



RON & GLORIA FRIEDMAN & FAMILY

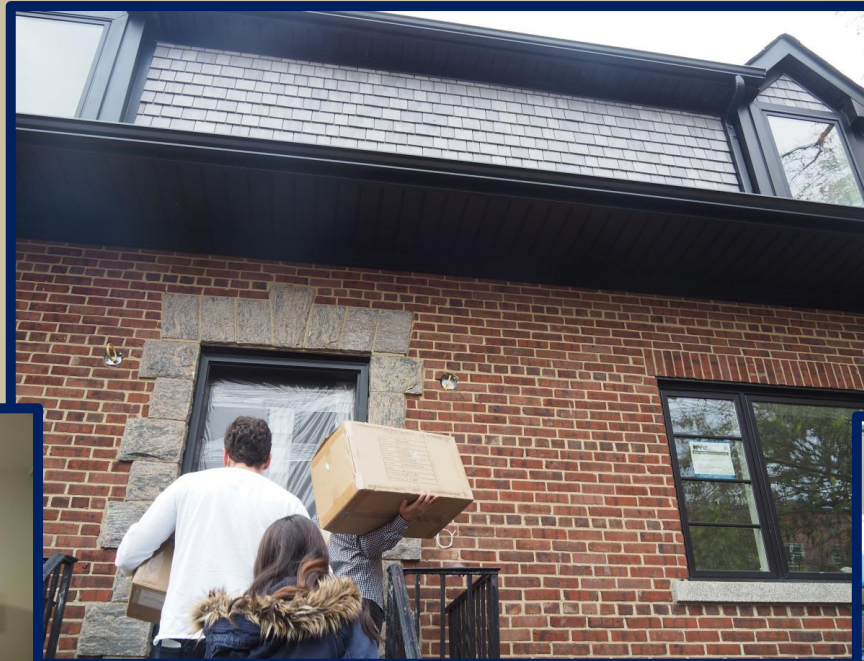
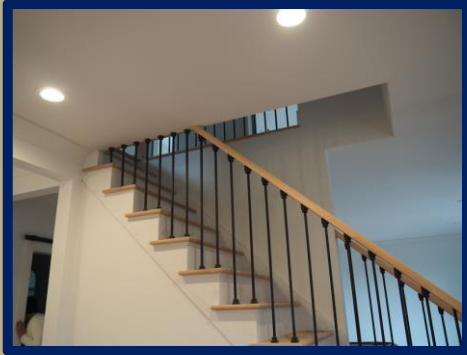
Year in Review 2021
The year of the COVID pandemic

An explanation: Not that we will forget.

- In the winter of 2020, there was a new flu-like virus called COVID19. It ranked with major pandemics for transmission and deaths.
- In March 2020, the world shut down, suddenly and with little explanation at first. By May virtually everything was closed and people stayed home except for groceries and open area outdoor activities like walking or biking.
- It is now September 2021 and the world is starting to get back to normal but at the same time preparing for another wave of virus.

