

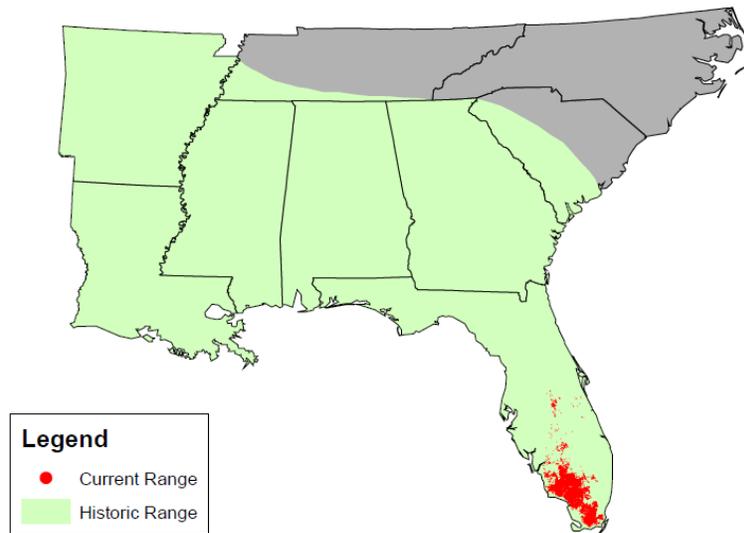
Florida Panther Fact Sheet

Latin Name: *Puma concolor coryi*

Related Species: Mountain lion, cougar, and puma

Range: Extirpated across 95% of historic range in Southeastern United States. Breeding population is south of the Caloosahatchee River and primarily in Collier, Lee and Hendry counties.

Historic/Current Panther Range



Endangered Status: On the U.S. Endangered Species List since 1973 and classified as endangered by the State of Florida - considered the most endangered large mammal in the United States.

Estimated Population: Biologists estimate up to 160 adults and sub adults living in the wild.

Appearance: Large, unspotted cat with a small head and a long, dark-tipped tail. Tawny above, darker on midback, with black-tipped hairs; white overlaid with buff below. Dark spot at base of whiskers. Ears short and rounded, with dark backs. Legs long and heavy; feet large. Juvenile buff with black spots. Kittens born with blue eyes.



Florida Panther 131, male (FGCU Panther Posse)

Size: They are six to seven feet long and weigh 60-150 pounds. The female is smaller than the male.



Florida Panther 219, female (FWC)

Life Span: 12 years in the wild.

Home Ranges: Males—200 square miles Females—75 square miles

Food: Feral hog, white-tailed deer, rabbit, armadillo, raccoons, and wild birds.

Threats: Loss of habitat due to urbanization, mining, agribusiness, and road building. Collisions with vehicles. Disease (rabies, feline leukemia, infections) and fights with other panthers.



*Florida Panther 113, female, using a wildlife underpass (FGCU Panther Posse)
Camera purchased and donated by Florida Wildlife Federation members.*

How you can help:

- Donate to Florida Wildlife Federation’s Southwest Florida Office which is dedicated to protecting Florida panthers and other native wildlife of the Western Everglades
- Purchase a Florida panther license plate, monies go to Florida panther in-the-field research
- Support local, state, and federal conservation land programs.
- Volunteer to help Florida’s Water and Land Legacy campaign pass a constitutional amendment to purchase, protect, and restore conservation lands. <http://floridawaterlandlegacy.org/index.php>

- When driving in panther habitat, be alert particularly between dusk and dawn.
- If you see a panther, please record your observation at <https://public.myfwc.com/hsc/PantherSightings/getlatlong.aspx>

More Information: <http://www.floridapanther.net.org/>
www.floridapantherprotection.com