

## Ecological interactions within semi-aquatic aquatic snake assemblages



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Many aquatic snakes in the southeastern USA inhabit dynamic ecosystems. The 20 species of aquatic snakes native to the southeastern USA have evolved different strategies in response to these ecological conditions. Due to their secretive behavior and low detectability, few quantitative data on diet, niche overlap, population dynamics, the effects of drought, or interactions with non-native species have been collected. Based on many years of data on a semi-aquatic snake community in South Carolina, I'll outline what we know and propose a research agenda for filling in some gaps in southwest Florida, including on FGCU campus.

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