Thanksgiving with Jonathan and Jessica

as they get ready to move back into their renovated home



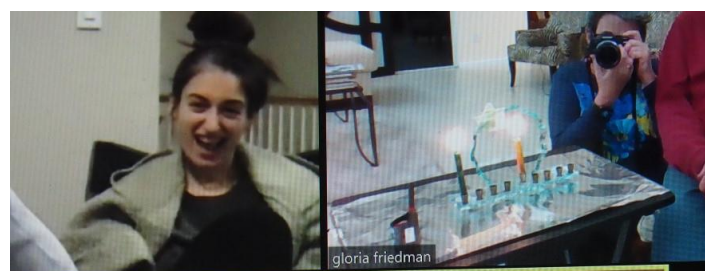




A QUICK
VISIT WHILE
DELIVERING
CHANUKAH
PRESENTS



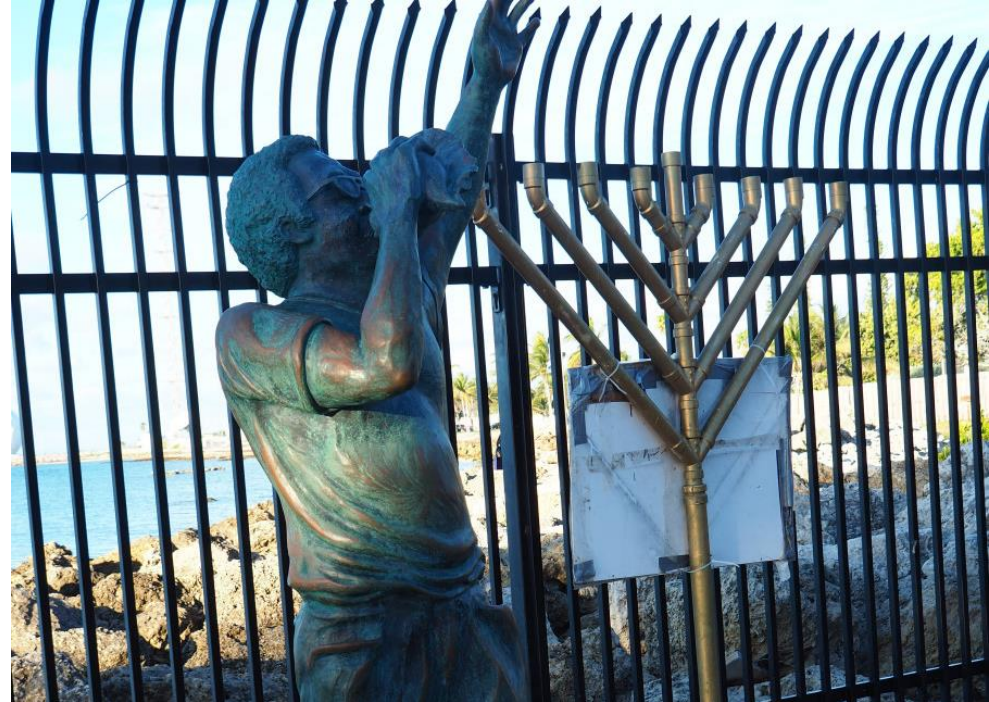
ZOOM CHANUKAH





A December journey to Key West via the Overseas Highway







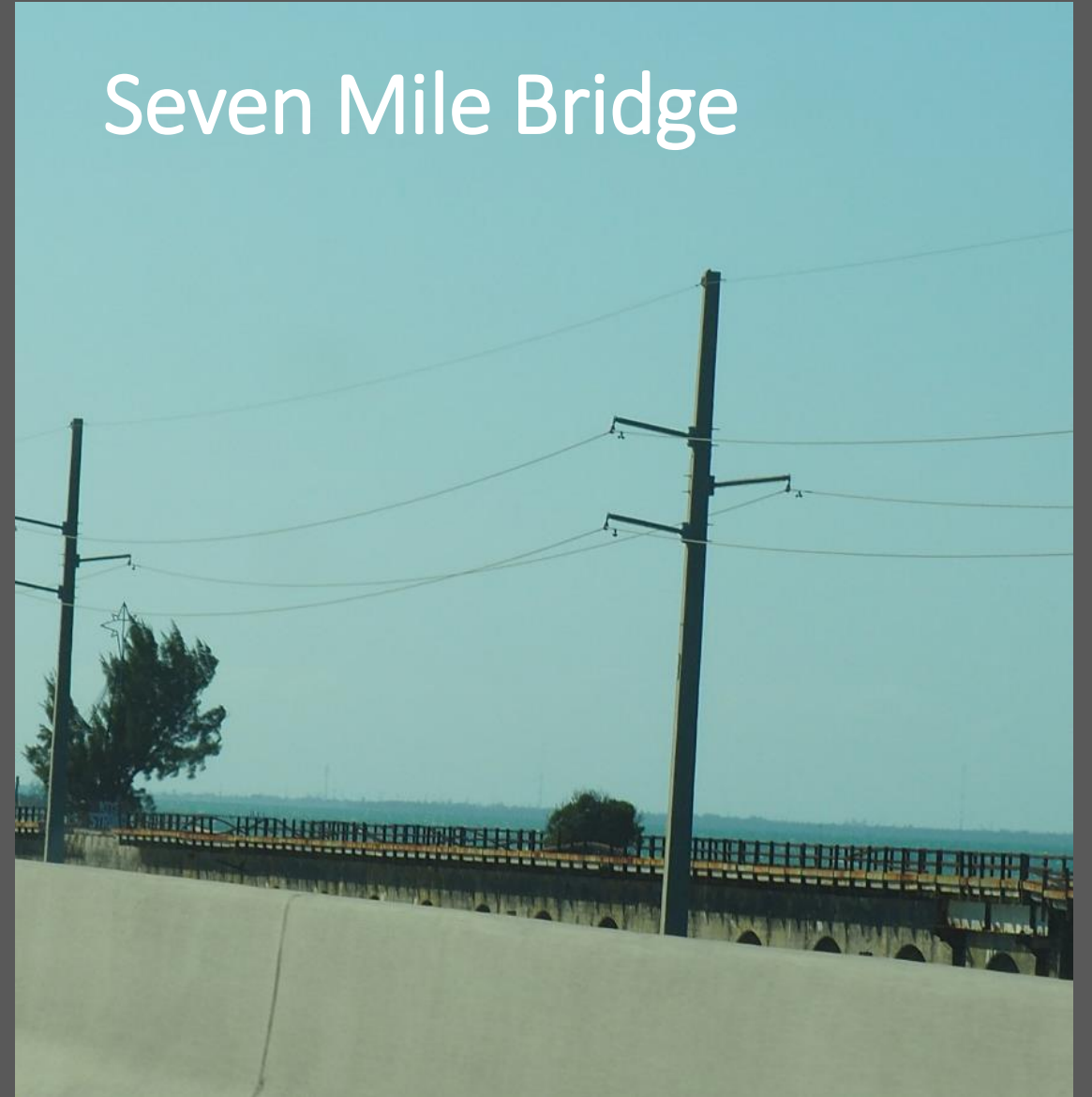
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Seven Mile Bridge



