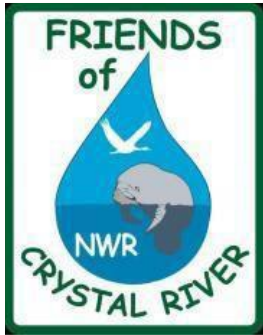


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**Florida's Alligators**  
**Kent Vliet, Ph.D., University of Florida**



Dr. Vliet will discuss the alligator's place in the ecology of Florida wetlands. He will touch on the past history of alligators, their near extinction, the recovery of the species, and the future of this crocodylian in Florida.

Dr. Kent Vliet is a crocodylian biologist in the Department of Biology at the University of Florida. He has studied alligators and crocodiles for close to 40 years and has had the opportunity to work with all the living species of crocodiles on earth. He has studied crocodylian biology, including behavior, ecology, embryonic metabolism, anatomy, parasites and diseases, hormonal aspects of reproduction and stress, and the remarkably powerful immune system of these reptiles.

