

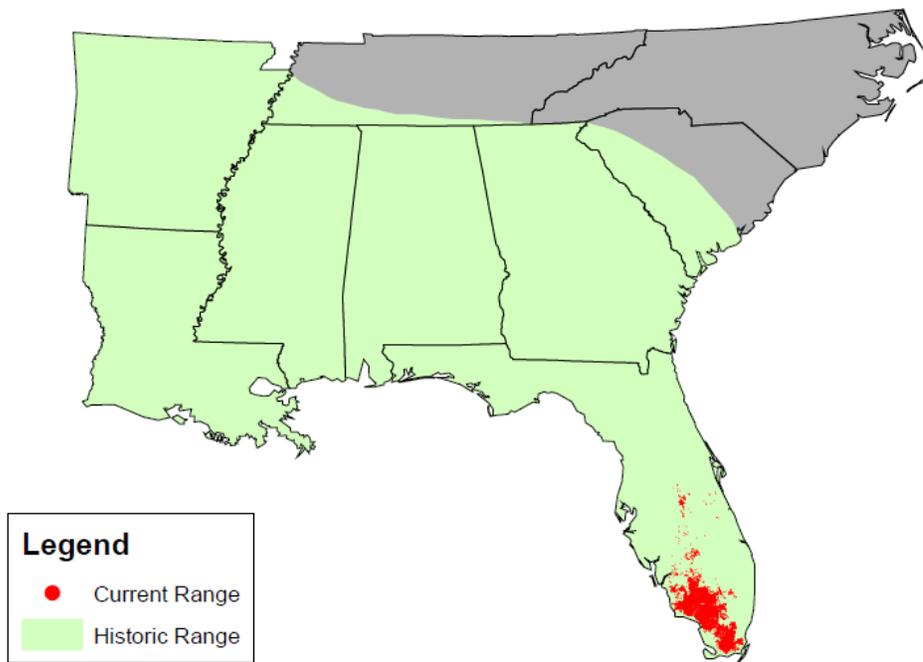
Florida Panther Fact Sheet

Latin Name: *Puma concolor coryi*

Related Species: Mountain lion, cougar, and puma

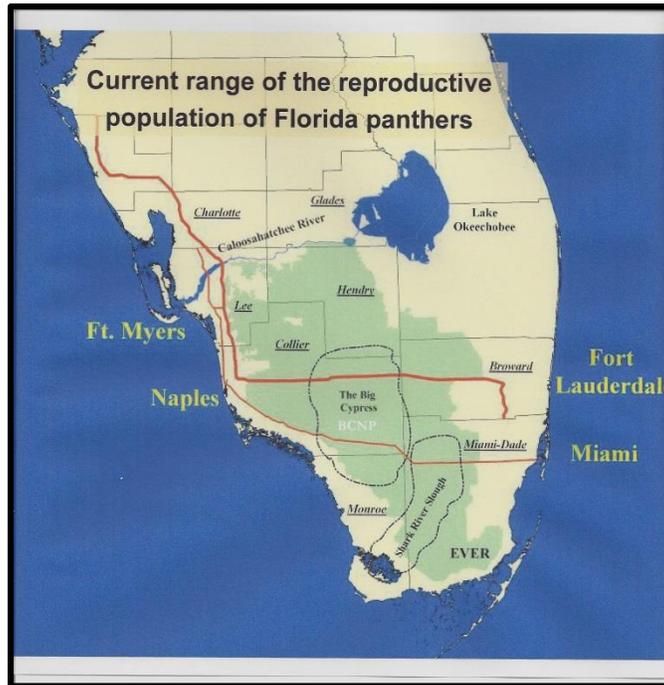
Range: Extirpated across 95% of historic range in Southeastern United States. Breeding population is south of the Caloosahatchee River and primarily in Collier, Lee and Hendry counties.

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 100 to 180 adults and sub adults living in Southwest Florida's core panther habitat. For more information about how the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission estimates population size, go to <http://myfwc.com/news/resources/fact-sheets/panther-population/> and <http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2014/june/19/panther-report/>.



Current Range of breeding population is in green.

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





*Florida Panther using a wildlife crossing under SR 29, Collier County.
Photo is courtesy of FGCU Panther Posse Program.
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.floridapanthernet.org/>
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