

# FLORIDA WILDLIFE

## Health Issues to Know



White-tailed  
Deer

**Brain Abscess:** Abscess forms in the brain after head injury, creating CWD like symptoms.

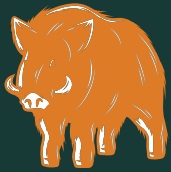
**Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease:** suite of viruses that lead to internal hemorrhage, emaciation, lameness, and oral ulcers.

**Cutaneous Fibroma:** Virus that causes wart-like hairless blemishes.

**Arterial Worm & Food Impaction:** Worms that cause facial paralysis and allow food to accumulate in the jaw area.

**Nasal Bots:** Larval bot flies found in the nasal passages.

\*Chronic Wasting Disease under surveillance in Florida\*



Feral  
Swine

**Pseudorabies:** Contagious infectious disease caused by a herpes virus, PRV. Feral swine are the main reservoir.

**Swine Brucellosis:** A bacterial disease that can be transferred to humans when dressing or eating improperly cooked feral swine.



Avian

**Avian Influenza:** A highly pathogenic virus that can be found in many species but is especially dangerous to birds.

**Avian Pox:** Caused by a virus, avipox virus. Major disease of wild turkeys causing wart-like or scabby lesions to unfeathered areas of the bird.

**Newcastle Disease:** Virus that does not always cause illness in wild birds, waterfowl seem to be more affected. Can be transmitted to domestic birds, especially poultry.



Multi-  
Species

**Mange:** A parasitic mite which burrows under the skin causing significant irritation & hair loss. Affects coyotes, foxes, and raccoons, but other animals are susceptible.

**Canine Distemper Virus:** Neurological disease affecting foxes, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, and otters.

**Rabies:** Virus that causes neurological symptoms and abnormal behavior. Transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected animal. Carried by bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes.