

Vertebrates Identified in Florida Caverns State Park



MAMMALS

Opossum.....Didelphis virginiana
 Least shrew.....Cyptotis parva
 Eastern mole.....Scalopus aquaticus
 Southeastern bat.....Myotis austroriparius
 Gray bat.....Myotis grisescens
 Seminole bat.....Lasiurus seminolus
 Eastern pipistrelle.....Pipistrellus subflavus
 Nine-banded armadillo*.....Dasypus novemcinctus
 Eastern cottontail.....Sylvilagus floridanus
 Beaver.....Castor canadensis
 Gray squirrel.....Sciurus carolinensis
 Fox squirrel.....Sciurus niger
 Southern flying squirrel.....Glaucomys volans
 Cotton mouse.....Peromyscus gossypinus
 Golden mouse.....Ochrotomys nuttalli
 Eastern woodrat.....Neotoma floridana
 Rice rat.....Oryzomys palustris
 River otter.....Lutra canadensis
 Gray fox.....Urocyon cinereoargenteus
 Coyote.....Canis latrans
 Raccoon.....Procyon lotor
 Bobcat.....Felis rufus
 Feral hog.....Sus scrofa
 White-tailed deer.....Odocoileus virginianus

REPTILES

CROCODILLIANS
 American alligator.....Alligator mississippiensis

TURTLES
 Common snapping turtle.....Chelydra serpentina
 Alligator snapping turtle.....Macrochelys temmincki
 Loggerhead musk turtle.....Sternotherus minor
 Eastern mud turtle.....Kinosternon subrubrum
 Gulf coast box turtle.....Terrapene carolina bauri
 Barbour’s map turtle.....Graptemys barbouri
 River cooter.....Pseudemys concinna
 Cooter.....Pseudemys floridana
 Suwannee cooter.....Pseudemys concinna
 Yellow-bellied slider.....Trachemys scripta

LIZARDS
 Green anole.....Anolis carolinensis
 Eastern fence lizard.....Sceloporus undulatus
 Six-lined racerunner.....Cnemidophorus sexlineatus
 Ground skink.....Scincella lateralis

Five-lined skink.....Eumeces fasciatus
 Southeastern five-lined skink.....Eumeces inexpectatus
 Broad-headed skink.....Eumeces laticeps
 Eastern glass lizardOphisaurus ventralis

SNAKES

Scarlet snake.....Cemophora coccinea
 Southern black racer.....Coluber constrictor priapus
 Southern ringneck snake.....Diadophis punctatus
 Gray rat snake.....Elaphe obsoleta spiloides
 Red rat snake.....Elaphe g. guttata
 Rainbow snake.....Farancia erytrogramma
 Eastern hognose snake.....Heterodon platyrhinos
 Eastern king snake.....Lampropeltis getula
 Milk snake.....Lamproptis triangulum elapsoides
 Brown water snake.....Nerodia taxispilota
 Redbelly water snake.....Nerodia erythrogaster
 Florida water snake.....Nerodia fasciata pictiventris
 Rough green snake.....Opheodrys aestivus
 Florida redbelly snake.....Storeria occipitomaculata
 Eastern coral snake.....Micrurus fulvius
 Florida cottonmouth.....Agkistrodon piscivorus conanti
 Dusky pigmy rattlesnake.....Sistrurus miliarius barbouri
 Eastern diamondback.....Crotalus adamanteus

AMPHIBIANS

SALAMANDERS
 Alabama waterdog.....Necturus alabamensis
 Mole salamander.....Ambystoma talpoideum
 Marbled salamander.....Ambystoma opacum
 Eastern tiger salamander.....Ambystoma tigrinum
 Southern dusky salamander.....Desmognathus auriculatus
 Slimy salamander.....Plethodon glutinosus
 Three-lined salamander.....Eurycea longicauda guttolineata
 Dwarf salamander.....Eurycea quadridigitata
 Georgia blind salamander.....Haideotriton wallacei

FROGS & TOADS
 Eastern narrowmouth toad.....Gastrophryne carolinensis
 Eastern spadefoot toad.....Scaphiopus holbrookii
 Southern toad.....Bufo terrestris
 Oak toad.....Bufo quercicus
 Southern cricket frog.....Acris gryllus
 Southern spring peeper.....Hyla crucifer

Green tree frog.....Hyla cinerea
 Pine woods tree frog.....Hyla gratiosa
 Squirrel tree frog.....Hyla femoralis
 Gray tree frog.....Hyla squirella
 Striped chorus frog.....Hyla versicolor
 Bullfrog.....Rana catesbeiana
 Bronze frog.....Rana clamitans
 Southern leopard frog.....Rana sphenoccephala

