <a href="Student Accessibility Student Accessibility

Campus Safety Statement

Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise in our class, everyone needs to work together. Students should be aware of the surroundings and familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In case of an emergency, dial 911 for assistance.
- Every UCF classroom contains an emergency procedure guide posted on a wall near the door. Please make a note of the guide's physical location and consider reviewing the online version at http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.html.
- Students should know the evacuation routes from each of their classrooms and have a plan for finding safety in case of an emergency.
- If there is a medical emergency during class, we may need to access a first aid kit or AED (Automated External Defibrillator). To learn where those items are located in this building, see http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/workplacesafety.html (click on link from menu on left).
- To stay informed about emergency situations, sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to my.ucf.edu and logging in. Click on "Student Self Service" located on the left side of the screen in the tool bar, scroll down to the blue "Personal Information" heading on your Student Center screen, click on "UCF Alert," fill out the information, including your e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click "Apply" to save the changes, and then click "OK."
- If you have special needs related to emergency situations, speak with your instructor outside of class.
- To learn about how to manage an active-shooter situation on campus or elsewhere, consider viewing this video. <u>You CAN Survive an Active Shooter</u>

Deployed Active Duty Military Students

If you are a deployed active duty military student and feel that you may need a special accommodation due to that unique status, please contact your instructor to discuss your circumstances.

Copyright

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Third-Party Software and FERPA

During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need not make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. If appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have concerns, please contact your instructor.

''I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.''
-Thomas Jefferson

The professor reserves the right to modify the syllabus as needed. Students will be informed of changes.

SCHEDULE (subject to change as necessary)

Week	Dates	Lecture and Lab Topic	Chapter	Exam, quiz, assignment due				
1	JAN 8	Lecture - Introduction,	1,					
		- Principles of taxonomy and Phylogenetics	2					
	JAN 10	Lecture - Origin and Relationships of Chordates and Vertebrates	2					
2	JAN 15	Lecture - Origin and Relationships of Chordates & Vert (cont.) - Origin and Relationships of Tetrapods	2,					
	JAN 17	LAB - Field guides and Keys - Caecilian & salamander diversity		Lab quiz 1 – Caecilian/Salamander				
		Lecture - Origin of Amphibians - What is an Amphibian? - Unifying Characteristics	2,					
3	JAN 22	Lecture - Origin and Relationships of Amniotes, - Origin and Relationships of Reptiles – Diapsida (Lepidosauria and Archosauria)	2 4	Lecture quiz 1				
	JAN 24	LAB - Frog diversity Lecture - Origin and Relationships of Reptiles (cont.)	4	Lab quiz 2 – Frogs				
4	JAN 29			Lecture exam 1				
	JAN 31	LAB - Amphibian diversity review Lecture – Body Support and Locomotion	 10	Practice lab practical (extra credit)				
5	FEB 5			Lab exam 1 (Amphibians)				
	FEB 7***	LAB - Field Trip		Lab summary 1 (due 2/8, 11:59 pm)				
6	FEB 12	Lecture - Body Support and Locomotion (cont.) - Integument	10 3, 4					
	FEB 14	LAB - Field Trip		NO Lab summary due				
7	FEB 19	Lecture - Water and Temperature Regulation		Lecture quiz 2				
	FEB 21	LAB - Tuatara & lizard diversity Lecture - Water and Temperature Regulation (cont.), - Gas Exchange and Circulation	 6, 7	Lab quiz 3 - Lizards				
8	FEB 26	Lecture - Sensory Systems	4, 13					
	FEB 28	LAB - Snake diversity Lecture - Communication	 13	Lab quiz 4 – Snakes				
9	MAR 5			Lecture exam 2				
	MAR 7	LAB - Turtle & Crocodilian Diversity Lecture - Reproduction of Amphibians and Reptiles, Mating Systems and Sexual Selection	 8, 9, 14					
	MAR 11-15	Spring Break - No Classes						
10	MAR 19	Lecture – Feeding, Diets, and Foraging, Predators, and Defense	11, 15					
	MAR 20	World Frog Day!						
	MAR 21	LAB - Reptile review Lecture – Catchup (if needed)		Lab quiz 5 - Turtles & crocodilians Practice lab practical (extra credit)				
11	MAR 26			Lab exam 2 (Non-avian reptiles)				
	MAR 28***	LAB - Field Trip		Lab summary 2 (due 3/29, 11:59 pm)				
12	APR 2	Lecture – Matthew Atkinson (Topic TBA)						
	APR 4***	LAB - Field Trip		Lab summary 3 (due 4/5, 11:59 pm)				
13	APR 9	Lecture - Graduate Students (Topics TBA)						
	APR 11***	LAB - Field Trip		Lab summary 4 (due 4/12, 11:59 pm)				
14	APR 16	Lecture – Nonnative Amphibians and Reptiles						
	APR 18***	LAB - Field Trip		Lab summary 5 (due 4/19, 11:59 pm)				
15	APR 22 (Monday)			Optional EC Due (11:59 pm)				
	APR 25 (Thursday) (10:00-12:50)	Lecture exam 3 (Final exam)		Lecture exam 3 (Final exam)				

