

Audubon of Florida's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary Visit

Webpage: <http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org/>

Podcast: Check online at the podcasts webpage for a quick audio file that details the site.

Directions: Take I-75 to Exit 111 (Naples Park, C.R. 846) and exit east onto Immokalee Road. *Do NOT use Exit 123 (Corkscrew Road)!!!* Go approximately 15 miles and turn left onto Sanctuary Road (look a large brown sign on the right and another at the intersection on the left). Sanctuary Road makes a 90 degree left bend -- stay on the paved road! Go to the end of the paved road, look for the entrance sign, and turn right into the parking lot.

Phone: 239.348.9151

Address: Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary; 375 Sanctuary Road West; Naples, FL 34120

Tasks: As you visit the location today, pay attention to the naturalist and listen to what she has to tell us. When you summarize the trip in your Nature Journal, answer the following questions in detail. Anything else you want to write about is strongly encouraged.

- Why is the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary important to this region?
- What natural service(s) does this area provide?
- Describe, in detail, the ecosystem types you visited. How are soils, elevation, and hydroperiods different from one ecosystem to another?
- What factors are essential for wood stork nesting success?
- Name 5 plant species you saw and list the distinguishing features for each one.
- Name 5 animal species you saw and list the distinguishing features for each one.
- What is the “Living Machine”? How does this relate to sustainability of natural resources, like fresh water?
- Explain one thing your guide said that you did not previously know about, but you learned today and thought it was interesting.
- Are you “better off” for having visited this area?
- Explain how you connected to nature today.

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary Species List

You need to read and familiarize yourself with the “Habitats” section of the Audubon field guide (pp. 28 – 47)

- Bald cypress
- Pond cypress
- Epiphytes (Air plants)
- Spanish moss
- Ball moss
- Bromeliads
- Orchids (Ghost orchid when in bloom)
- Alligator flag
- Water lettuce
- Pond apple
- Strangler fig
- Strap fern
- Resurrection fern
- Shoestring fern
- American alligator
- Anhinga
- White ibis
- Great blue heron
- Great egret
- Wood stork
- Florida black bear
- Otter