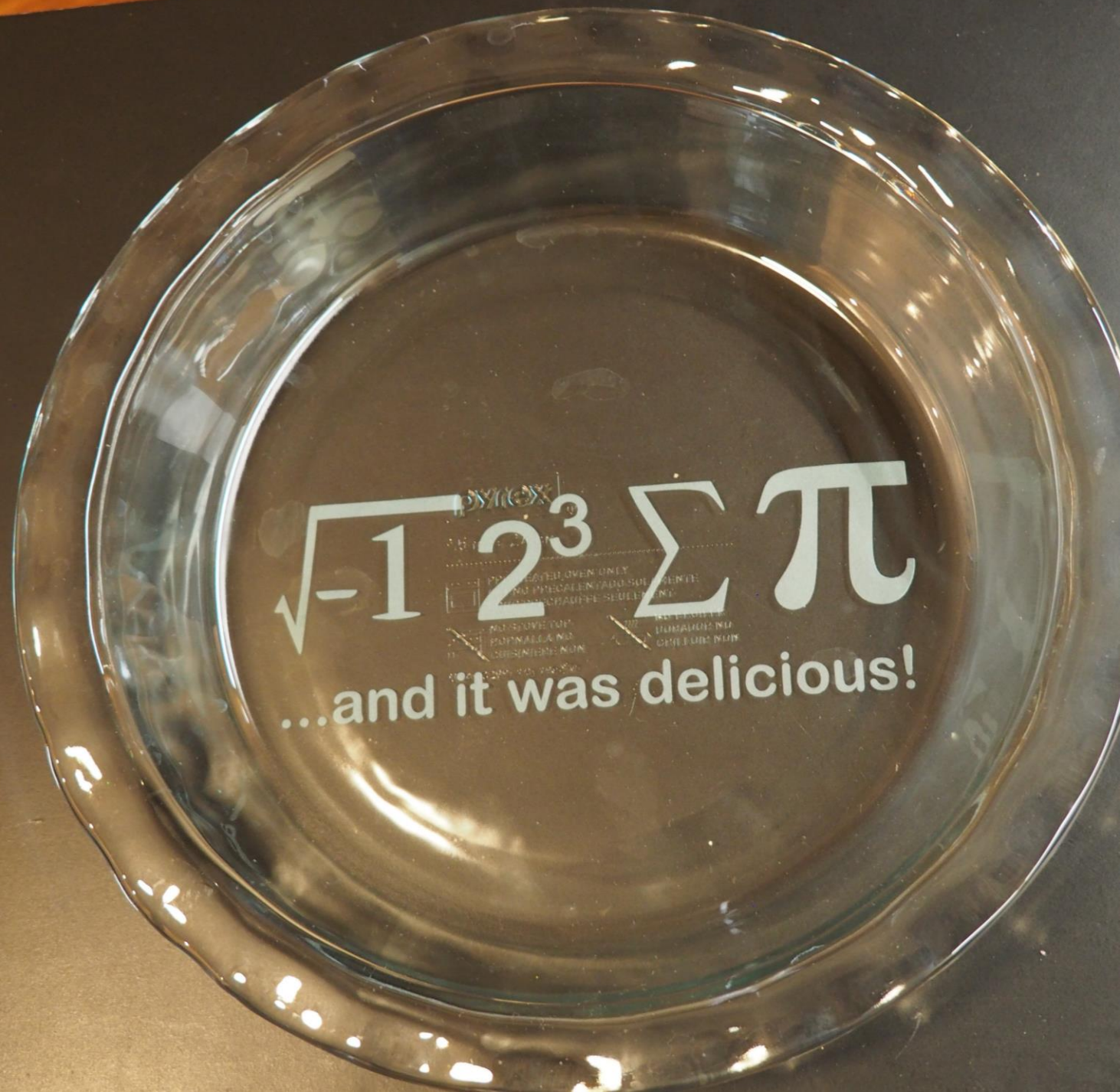
Marathon





HOLIDAY
DECORATIONS
MADE OF
SAND IN WEST
PALM BEACH

SORRY, NO PI
PARTY THIS YEAR,
BUT LOOK AT
THE BEAUTIFUL
PI PLATE ILENE
SENT ME





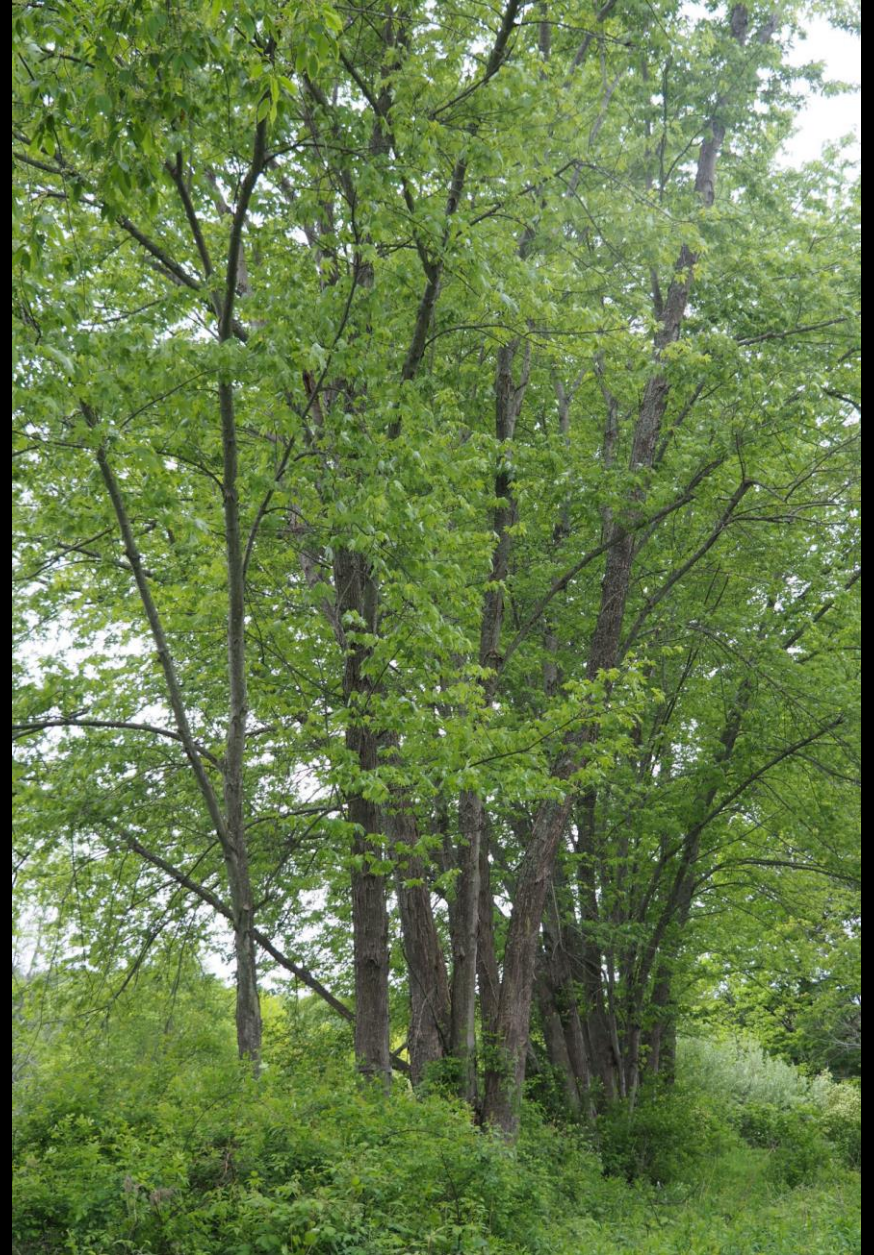
ZOOM
PASSOVER
(AT LEAST IT WAS MORE
ORGANIZED THAN LAST YEAR)



Memorial Day
(finally a live visit)









OUR 41ST
