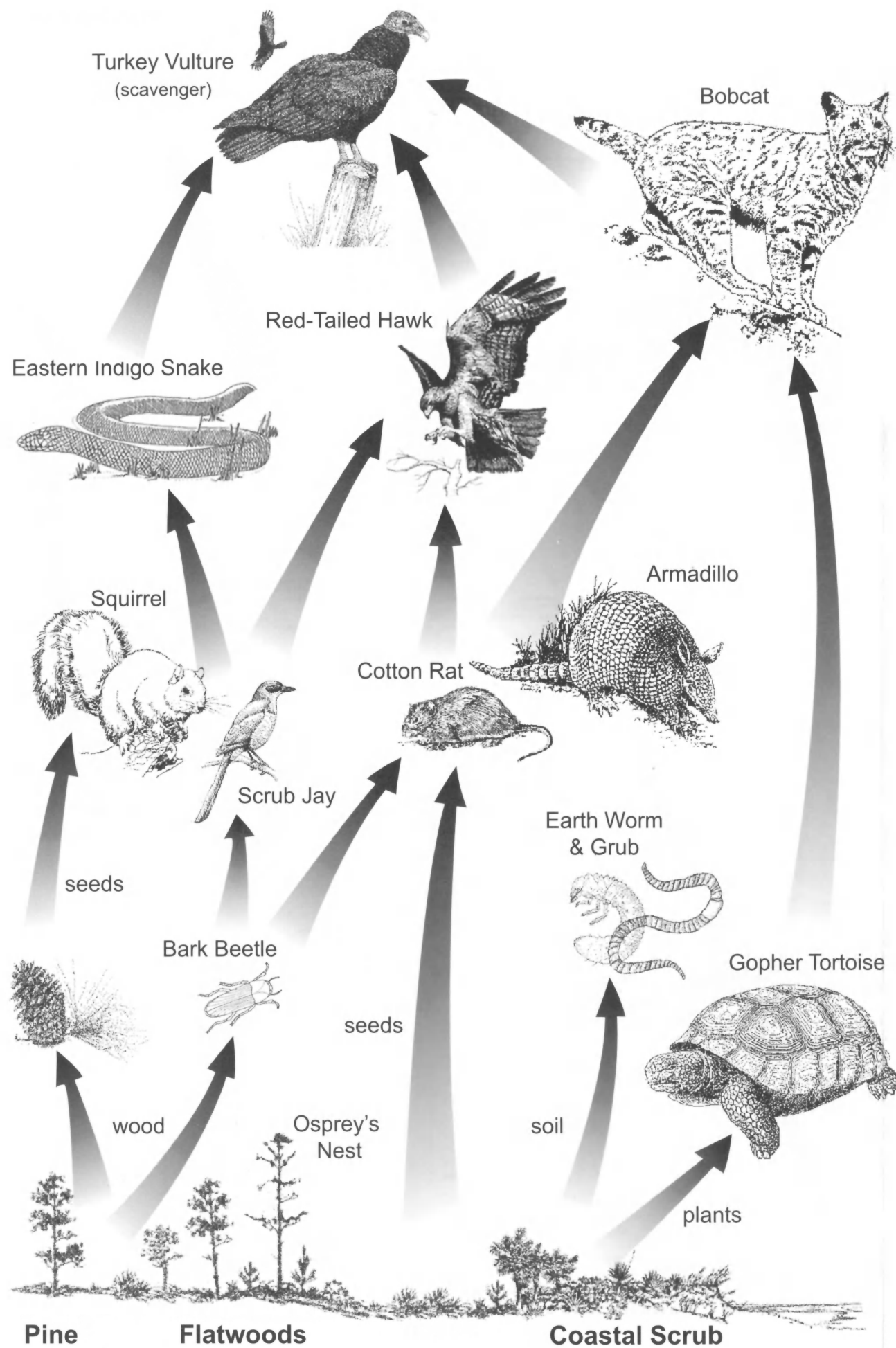




What is in the Nature's Food Chain Guide

Imagine that we took a large knife and cut across the width of Canaveral National Seashore. Then we separated the two pieces of land we had cut. Now we would be able to see the different wildlife habitats in cross section. On the following pages we have done that very thing. At the bottom of each page a drawing shows you how a part of Canaveral National Seashore looks in cross section. Above each cross section a food chain of the animals that live in that habitat flows from the plants that produce food to the top carnivores. Follow the food chain and color the animals as you go.