Keeping a Field Notebook

Excerpt from: "Practical Field Ecology: A Project Guide" by C. Philip Wheater, Penny A. Cook, James R. Bell

Use a field notebook to write down data, ideas, observations, tentative conclusions and hypotheses as you do your fieldwork to create an immediate and faithful history of your research. Produce comprehensive, clearly organized notes as a reference and so that you can reconstruct the research time-line and follow the development of your thoughts and ideas. Although you may use other collection sheets (e.g. pre-printed data collection forms to ensure data are collected consistently in different locations and at different times), your field notebook should provide the context for data collection and help resolve ambiguities or inconsistencies when preparing for analysis. After data analysis, reference to your notebook may generate further hypotheses and suggest further lines of enquiry.

What should be recorded?

The first page should include contact details in case of loss, the subject of your research and the start and end dates of the period covered by that notebook. Include any conventions used, for example 'All times are recorded as local time'. Number the pages and ideally add a contents table to make searching for information easier. Write on the right hand page only so the left hand page can be used for ideas generated by reading about similar observations or relevant research papers. Leave a few lines between observations for comments to be inserted later (e g 'No bark damage here 23 June, see p39'). Add a 2 cm margin to write the time, location (e.g. from a GPS reading) or other identifying labels. Create lists of codes, acronyms, specialist terminology, etc. at the back include any emergency numbers (e.g. those of field buddies). Other useful notes about equipment (how to use, limitations of instruments etc.) and any' numerical information you might require in the field (simple formulae for calculations, random numbers, etc.) can also be added here.

Before starting each work day, write down the date, weather, general location, nature of the habitat and purpose of the day's work. Write down any changes in weather or habitat that occur during the day, for example 'At 15.00 hours snow began to fall and visibility was reduced to 20 m'. When observing behavior note the sampling method, how animals were chosen for observation and the recording method (e.g. whether you noted all occurrences or used a time-sampled method). If animals or start times are chosen at random, note how this was done.

Note the type and model number of any equipment (e.g. GPS receiver type Garmin 12). Some instruments need calibrating at intervals, so record the time of calibration and any raw data and subsequent calculations so that any arithmetic errors can be identified and corrected later. Use your notebook to create rough species accumulation curves, etc so you can tell when you should stop collecting data. Along with observations, note the time and if possible, the location from a GPS receiver. Although notes should be made at the time observations are made, it may be difficult to observe and write at the same time, but If you do rely on memory, you should note this. Write exactly what you see or hear, for example when describing behaviour do not ascribe a function to it in the guise of a description (i.e. do not write that a goose was vigilant when you mean that the bird was in a standing posture with an elongated neck and raised head.

Sketches enhance any photographs you take of your study sites and you will have a sketch available in your notebook the next time you visit the area. Sketches can be added subsequently (annotating any changes with the date of the amendment). The value of sketches can be increased by explanatory labels. A careful sketch can aid species identification and will help to jog your memory when you encounter a species in the future; such sketches are more valuable if labeled with the diagnostic feature(s) you use (e.g. 'two spots on forewing' or 'sepals reflexed'). Landscapes change over time and maps may not reflect this. In some cases no map of a suitable scale may be available and a sketch map can be made using compass and tape, or by pacing out distances using a pedometer. This may be adequate to note the locations of those animals or plants of interest.

It is also useful to record any notes and actions from supervisory team meetings both as a reminder and to ensure that any designated actions have been completed as planned.