ANNIVERSARY
A WEEKEND IN THE
POCONOS





Ron builds a bridge and a pergola





Weekend with Ilene and friends at the Lake House





Elliott's Naming









Labor Day and
Rosh Hashana
Weekend





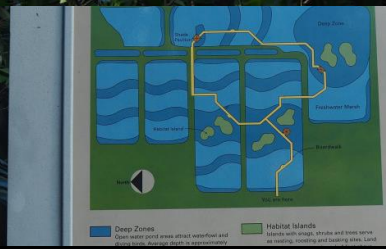
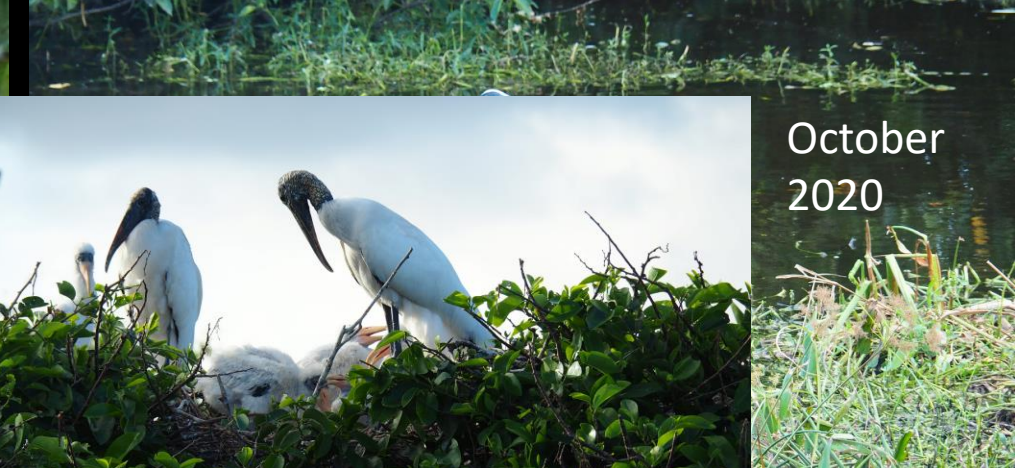
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Nature Pictures

