

## Wildlife at Placido Bayou

Placido Bayou was originally built in a wildlife Preserve. The state, county and city approved our community with the caveat that a certain portion of the Preserves stayed and be maintained. Because of this we have a wonderful park like setting with wildlife. Residents are often concerned about the wildlife and want it removed, but that is not always possible.

All of Florida's native wildlife species serve important ecological roles. The simple presence or sightings of wildlife, even when in urban areas should not be considered a nuisance. Many species of wildlife in Florida have adapted to survive in urban and suburban areas and can often coexist with humans without creating conflicts.

Due to past conflicts concerning wildlife the Master Association voted in 2012 that the staff is not to interfere with wildlife or handle issues with found/lost pets. Below you will find more information.

Why should homeowners call directly for wildlife issues?

1. If there is an issue with wildlife, the agencies would like the resident to call directly so that they can determine if there is a safety concern. They will also need the resident's permission to enter their property.
2. Most all species are protected and can not be removed unless it is a danger to the community. By calling directly the resident will be educated on the issue and will feel better after speaking with them.

## Where can I get more information?

Pinellas County Animal Services 727-582-2600  
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/>

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary [\(727\) 391-6211](tel:7273916211)

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Southwest Region 863-648-3200  
Wildlife Alert hotline (toll-free): 888-404-FWCC (888-404-3922)  
<http://myfwc.com/critters/coyote.htm>

"The Coyote (Canis latrans) : Florida's Newest Predator"  
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/UW127>

"The Coyote in Florida"  
<http://myfwc.com/critters/pdf/CoyoteWhitePaperFinal.pdf>

Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR ([866-392-4286](tel:8663924286)).