

Florida and Nonnative Species

- Florida is listed with Hawaii, California, and Louisiana as having the most nonnative species in the U.S.
- **South Florida contains most of the states' exotic species**
- Subtropical climate; major ports of entry; pet, aquarium, and ornamental plant industries
- **26 percent of the fauna is not native; 21 percent of the nonnative plants have become invasive.**
- The South Florida Multi-species Recovery Plan identifies exotic animal and plant control as a restoration need for two-thirds of the ecological communities and individual species covered in the plan.

The Everglades' Non-Native Taxa

- 50 Plants (Cat. I Invasive)

- 34 Invertebrates

- 12 Mammals

- 4 Amphibians

- 38 Reptiles

- 11 Birds

- 20 Fishes