Wakodahatchee, Green Cay and Okeeheelee Parks



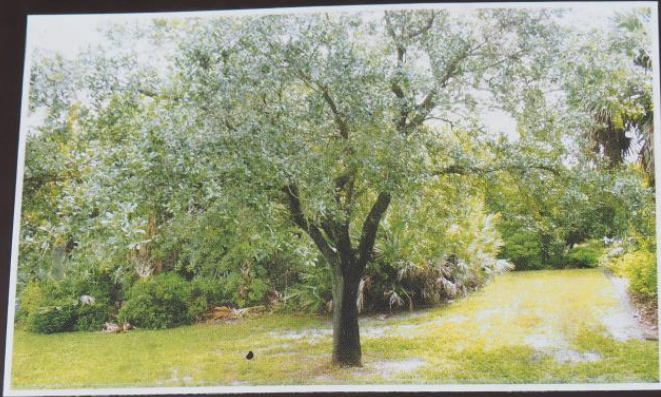
...ally boardwalk
people about the importance of water
conservation. The Palm Beach County's
Water Utilities Department has recognized
the need to recycle water in order to
conserve this precious resource.

This constructed wetland naturally
purifies highly treated water from the
Southern Region Water Reclamation
Facility. It also recharges the area's
groundwater resources and provides a
natural habitat for wildlife. WaterScience
recycles approximately one million gallons
of water daily.

By examining the aquatic environment of
the freshwater marsh as a natural system,
we can learn to appreciate the harmony
between ourselves and our environment.



Live Oak *Quercus virginiana*



Found throughout the south, this tree can grow to 50 feet. It is important as a source of cover and food for many animals, including squirrels, and black bear. The Gray Jay also nests in and feeds in the tree.

December 2020

SAVING FLORIDA'S GOPHER TORTOISES

WHY IS MY BURROW IMPORTANT?

I am a keystone species. My burrow is home to 365+ species like:

- Indigo snakes
- Florida mice
- Gopher frogs
- Burrowing owls



WATCH YOUR STEP

We dig burrows on land 8-12" deep and up to 40' long! Using our powerful front forelegs, we dig our burrows deep to escape the Florida heat! Our eggs are usually laid in a sandy area outside the burrow entrance.



I'M PROTECTED DON'T TOUCH ME OR MY BURROW

It is a violation to intentionally take, harass, wound or kill any species designated as endangered, threatened, or "of special concern."

S. 379.411, Florida Statutes - Violators may be guilty of a third-degree felony.

ABOUT US

Gopher tortoises are one of the oldest living animals on Earth, with many of us living to be 80 years or older!

As adults, we have no natural native enemies, except humans.

On average, we're 10 inches long and weigh up to 10-12 lbs.

We are reproductively mature at 10 years or older and lay 3-5 eggs in a clutch.

We have an internal GPS unit that allows us to always find our way back home to our burrow.

CALL FWC TO REPORT A VIOLATION
888-404-3922



OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER



Please Stay on Designated Trails (paved and shell rock)

While Enjoying Your Visit, Please Remember That
The Following Are NOT PERMITTED:

- * Pets
- * Food or Alcoholic Beverages
- * Bikes, Skates, Scooters or Jogging (nature trails are for walking only)
- * Smoking (designated area only)
- * Bare feet (shirts and shoes required in Nature Center building)
- * Feeding of wildlife

