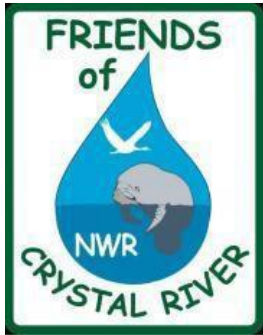


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Coyotes in Florida

Sarah Helm, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Biologist



Coyotes have naturally migrated across the southeastern United States, and may be filling the habitat niche formerly occupied by red wolves, which were hunted to near extinction. Today, except for bears and bobcats, they are the only large carnivore to persist in most of the state, including farmland, developed, and suburban regions. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Biologist Sarah Helm will discuss basic biological facts, coyote behavior, preventing conflicts and protecting pets. Ms. Helm will provide recommendations for people living in a landscape populated with coyotes, as they are here to stay.

Sarah Helm has lived in Florida for over a decade and hasn't stopped teaching about the amazing wildlife here since she arrived. She graduated with a Biology degree from St. Lawrence University, where she hiked, hunted and fished. She is a military veteran who also worked in wildlife conservation in zoos for several years. Sarah has been with FWC since 2016 as a wildlife biologist who specializes in human-wildlife conflict issues in north Florida.

