

The background of the cover is a collage of various invasive species. At the top, there's a white bird, a grey bird, and a brown frog. Below them, a mallard duck, a muskrat, a black bird, a blue and orange spotted lizard, a large brown and yellow patterned snake, a green lizard, and a grey bird are visible. The text is overlaid on this collage.

INVASIVE FAUNA of South Florida

BIRDS, REPTILES
AND AMPHIBIANS

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WHAT is an invasive species?

An invasive species is an organism that causes ecological or economic harm in a new environment where it is not native.

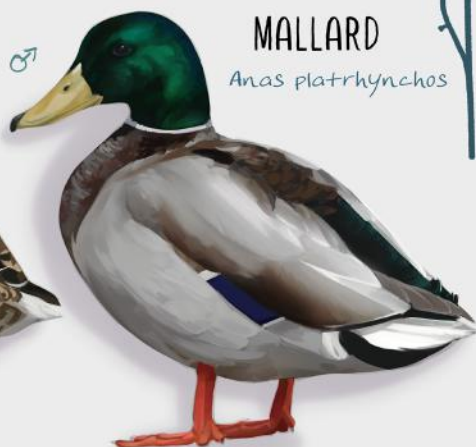
<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/invasive.html>

HOW do species become invasive?

These organisms arrive in new areas through anthropogenic means; human travel, importing goods such as produce, ornamental plants, bringing in non-native species as a form of pest control, and worst of all, the exotic pet trade. Either these organisms stealthily ride along with people or produce on planes and boats, or humans trap and import animals that would be sold as pets. The pets then have a good chance of escaping or being released.

WHY is it important to deal with invasive species?

Nonnative species can cause great ecological (and economical) damage to the area they have established themselves in. They push out native species and throw off the balance of the environment, leading to devastation and local extinction of native species.



MALLARD
Anas platyrhynchos



GRAY-HEADED SWAMPHEN
Porphyrion poliocephalus



MUSCOVY DUCK
Cairina moschata





EGYPTIAN GOOSE

Alopochen aegyptiaca



SWAN GOOSE

Anser cygnoides



MUTE SWAN

Cygnus olor



EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE

Streptopelia decaocto

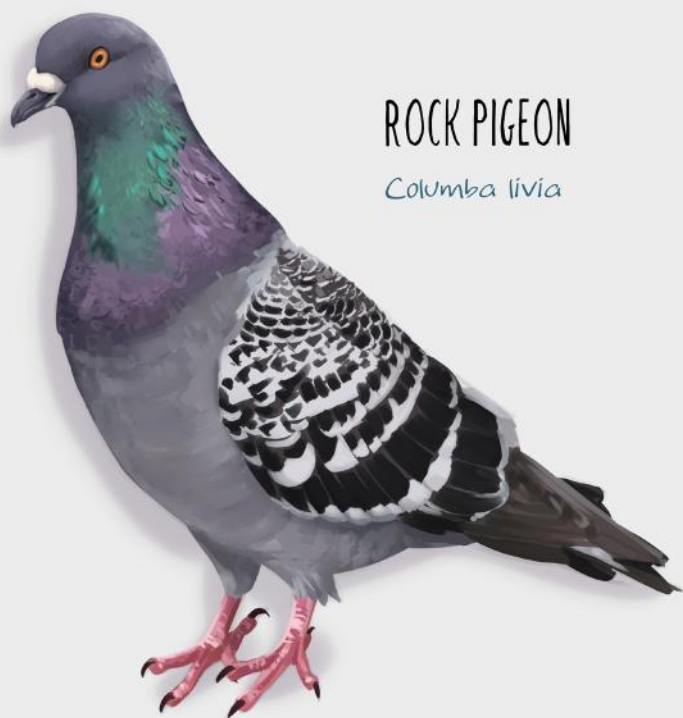


WHITE-WINGED DOVE

Zenaida asiatica



BIRDS



ROCK PIGEON

Columba livia

NATIVE DOVES:

MOURNING DOVE



COMMON GROUND DOVE



BIRDS



HOUSE SPARROW
Passer domesticus



HOUSE FINCH
Haemorrhous mexicanus



EUROPEAN STARLING
Sturnus vulgaris



RED-WHISKERED BULBUL

Pycnonotus jocosus



COMMON MYNA

Acridotheres tristis





INDIAN PEAFOWL
Pavo cristatus



BUDGERIGAR
Melopsittacus undulatus



ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

Psittacula krameri



BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET

Thectocercus acuticaudatus



BIRDS



MONK PARAKEET

Myiopsitta monachus



NANDAY PARAKEET

Aratinga nenday



BIRDS

BURMESE PYTHON

Python bivittatus



REPTILES





BOA CONSTRICTOR

Boa constrictor



GREEN ANACONDA

Eunectes murinus



REPTILES

BRAHMINY BLINDSNAKE

Indotyphlops braminus



POND SLIDER

Trachemys scripta



SPECTACLED CAIMAN

Caiman crocodilus



REPTILES



BROWN ANOLE

Anolis sagrei



CRESTED ANOLE

Anolis cristatellus



CUBAN KNIGHT ANOLE

Anolis equestris

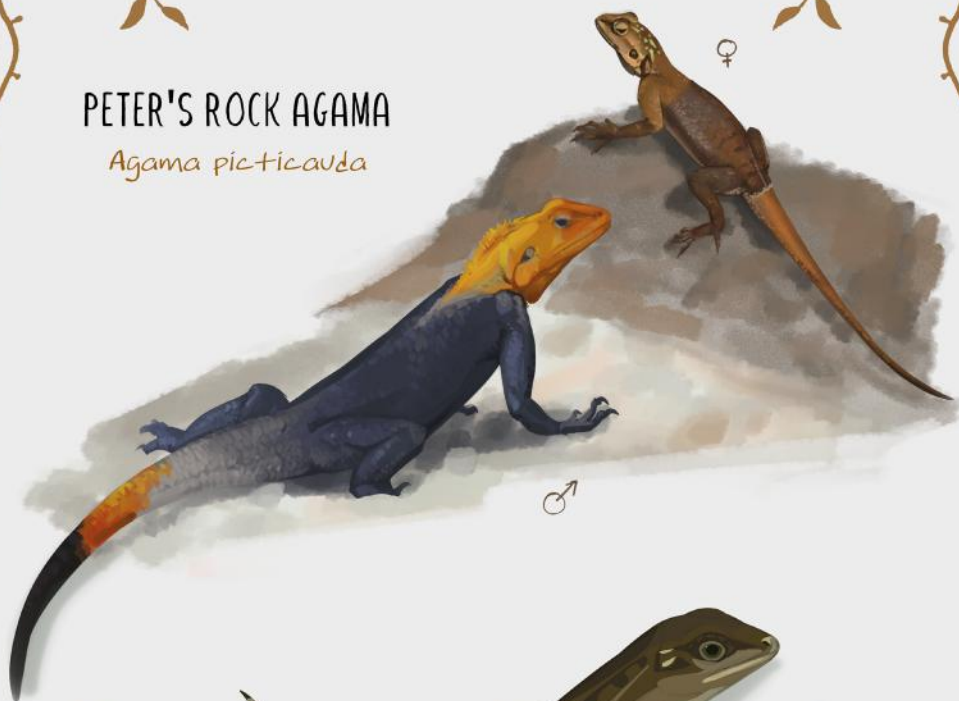


REPTILES



PETER'S ROCK AGAMA

Agama picticauda



NORTHERN CURLY-TAILED LIZARD

Leiocephalus carinatus



BARK ANOLE

Anolis distichus



REPTILES



GREEN IGUANA

Iguana iguana



BLACK SPINY-TAILED IGUANA

Ctenosaura similis



REPTILES





ARGENTINE BLACK AND WHITE TEGU

Salvator merianae



NILE MONITOR

Varanus niloticus



BROWN BASILISK

Basiliscus vittatus



REPTILES



TROPICAL HOUSE GECKO

Hemidactylus mabouia

Adult



Juvenile



INDO-PACIFIC HOUSE GECKO

Hemidactylus garnotii



TOKAY GECKO

Gekko gekko

REPTILES



MADAGASCAR GIANT DAY GECKO

Phelsuma grandis



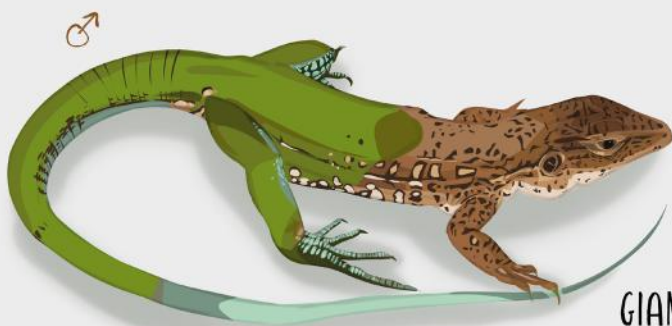
VEILED CHAMELEON

Chamaeleo calyptratus



OUSTALET'S GIANT CHAMELEON

Furcifer oustaleti



GIANT AMEIVA

Ameiva ameiva



RAINBOW WHIPTAIL

Cnemidophorus lemniscatus



REPTILES





.Adult



Toadlet.



.Tadpole



CANE TOAD

Rhinella marina

AMPHIBIANS



CUBAN TREE FROG

Osteopilus septentrionalis



GREENHOUSE FROG

Eleutherodactylus planirostris



AMPHIBIANS

SEE AN INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR LOCAL ECOSYSTEM?

You can report sightings of invasive species to the Invasive Species Hotline at 1-888-483-4681 or visit IveGot1.org to help conserve the environment.