Herpetological Literature:

For a great list of herpetological literature check out http://www.si.edu/encyclopedia_si/nmnh/reptshrt.htm

Below are some important herpetological books (available at UCF library or via interlibrary loan).

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Articles on herpetological subjects appear in numerous journals including broad scientific journals such as Science, Nature, or American Naturalist, journals more focused on ecological subjects such as Trends in Ecology & Evolution (TREE), Functional Ecology, Journal of Biogeography, Conservation Biology, Journal of Tropical Ecology, or the Journal of Wildlife Ecology and regional journals such as Florida Field Naturalist or Southeastern Naturalist.

Journals dedicated to reptiles and amphibians include: *Copeia, *Herpetologica, Herpetological Conservation & Biology, *Herpetological Monographs, *Journal of Herpetology, *Herpetological Review (a newsletter journal), *Amphibia-Reptilia, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, Alytes, Salamandra, Herpetological Journal, Bibliotheca Herpetologica, and several others. *Indicates that our library maintains a subscription. Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and Herpetological Conservation & Biology are free through open access online. All of the other journals are available through the UCF library via interlibrary loan. The journals are produced by different herpetological societies. Consider joining one of the societies and/or attending their annual meetings if you are serious about herpetology. Societies have discounted rates for students.

United States Herpetological Societies:

- American Society of Ichthyologists & Herpetologists (ASIH)(founded in 1913)
- The Herpetologists' League (HL)(founded in 1946)
- Society for the Study of Amphibians & Reptiles (SSAR)(founded in 1958)
- International Herpetological Society (founded in 1969)
- · Partners in Reptile and Amphibian Conservation

Florida Herpetological Societies:

- · Calusa Herpetological Society
- · Central Florida Herpetological Society
- Jacksonville Herpetological Society
- · Miami Herpetological Society
- · Northwest Florida Herpetological Society
- Sawgrass Herpetological Society
- South Florida Herpetological Society
- Suncoast Herpetological Society

Other Herpetological Resources:

Amphibian Species of the World (http://research.amnh.org/herpetology/amphibia/index.php)

The Reptile Database (http://www.reptile-database.org/)

Checklist & Atlas of Florida's Reptiles and Amphibians (http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/herpetology/florida-amphibians-reptiles/checklist-atlas/)

Upcoming Herpetological Conferences:

- Joint Meeting of Southeast PARC and North Carolina PARC February 14-17, Black Mountain, NC
 - PARC = Partners in Amphibian Conservation
- Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists July 24-28, 2019, Snowbird, UT
 - This is an annual joint meeting between the American Society of Ichthyologists (ASIH), Herpetologists League (HL), and Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR)
- 42nd Annual Herpetology Conference March 23-24, 2019, Gainesville, Florida
- 9th World Congress of Herpetology, January 5-10, 2020, Dunedin, New Zealand

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AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES OF FLORIDA

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Salamanders (Caudata)

Mole Salamanders (Ambystomatidae)

Ambystoma bishopi, Reticulated flatwoods salamander

Ambystoma cingulatum, Flatwoods salamander

Ambystoma opacum, Marbled salamander

Ambystoma talpoideum, Mole salamander

Ambystoma tigrinum, Tiger salamander

Amphiumas, Congo eels (Amphiumidae)

Amphiuma means, Two-toed amphiuma

Amphiuma pholeter, One-toed amphiuma

Lungless Salamanders (Plethodontidae)

Desmognathus apalachicolae, Apalachicola dusky salamander

Desmognathus auriculatus, Southern dusky salamander

Desmognathus cf. conanti, Spotted dusky salamander

Desmognathus monticola, Seal salamander

Eurycea cirrigera, Southern two-lined salamander

Eurycea guttolineata, Three-lined salamander

Eurycea quadridigitata complex, dwarf salamander

Eurycea wallacei, Georgia Blind salamander

Hemidactylium scutatum, Four-toed salamander

Plethodon grobmani, Slimy salamander

Pseudotriton montanus, Mud salamander

Pseudotriton ruber, Red salamander

Stereochilus marginatus, Many-lined salamander

Mudpuppies, Olms (Proteidae)

Necturus cf. beyeri, Gulf Coast waterdog

True Salamanders, Newts (Salamandridae)

Notophthalmus perstriatus, Striped newt

Notophthalmus viridescens, Eastern newt

Sirens (Sirenidae)

