

species of moths and countless invertebrate species. Many of these species are directly affected by water quality and quantity. In fact, the Refuge is “world renowned for its amphibian populations that are bioindicators of global health.”¹⁹⁹ More than 600 plant species have also been identified on the Refuge.²⁰⁰

Among the Refuge biota are an array of sensitive and imperiled species, including six federally listed species, 15 state-listed species in Georgia and/or Florida, and at least 19 plants and animals identified as Species of Greatest Conservation Need in Florida’s or Georgia’s State Wildlife Action Plan, or both.

Species listed under the Endangered Species Act that use, may use or could potentially (P) use the Refuge include:²⁰¹

1. Eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*) • *threatened*
2. Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) • *endangered*
3. Wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) • *threatened*
4. Hairy rattleweed (*Baptisia arachnifera*) • *endangered*
5. Frosted flatwoods salamander (*Ambystoma cingulatum*) • *threatened* (P)²⁰²
6. Florida panther (*Felis concolor coryi*) • *endangered* (P)²⁰³

¹⁹⁹ Okefenokee Refuge CCP at 6.

²⁰⁰ *Id.* at 6.

²⁰¹ *Id.*, App. V.

²⁰² *Id.* at 56.

²⁰³ *Id.* at 45.