FISH

Spotted gar.....Lepisosteus oculatus
 Longnose gar.....Lepisosteus osseus
 Bowfin.....Amia calva
 American eel.....Anguilla rostrata
 Alabama shad.....Alosa alabamae
 Gizzard shad.....Dorosoma cepedianum
 Redfin pickerel.....Esox americanus
 Chain pickerel.....Esox niger
 Golden shiner.....Notemigonus crysoleucas
 Quillback.....Carpiondes cyprinus
 Spotted sucker.....Minytrema melonops
 Yellow bullhead.....Ictalurus natalis
 Brown bullhead.....Ictalurus nebulosus
 Snail bullhead.....Ictalurus brunneus
 Channel cat.....Ictalurus punctatus
 Pirate perch.....Aphredoderus sayanus
 Mosquito fish.....Gambusia affinis
 Striped bass.....Morone saxatilis
 Rock bass.....Ambloplites rupestris
 Pigmy sunfish.....Elassoma sp.
 Flier.....Centrarchus macropterus
 Redbreast sunfish.....Lepomis auritus
 Bluegill (bream).....Lepomis macrochirus
 Shellcracker.....Lepomis microlophus
 Stumpknocker (spotted sunfish).....Lepomis punctatus
 Chipola bass.....Micropterus coosae
 Spotted bass.....Micropterus punctulatus
 Largemouth bass.....Micropterus salmoides
 Shoal bass.....Micropterus sp.
 Speckled perch (black crappie).....Pomoxis nigromaculatus
 Swamp darter.....Etheostoma fusiforme
 Striped mullet.....Mugil cephalus
 Redeye chub.....Hybopsis harperi

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Florida Caverns State Park consists of approximately 1300 acres, mostly in floodplain swamp and forest and also in upland hardwoods. For its size, it has a diverse fauna with over 250 vertebrate species recorded. This is due to the presence of continental and peninsular animals, and also the habitat diversity created by the Chipola River floodplain and numerous limestone outcroppings. Among the park's most unusual species are the Barbour's map turtle in the Chipola River and the blind cave salamander, which occurs in aquatic caves.

The assistance of the Panhandle Audubon Society compilation of the bird list is appreciated. The abundance of migrant birds is listed for the peak migratory period. Other animals on the list have been recorded since the park was first opened in 1941, and may or may not presently occur in the park.

BIRDS

HERONS& EGRETS

American bittern

Great blue heron

Great egret

Snowy egret

Cattle egret

Tricolored heron

Little blue heron

Green-backed heron

Black-crowned night heron

Yellow-crowned night heron

IBIS

White ibis

DUCKS

Wood duck

Green-winged teal

VULTURES

Black vulture

Turkey vulture

HAWKS & KITES

Swallow-tailed kite

Mississippi kite

Sharp-shinned hawk

Cooper's hawk

Red-shouldered hawk

Broad-winged hawk

Red-tailed hawk

FALCONS

American kestrel

Merlin

TURKEY & QUAIL

Wild turkey

Northern bobwhite

PLOVERS

Killdeer

SANDPIPERS & SNIPES

Solitary sandpiper

Spotted sandpiper

Common snipe

American woodcock

DOVE

Mourning dove

CUCKOO

Black-billed cuckoo

Yellow-billed cuckoo

OWLS

Barn owl

Eastern screech owl

Great horned owl

Barred owl

NIGHTJARS

Whip-poor-will

Chuck-will's-widow

Common night hawk

SWIFTS

Chimney swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated hummingbird

KINGFISHERS

Belted kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

Red-headed woodpecker

Red-bellied woodpecker

Yellow-bellied woodpecker

Downy woodpecker

Hairy woodpecker

Northern flicker

Pileated woodpecker

FLYCATCHERS

Eastern phoebe

Great crested flycatcher

Eastern kingbird

Eastern wood-pewee

Acadian flycatcher

SWALLOWS

Purple martin

Tree swallow

Northern rough-winged swallow

JAYS & CROWS

Blue jay

American crow

Fish crow

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

Carolina chickadee

Tufted titmouse

NUTHATCHES

White-breasted nuthatch

Red-breasted nuthatch

Brown-headed nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown creeper

WRENS

Carolina wren

Bewick's wren

Winter wren

House wren

Sedge wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Golden-crowned kinglet

Ruby-crowned kinglet

Blue-gray gnatcatcher

Eastern bluebird

Gray-cheeked thrush

Swainson's thrush

Hermit thrush

Wood thrush

American robin

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

Gray catbird

Northern mockingbird

Brown thrasher

PIPITS

Water pipit

WAXWINGS

Cedar waxwing

SHRIKES

Loggerhead shrike

STARLINGS

European starling

VIREOS

White-eyed vireo

Solitary vireo

Yellow-throated vireo

Red-eyed vireo

Warbling vireo

TANAGERS

Scarlet tanager

Summer tanager

CARDINALS & GROSBEAK

Northern cardinal

Rose-breasted grosbeak

Blue grosbeak

Evening grosbeak

SPARROWS & BUNTINGS

Indigo bunting

Painted bunting

Dickcissel

Rufous-sided towhee

Bachman's sparrow

Chipping sparrow

Field sparrow

Vesper sparrow

Savannah sparrow

Grasshopper sparrow

Fox sparrow

Song sparrow

White-throated sparrow

Dark-eyed junco

Bobolink

BLACK BIRDS & ORIOLES

Red-winged blackbird

Eastern meadowlark

Common grackle

Orchard oriole

Northern oriole

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House sparrow

FINCHES

Purple finch

American goldfinch