

Epiphytes (general)



Commonly called “air plants” Epiphytes nest in trees or shrubbery and get water and minerals from rain or nearby leaf debris.

Spanish Moss



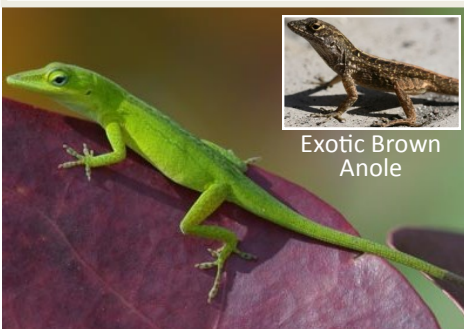
Spanish moss isn’t moss at all, but a bromeliad, another type of air plant, closely related to pineapples. This plant has been used to stuff automobile cushions and mattresses.

Wild Hog



Wild hogs can reach weights of more than 150 pounds and be 5 to 6 feet long. These non-native wild pigs tear up the ground to search for food. Look for signs of “rooting” off our boardwalk.

Green Anole



This native anole can camouflage by changing from green to brown. Populations are declining due to competition from exotic lizards.

American Alligator



Female alligators rarely exceed 10 feet, males grow much larger up to 14 feet. Our alligators like to hang out on the banks by the canoe and kayak area.

Muskrat Mound



These small muskrat homes are fashioned out of grass, reeds and sticks and are only a few feet high. Our round-tail muskrats are about a foot long and eat aquatic plants.

Cricket Frog



Generally only 1in. in size, their name originates from the cricket-like sound emitted by males to attract females. Listen on the boardwalk for this sound.

Cocoplum Plant



This plant is native to South Florida and is often used in landscaping. Its deep purple or white plums are edible and its seeds can be roasted and eaten.

Cabbage Palm



Also referred to as a sabal palm, this is Florida’s state tree. The heart of palm is edible and was common food for the first Florida settlers.