Pseudobranchus axanthus, Southern swarf siren

Pseudobranchus striatus, Northern dwarf siren

Siren intermedia, Eastern Lesser siren

Siren lacertina complex, Greater siren

Siren reticulate, Reticulated siren

Frogs (Anura)

True Toads (Bufonidae)

Anaxyrus fowleri, Fowler's toad

Anaxyrus quercicus, Oak toad

Anaxyrus terrestris, Southern toad

Rhinella marina, Cane toad [NON-NATIVE]

Rain Frogs (Eleutherodactylidae)

Eleutherodactylus coqui, Common coquí frog [NON-NATIVE]

Eleutherodactylus planirostris, Greenhouse frog [NON-NATIVE]

Treefrogs (Hylidae)

Acris crepitans, Northern cricket frog

Acris gryllus, Southern cricket frog

Hyla andersonii, Pine barrens treefrog

Hyla avivoca, Bird-voiced treefrog

Hyla chrysocelis, Cope's gray treefrog

Hyla cinerea, Green treefrog

Hyla femoralis, Pine woods treefrog

Hyla gratiosa, Barking treefrog

Hyla squirella, Squirrel treefrog

Litoria caerulea, Australian green treefrog [NON-NATIVE]

Osteopilus septentrionalis, Cuban treefrog [NON-NATIVE]

Pseudacris crucifer, Spring peeper

Pseudacris feriarum, Upland chorus frog

Pseudacris nigrita, Southern chorus frog

Pseudacris ocularis, Little grass frog

Pseudacris ornata, Ornate chorus frog

Narrow Mouth Toads (Microhylidae)

Gastrophryne carolinensis, Eastern narrowmouth toad

True Frogs (Ranidae)

Lithobates capito, Gopher frog

Lithobates catesbeianus, Bullfrog

Lithobates clamitans, Green frog, Bronze frog

Lithobates grylio, Pig frog

Lithobates heckscheri, River frog

Lithobates okaloosae, Florida bog frog

Lithobates sphenocephalus, Southern leopard frog

Lithobates virgatipes, Carpenter frog

Nearctic Spadefoot Toads (Scaphiopodidae)

Scaphiopus holbrookii, Eastern spadefoot toad

Turtles (Chelonia)

Austro-American Side-Neck Turtles (Chelidae)

Chelus fimbriatus, Mata mata [NON-NATIVE]

Marine Turtles (Cheloniidae)

Caretta caretta, Loggerhead sea turtle

Chelonia mydas, Green sea turtle

Eretmochelys imbricata, Atlantic hawksbill sea turtle

Lepidochelys kempii, Kemp's Ridley sea turtle

Snapping Turtles (Chelydridae)

Chelydra serpentina, Snapping turtle

Macrochelys apalachicolae, Apalachicola Alligator snapping turtle

Macrochelys suwanniensis, Suwannee Alligator snapping turtle

Macrochelys temminckii, Alligator snapping turtle

Leatherback (Dermochelyidae)

Dermochelys coriacea, Leatherback sea turtle

Pond and Marsh Turtles (Emydidae)

Chrysemys dorsalis, Southern painted turtle [NON-NATIVE]

Clemmys guttata, Spotted turtle

Deirochelys reticularia, Chicken turtle

Graptemys barbouri, Barbour's map turtle

Graptemys ernsti, Escambia map turtle

Graptemys flavimaulata, Yellow-Blotched map turtle [NON-NATIVE]

Graptemys pseudogeographica, False map turtle

Graptemys pulchra, Alabama map turtle [NON-NATIVE]

Malaclemys terrapin, Diamondback terrapin

Pseudemys concinna, River cooter

Pseudemys nelsoni, Florida redbelly cooter [NON-NATIVE in part]

Pseudemys peninsularis, Peninsula cooter [NON-NATIVE in part]

Pseudemys suwanniensis, Suwannee cooter

Terrapene carolina, Eastern box turtle

Trachemys scripta, Pond slider [NON-NATIVE in part]

Trachemys terrapen, Jamaican slider [NON-NATIVE]

Musk and Mud Turtles (Kinosternidae)

Kinosternon baurii, Striped mud turtle

Kinosternon subrubrum, Mud turtle

Staurotypus salvinii, Pacific Coast giant musk turtle [NON-NATIVE]

