

V. Pertinent Species and Habitat:

A. Include species/habitat occurrence map:

Wood storks and Alligators use the wetland habitats of the swamp.

B. Complete the following table:

SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT	STATUS ¹
Wood stork	Threatened
American Alligator	Threatened due to similarity of appearance

¹STATUS: E=endangered, T=threatened, PE=proposed endangered, PT=proposed threatened, CH=critical habitat, PCH=proposed critical habitat, C=candidate species

VI. Location (see attached map):

A. Ecoregion Name: North Florida Ecosystem

B. County and State: Lanier County, Georgia

C. Section, township, and range (or UTM NAD 27 coordinates):
299,823.72 3,435,358.93

D. Distance (miles) and direction to nearest town: Lakeland, Georgia is within three miles of the refuge entrance.

E. Species/habitat occurrence:

Wood storks use the open shallow wetland habitats of the Banks Lake NWR for roosting and foraging.

American Alligators are found primarily around the edges of the lake. In 2013, Georgia DNR began annual alligator surveys on Banks Lake NWR, water levels permitting. These surveys are conducted annually on two separate nights. The following table summarizes the results of these surveys.

Alligator Surveys

	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017
Survey Night	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Length Class (ft)										
0-2	4	12	2	2	9	4	5	5	1	2
2-4	7	11	6	7	8	5	7	8	15	7
4-6	18	11	13	16	7	6	12	13	11	13