

Monitors and Pythons and Rats, Oh my!

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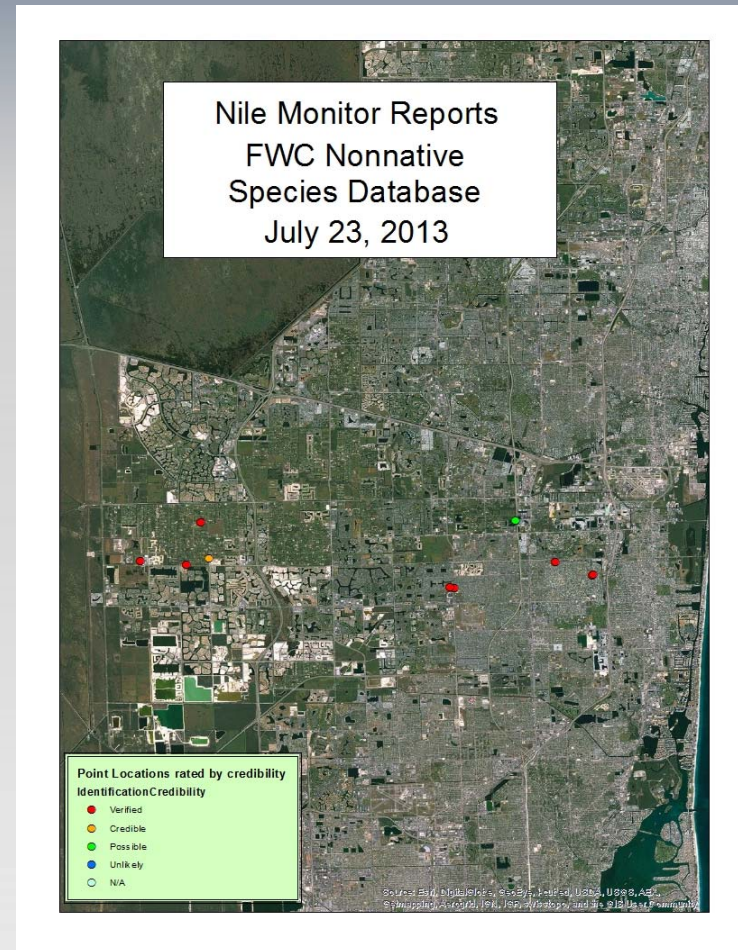
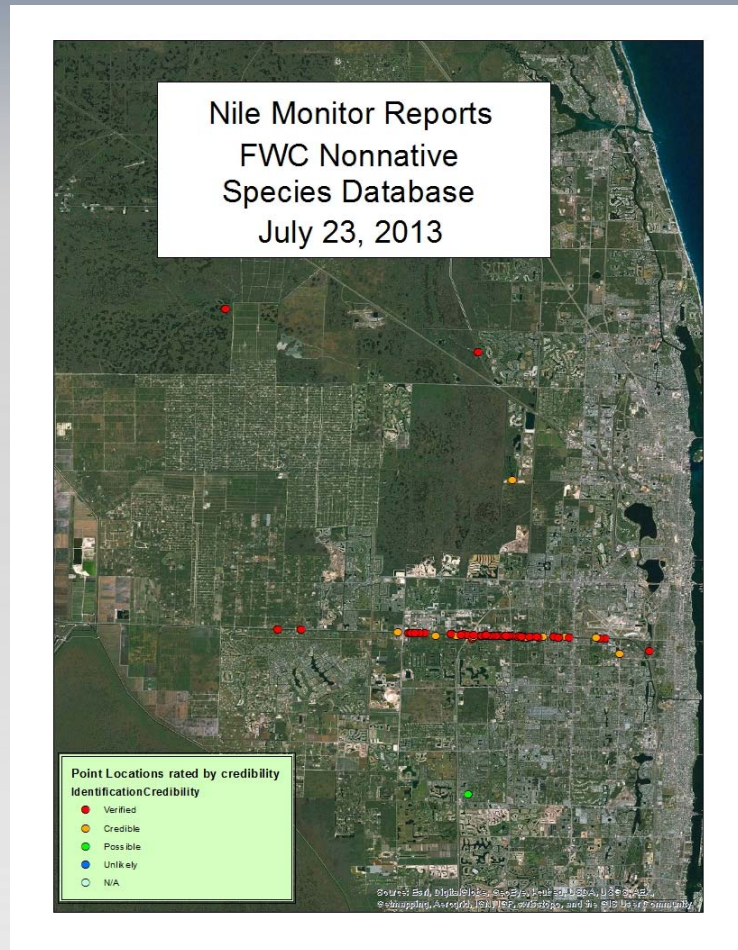


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Year in Review

- New section leader
- Closure of Fish Lab
 - Nonnative Fish crew to Loxahatchee
 - Nonnative Wildlife crew to Ft. Lauderdale REC
- \$\$\$\$\$\$: CWT Grant and Legislature
 - Funded 2.5 OPS employees
 - Contract for UF EIRAMP monitoring and EDRR
 - Contract for TNC Python Patrol
- Absorbed Wildlife Assistance Biologists and Biological Administrator position to oversee them