Why Canaveral National Seashore Exists

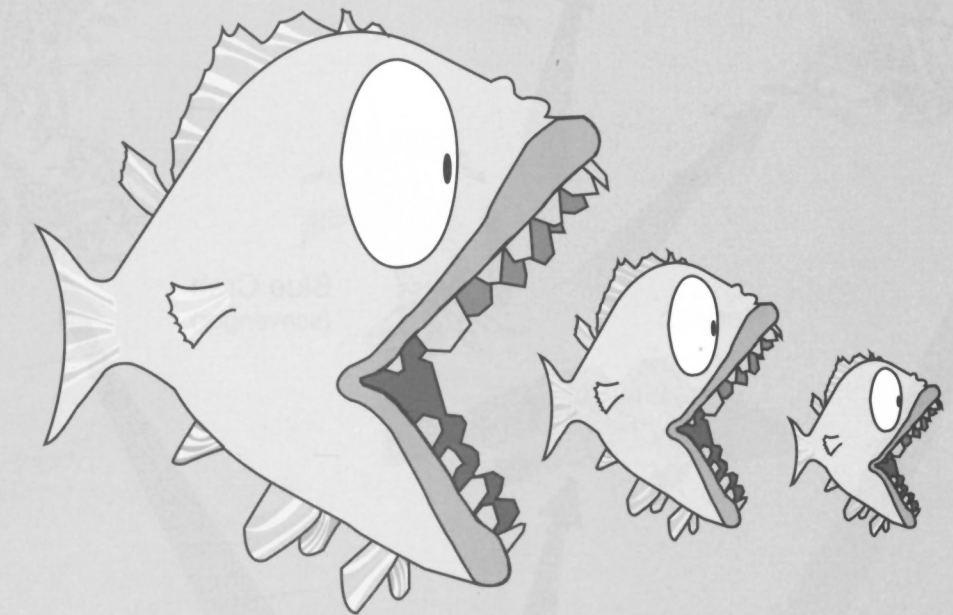
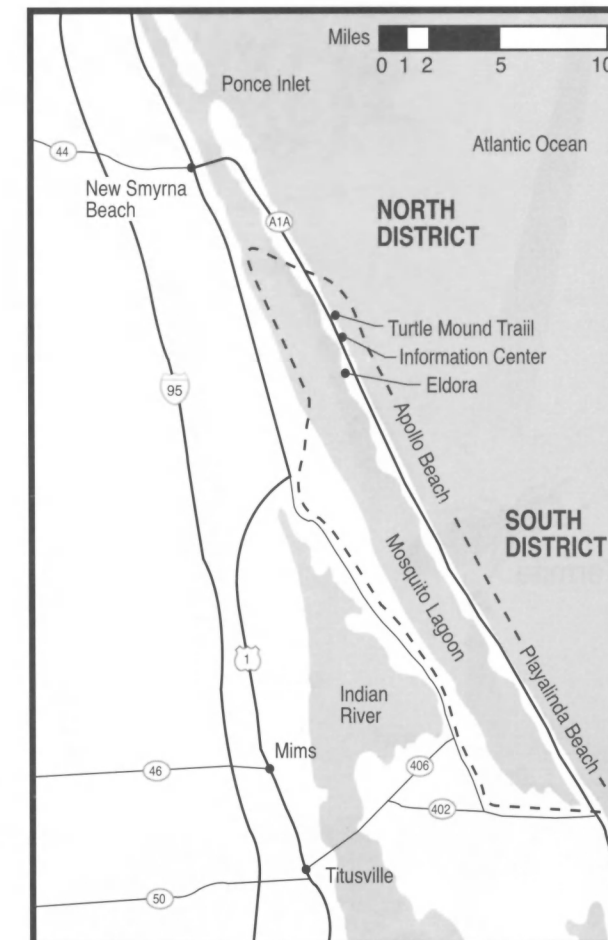
Canaveral National Seashore became a park so the rare features of this wild coastal area would be protected. Within the Seashore is Mosquito Lagoon, an unpolluted body of water that is home for a number of important commercial species such as oysters, blue crabs, shrimp, mullet, and sport fish. The Seashore provides needed habitat for more than 14 threatened and endangered animals. The 24 miles of barrier island that protect Mosquito Lagoon is most unique. The island is the only stretch of undeveloped beach and dune along the east coast of Florida that people can visit. This wild stretch of beach is an example of what the Spaniards saw almost 500 years ago when they first sighted Florida. The warming effect of the gulf stream current that flows off the shoreline of the Seashore, allows a unique mixture of tropical and temperate plant life to exist in the park's hammocks. This kind of plant mixing is found nowhere else in the world except for south China.

Things to do at Canaveral National Seashore

To help children and adults discover the unique features of the Seashore, the park rangers present a variety of outdoor activities that you can participate in. These activities are free, fun, and scheduled each weekend.

The park rangers invite teachers and their students to take a field trip to Canaveral National Seashore. Students have fun while they actively participate to learn about Mosquito Lagoon, surf creatures, the dunes, and Timucuan Indians.

To obtain more information about the park and the ranger guided activities, call us at (321) 267-1110 in Titusville, or at (386) 428-3384 in new Smyrna Beach.



NATURE'S FOOD CHAIN