Park Rangers: 561-252-1714 PBC Sheriff's Office: 561-688-3000

Palm Beach County Code, Chapter 21

January 2021



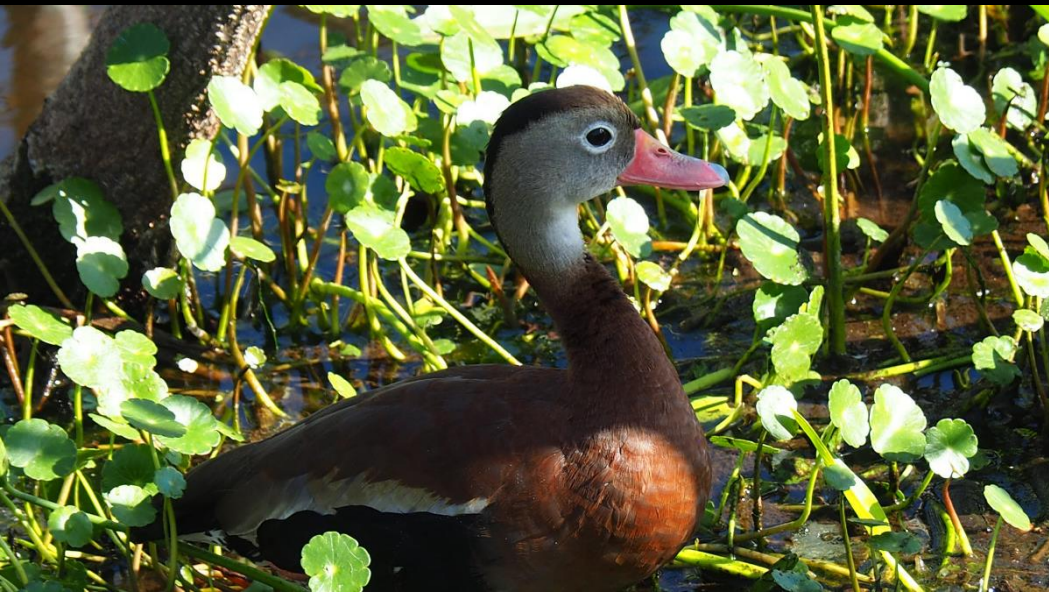
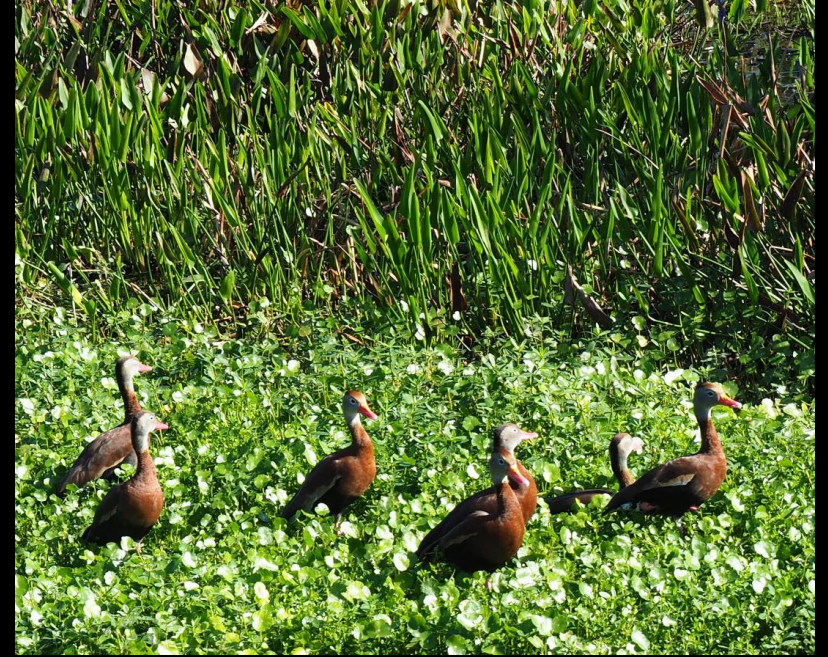
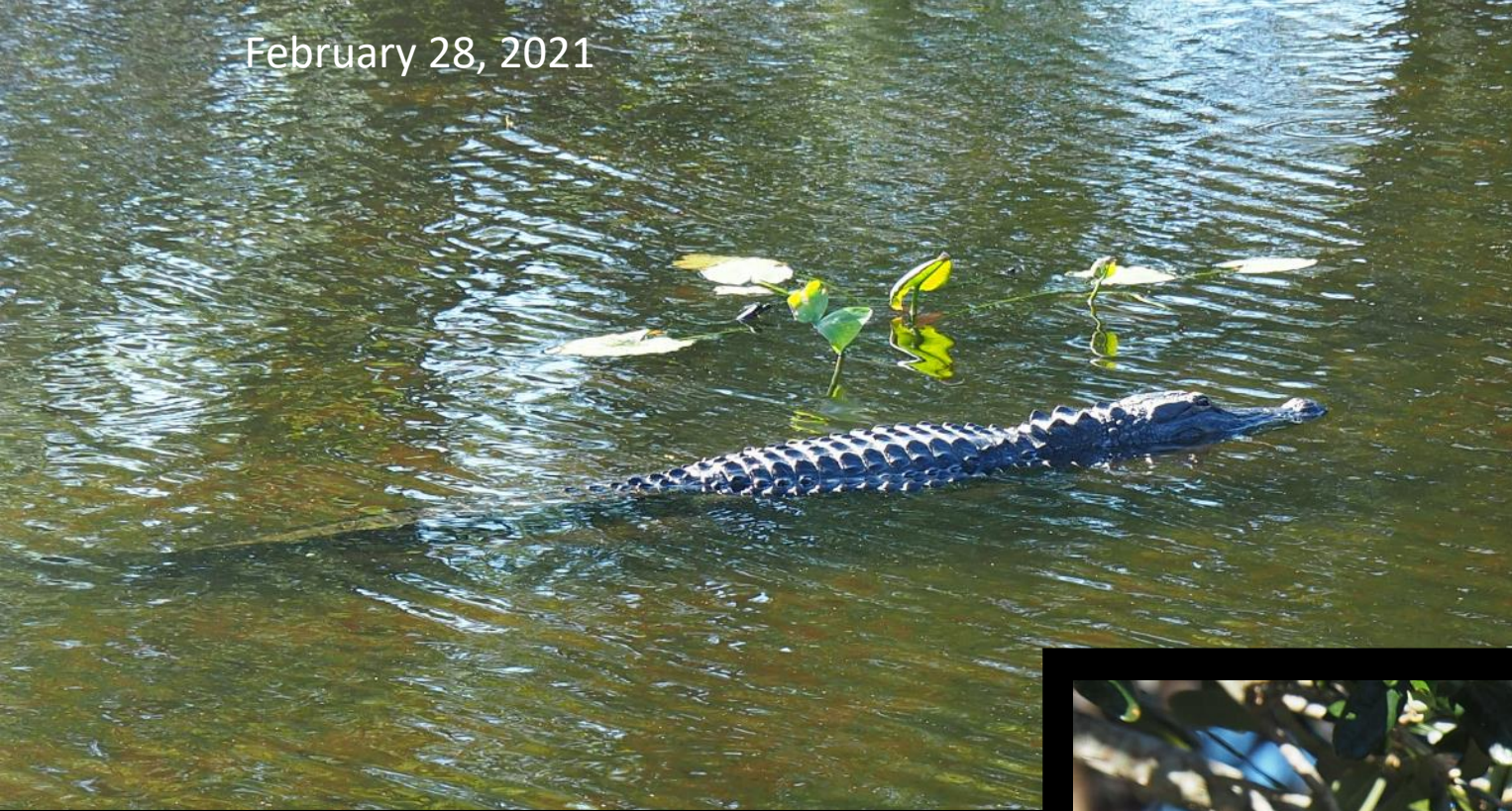
February 20, 2021



February 28, 2021



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March 20, 2021

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April 12, 2021





Wishing all our
friends and family a
L'Shana Tova
A Happy and
Healthy New Year

*With Love,
Ron and
Gloria
Friedman
September 2021*