

# Care of Wildlife

The staff at the Deering Estate at Cutler shares your concern for wildlife; however, we are not equipped to care for sick, injured, orphaned, or stray animals. These animals have special needs that are best addressed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Under no circumstances may any animal (exotic or native) be released into the park. Introduced animals prey upon local wildlife and compete with them for food, nesting sites, and other resources. Also, please remember that even seemingly healthy animals can carry diseases and parasites that may be harmful to both human handlers and local animal populations.

Should you encounter wildlife that needs assistance, the following organizations may be able to help:

## Birds

Falcon Batchelor Bird of Prey Center, Miami Museum of Science 305-646-4440

Pelican Harbor Seabird Station 305-751-9840

Wild Bird Rescue 305-745-8382 (Marathon, Florida Keys)

Wild Bird Center 305-852-4486 (Tavernier, Florida Keys)

## Marine Animals

Marine Animal Rescue Society (MARS) 1-888-404-FWCC

Sea Turtle Hotline 954-328-0580

## Mammals & Other Wildlife

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Ark Angels Wildlife Rescue, Inc. 305-852-2124 (Tavernier, Florida Keys)

Everglades Outpost 305-247-8000 (Homestead)

Jacque Corricelli 954-746-1816 (Ft. Lauderdale)

Rascals Wildlife Care Network, Inc. 954-779-0364 (Ft. Lauderdale)

Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital 954-752-9453 (Broward)

South Florida Wildlife Rehabilitation Center 305-247-7885

Wildlife Care Center 954-524-4302 (Broward)

Wildlife Rescue of Dade County 305-235-5315