

The Traveling Nature Photographer Blog

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Florida Adventures:

This state is a wonderful place to visit and for some to live. I am going to work this in 3 posts and an introduction to the things I personally really like, the animals. The posts will be divided into the sections of the states and the coastlines.

Introduction:

I have lived in Florida a couple of times. The first time was in the early '70s after getting married. We lived down by Ft. Lauderdale. It has changed dramatically. Plantation, the city, was a sign on a road that looked like open fields and swamps. Not now.

While I really prefer photographing raptors the wading birds in Florida are amazing. One note to keep from looking like a tourist. There is no such bird as a seagull. Gulls are named by each type. I learned that years ago and spread it on my National Geographic site. It was amazing to see the people who thought there is a bird named that. It is generic type word. The most common gull in Florida, as far as I know, is the laughing gull. Anyone around where there are gull has heard this very loud bird. I am going to include some animal images here just to show the diversity of the animals across a large state about the size of Wisconsin. If you drive from the western part of the panhandle to Key West plan on stopping a couple of times. It is about 850 miles from Pensacola to Key West. That does not include going to the east coast and down.

Florida has forests in the panhandle and world-class beaches all around the state. It has a large prairie in the center of the state. It is quite diverse.

As I do the other blogs on Florida I will get more specific but now enjoy the images of some of the things I have had the privilege to photograph.



