

## So what's there to see & do?

Purpose of the Interpretive Center is to educate children and adults about the impact they have on the environment and ways they can protect flora and fauna where they live using the efforts of the men and women who work and live on the Station as real world examples. Some of



Florida's native species are represented in our animal collection. Other Florida native species can be seen on the grounds and waters that surround the Center.

Try these exercises. How much do you know about Florida?



What is our state bird?

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What is our state flower?

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What is our state tree?

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Sabal palmetto

State bird: Mockingbird State flower: Orange Blossom State tree:

## Here are some of the animals found at NAS Jax



Gray Squirrel



White Tailed Deer



Raccoon



Red-headed Woodpecker



Loggerhead Shrike



Red-tailed Hawk



Queen Butterfly



Monarch Butterfly



Zebra Long Wing Butterfly



Gopher Tortoise  
US Endangered Species List



Corn Snake



Green Anole

## Gazebo

The gazebo outside the Interpretive Center is a great place to sit and relax. You can look through the view-finder to see native wildlife either on the grounds or in the St. Johns River.



## Butterfly Garden

The natural butterfly garden has a variety of host plant species visited by butterflies! The butterflies lay their eggs on host plants to ensure caterpillars have something to eat. Learn more about butterflies and their lifecycle at our Interpretive Center.



Beauty Bush



Black-eyed Susan

## Nature Trails

Make sure to visit *Mulberry Cove Nature Trail*, a boardwalk trail that leads to a lookout on the St. John's River. There is a view-finder on the deck to help identify the many species of animals you will find living in the woodland community.

Stop by *The Palmetto Cove Nature Trail* located off Child Street. The 1 mile trail is rugged. Walk through a canopy of trees and see how many different species of animals you can identify.

There are pictorial guides to help you identify species of plants and animals on both trails.