Nile monitors (*Varanus niloticus*)



Palm Beach C-51 Population



- FWC surveys (5/9 removed)
- EIRAMP surveys (7/10) removed
- Limited, report-driven trapping (0 removed)
- Glenridge town hall outreach in Palm Beach

More monitors



- Tamarac water monitor, October 31, 2012
- Fakahatchee/Copeland Savannah monitor, April 8, 2013
- Naples monitors, May 2013—present*
- Pembroke Pines water monitor, June 17, 2013
- Port St. Lucie monitor, June 18, 2013
- SW Ranches Nile still hanging in there

*Involvement by FWC Naples office and SW CISMA in reports in Naples area

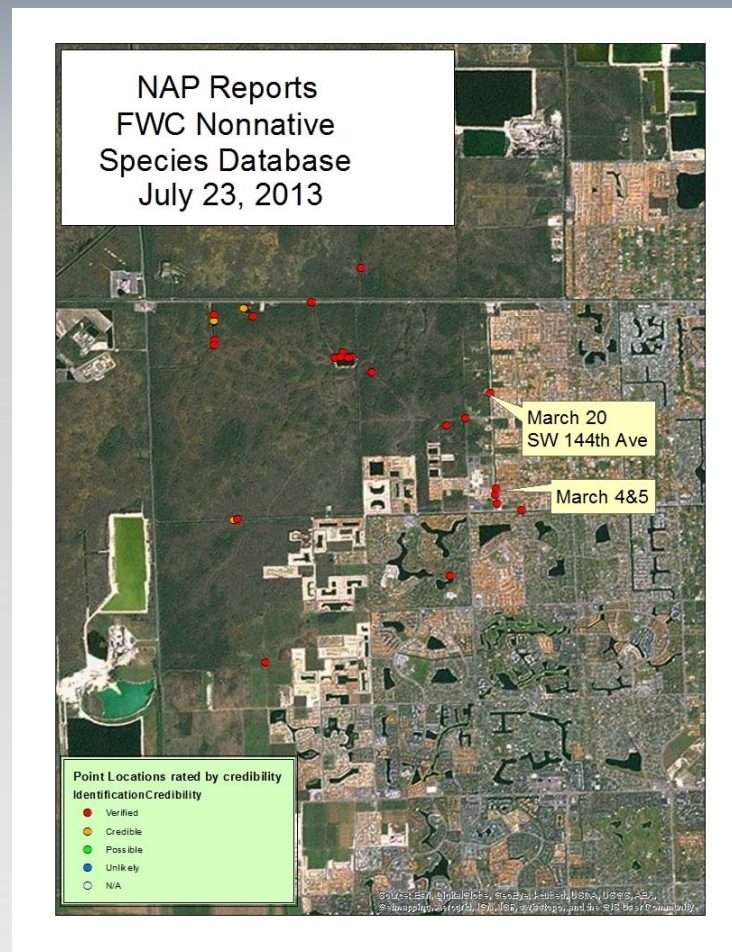
Record Monitor!



- Largest nonnative lizard removed in Florida
- 7'1"
- Deerfield Beach
- Hotline call, trap, hotline call

Northern African pythons/ Rock pythons (*Python sebae*)

- January 8, 2013, Rock pit, male
- March 4, 2013, two reported at canal bank along SW 144th Ave
- March 5, 2013, FWC and UF remove one from same area, female
- March 6, 2013, Python permittee removes one from Rock Pit, female
- March 7, 2013, Survey
- March 20, 2013, Boozy bicyclist, python, and metal pipe meet on SW 144th Ave, male



Ye Ol' Rock Pit: A place people like to go



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We love it when a plan comes together



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Gambian pouched rats (*Cricetomys gambianus*)

- Two-night trapping events in August, September, December, January, and March
- 3 rats removed, 1 in August, 2 in January
- Trapping in March produced no rats, but pictures
- USDA grant for 2013/14



FY 2013/14


- Combination of grant and agency funding
 - Risk assessments
 - EIRAMP: Monitoring, EDRR, Necropsies
 - Python Patrol OPS position
 - Purple swamphen and black spiny-tail iguana diet analyses
- Re-vamp python permittee program
- Continue working with CISMA partners
- Revisit/revitalize EDRR plan and Management plans
- Work with SFERTF on Action Framework
- Exploring fund-matching partnership with USACE

Always look on the bright side...

This Vervet Monkey was actually photographed in the Arch Creek East Preserve!

If he's so interested in mangrove restoration, shouldn't you be?!

JOIN US!




Going Monkeys for Mangroves
in Arch Creek East Preserve


Announcing UPG's new Calendar:
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
8am-11am every month!

This Vervet Monkey was photographed on 7/9/2013 climbing out of a UPG Mangrove Restoration Area!

- Activities for all ages
- Planting & Stewardship Projects
- Independent Projects are possible
- Bring a water bottle & bug repellent
- Wear closed toed athletic shoes
- 2605 NE 135 St / North Miami, FL 31811
- RSVP to margaret@urban-paradise.org

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