Sternotherus minor, Loggerhead musk turtle

Sternotherus odoratus, Eastern mMusk turtle

Madagascan and South American River Turtles (Podocnemidae)

Podocnemis unifilis, Yellow-spotted Amazon River turtle [NON-NATIVE]

Tortoises (Testudinidae)

Gopherus polyphemus, Gopher tortoise

Softshell Turtles (Trionychidae)

Apalone ferox, Florida softshell [NON-NATIVE in part]

Apalone mutica, Smooth softshell

Apalone spinifera, Spiny softshell

Crocodilians (Crocodylia)

Alligators and Caimans (Alligatoridae)

Alligator mississippiensis, American alligator

Caiman crocodilus, Spectacled caiman [NON-NATIVE]

Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)

Crocodylus acutus, American crocodile

Worm Lizards (Amphisbaenians)

Florida Worm Lizard (Rhineuridae)

Rhineura floridana, Florida worm lizard

Lizards (Sauria)

Dragon Lizards (Agamidae)

Agama agama, African rainbow lizard [NON-NATIVE]

Calotes mystaceus, Indo-Chinese forest lizard [NON-NATIVE]

Calotes cf. versicolor, Variable bloodsucker [NON-NATIVE]

Leiolepis belliana, Butterfly lizard [NON-NATIVE]

Leiolepis rubritaeniata, Red-banded butterfly lizard [NON-NATIVE]

Glass Lizards and Alligator Lizards (Anguidae)

Ophisaurus attenuatus, Slender glass lizard

Ophisaurus compressus, Island glass lizard

Ophisaurus mimicus, Mimic glass lizard

Ophisaurus ventralis, Eastern glass lizard

Chameleons (Chamaeleonidae)

Chamaeleo calyptratus, Veiled chameleon [NON-NATIVE]

Furcifer oustaleti, Oustalet's chameleon [NON-NATIVE]

Furcifer pardalis, Panther chameleon [NON-NATIVE]

Helmeted Lizards (Corytophanidae)

Basiliscus vittatus, Brown basilisk [NON-NATIVE]

Anoles (Dactyloidae)

Anolis carolinensis, Green anole

Anolis chlorocyanus, Hispaniolan green anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis cristatellus, Puerto Rican crested anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis cybotes, Large-headed anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis distichus, Bark anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis equestris, Knight anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis garmani, Jamaican giant anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis porcatus, Cuban green anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis sagrei, Cuban brown anole [NON-NATIVE]

Anolis trinitatis, Saint Vincent's bush anole [NON-NATIVE]

Typical Geckos (Gekkonidae)

Chronodatylus bibronii, Bibron's gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Gekko badenii, Golden gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Gekko gecko, Tokay gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Hemidactylus frenatus, Common house gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Hemidactylus garnotii, Indo-Pacific house gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Hemidactylus mabouia, Wood slave [NON-NATIVE]

Hemidactylus platyurus, Asian flat-tailed house gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Hemidactylus turcicus, Mediterranean gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Lepidodactylus lugubris, Mourning gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Phelsuma grandis, Madagascar giant day gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Phelsuma laticauda, Gold dust day gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Iguanas (Iguanidae)

Ctenosaura pectinata, Mexican spinytail iguana [NON-NATIVE]

Ctenosaura similis, Black spinytail iguana [NON-NATIVE]

Cyclura cornuta, Rhinoceros iguana [NON-NATIVE]

Iguana iguana, Green iguana [NON-NATIVE]

Curly-Tailed Lizards (Leiocephalidae)

Leiocephalus carinatus, Northern curlytail lizard [NON-NATIVE]

Leiocephalus schreibersii, Red-sided curlytail lizard [NON-NATIVE]

North American Spiny Lizards (Phrynosomatidae)

Phrynosoma cornutum, Texas horned lizard [NON-NATIVE]

Sceloporus undulatus, Eastern fence lizard

Sceloporus woodi, Florida scrub lizard

Leaf-Toed Geckos (Phyllodactylidae)

Tarentola annularis, Ringed wall gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Tarentola mauritanica, Moorish gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Skinks (Scincidae)

Chalcides ocellatus, Ocellated skink [NON-NATIVE]

Eutropis multifasciata, Brown mabuya [NON-NATIVE]

