

Cypress Swamp Boardwalk Search & Find

Florida (Dahoon) Holly Old World Climbing Fern



This native tree produces bright red winter berries on female plants. Though these berries are toxic to humans, they are food for birds and small mammals.

Apple Snail Eggs





This invasive exotic will form dense mats that shade out other plants and create a fire ladder to the canopy. If seen, report location to staff.

Saw Palmetto

This aquatic snail only comes out of the water to lay its eggs. Apple snails are the only food source of the endangered Snail Kite.



A small shrub that provides shelter for the Florida burrowing owl and other birds. White tailed deer eat its fruit, which is also used for medicine.

Spiny Orb Weaver



A relative of the spider from *Charlotte's Web*, the spiny orb weaver catches flying pests such as moths, mosquitoes and beetles in its flat, round web.

Banded Water Snake



This snake mimics a water moccasin in color and will flatten its head when threatened to also mimic its shape. It is 2 to 3 feet long and nonvenomous.

Duck Potato



As the name indicates, the seeds of this plant are eaten by waterfowl and other birds. Native Americans would eat the tubers either roasted or raw.

Pickerelweed



Prolific in wetlands, the long heart shaped leaves and air-filled stalks provide cover for fish, birds and reptiles. The purple flowers are edible.

Yellow Rat Snake



The best tree climber of all FL snakes, this snake also burrows underground. It eats rats, lizards and frogs, and is nonvenomous.