

## Native Vs Invasive Species Fact Cards

### Material:

- Index Cards Or Cardstock
- Construction Paper
- Colored Pencils, Crayons, Markers, etc.
- “Animal Fact Cards”

**Objective:** Explorers will learn about native vs invasive species

### Lesson:

#### **Native Species**

A native species is an animal or plant that originated in that habitat due to natural progressions. Today, we focus on native reptiles in Florida. Some examples include: Alligators, Water Moccasin, Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake.



#### **Invasive Species**

An invasive species is an animal or plant that did not originate in that habitat. Typically, it is an animal that thrives in its new environment and causes damage to that habitat. More times than not, invasive species outcompete native species. This is because invasive species usually do not have any natural predators in that new habitat. Some examples include: Iguanas, Burmese Pythons, Tegus, etc.

- Explorers will be using index cards to create their own animal fact cards.
- Their goal is to create five native species cards and five invasive species cards
- Include the following information on each:
  - Front:
    - Animal Picture And Name
  - Back:
    - Scientific Name
    - Natural Habitat/ Distribution
    - Diet
    - Predators
    - Native Vs Invasive
    - IUCN Status
    - A Fun Fact