Plestiodon anthracinus, Coal skink

Plestiodon egregius, Mole skink

Plestiodon fasciatus, Common five-lined skink

Plestiodon inexpectatus, Southeastern five-lined skink

Plestiodon laticeps, Broadhead skink

Plestiodon reynoldsi, Florida sand skink

Scincella lateralis, Ground skink

Trachylepis quinquetaeniata, African five-lined skink [NON-NATIVE]

Dwarf Geckos (Sphaerodactylidae)

Gonatodes albogularis, yellowhead gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Sphaerodactylus argus, ocellated gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Sphaerodactylus cinereus, grey gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Sphaerodactylus elegans, ashy gecko [NON-NATIVE]

Sphaerodactylus notatus, reef gecko

Whiptail Lizards (Teiidae)

Ameiva ameiva, giant ameiva [NON-NATIVE]

Ameiva praesignis, Borriguerro ameiva [NON-NATIVE]

Aspidoscelis motaguae, giant whiptail; [NON-NATIVE]

Aspidoscelis sexlineata, Six-lined racerunner

Cnemidophorus lemniscatus, rainbow whiptail [NON-NATIVE]

Salvator merianae, Argentine Black & whitetTegu [NON-NATIVE]

Monitors (Varanidae)

Varanus exanthematicus, Savannah tonitor [NON-NATIVE] Varanus niloticus, Nile tonitor [NON-NATIVE]

Snakes (Serpentes)

File Snakes and Wart Snakes (Acrochordidae)

Acrochordus javanicus, Javan File snake [NON-NATIVE]

Boas (Boidae)

Boa constrictor, Boa constrictor [NON-NATIVE]

Typical Snakes (Colubridae)

Cemophora coccinea, Scarlet snake

Coluber constrictor, Eastern racer

Coluber flagellum, Eastern coachwhip

Drymarchon couperi, Eastern indigo snake

Lampropeltis calligaster, Mole kingsnake

Lampropeltis elapsoides, Scarlet kingsnake

Lampropeltis extenuata, Short-tailed kingsnake

Lampropeltis getula, Common kingsnake

Opheodrys aestivus, Rough green snake

Pantherophis alleghaniensis, Eastern ratsnake

Pantherophis guttatus, Eastern corn snake

Pantherophis spiloides, Gray rat snake

Pituophis melanoleucus, Pine snake

Tantilla coronata, Southeastern crowned snake

Tantilla oolitica, Rim rock crowned snake

Tantilla relicta, Florida crowned snake

Rear-Fanged Snakes (Dipsadidae)

Diadophis punctatus, Ringneck snake

Farancia abacura, Mud snake

Farancia erytrogramma, Rainbow snake

Heterodon platirhinos, Eastern hognose snake

Heterodon simus, Southern hognose snake

Rhadinaea flavilata, Pine woods snake

Elapids (Elapidae)

Micrurus fulvius, Eastern coral snake

Water Snakes, Grass Snakes, and Garter Snakes (Natricidae)

Haldea striatula, Rough earth snake

Liodytes alleni, Striped crayfish snake

Liodytes pygaea, Swamp snake

Liodytes rigida, Glossy crayfish snake

Nerodia clarkii, Salt marsh snake

Nerodia cyclopion, Mississippi green water snake

Nerodia erythrogaster, Plainbelly water snake

Nerodia fasciata, Southern water snake

Nerodia floridana, Florida green water snake

Nerodia sipedon, Midland water snake

Nerodia taxispilota, Brown water snake

Regina septemvittata, Queen snake

Storeria dekayi, Brown snake

Storeria occipitomaculata, Redbelly snake

Storeria victa, Florida brown snake

Thamnophis sauritus, Eastern ribbon snake

Thamnophis sirtalis, Garter snake

Virginia valeriae, Eastern smooth earth snake

Pythons (Pythonidae)

Python bivittatus, Burmese python [NON-NATIVE] *Python sebae,* African rock python [NON-NATIVE]

Blind Snakes (Typhlopidae)

Indotyphlops braminus, Brahminy blind snake [NON-NATIVE]

Vipers (Viperidae)

Agkistrodon contortrix, Copperhead
Agkistrodon piscivorus, Cottonmouth
Crotalus adamanteus, Eastern diamondback rattlesnake
Crotalus horridus, Timber rattlesnake
Sistrurus miliarius, Dusky pigmy rattlesnake