

CABOT CITRUS FARMS

NATURE GUIDE





COVER IMAGE OF BLANKETFLOWER (GALLARDIA PULCHERRIMA) BY GUMTREE GOLF AND NATURE CLUB. INSIDE-COVER IMAGE BY JEFF MARSH.

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SANDHILL CRANE PHOTO BY FLORIDA'S ADVENTURE COAST; WILDFLOWERS PHOTO BY JEFF MARSH; BARRED OWL PHOTO BY TOM INGRAM/AUDUBON PHOTOGRAPHY.

A NATURE RETREAT



Nature is essential to Cabot Citrus Farms. That's why the names of its courses, Karoo and Roost, pay homage to the flora and fauna on site. Bordered by the Withlacoochee State Forest, our destination is home to a unique collection of plant and animal species. The Sandhills ecological community is characterized by tall and spaced pine trees that are peppered with large deciduous oaks. This provides a home to an array of beautiful birds, including sandhill cranes, whose birdcalls are often referred to as "rolling *karoos*," and wild turkeys, who often *roost* under the beautiful oaks. Sitting to the east of the Sandhills area is the Upland Hardwood Hammock, a landscape that offers unique karst features such as caves and springs. We hope you enjoy the beauty of this unique and varied natural oasis.



WILDFLOWERS AT THE SQUEEZE. PHOTO BY JEFF MARSH.

NATURAL HISTORY



Cabot Citrus Farms is ideally situated along the Brooksville Ridge, where elevation varies up to 75 meters above sea level. This unique topography is why the area feels unlike any other in the Sunshine State. The region's predominant bedrock is Ocala limestone, a porous and soluble rock. With the help of active groundwater circulation, this tertiary limestone dissolves to reveal beautiful caverns and springs. Cabot Citrus Farms is surrounded by the Withlacoochee State Forest, which is part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. It spans nearly 18 million acres of land that are crucial for filtering and replenishing the Floridan Aquifer, and it supports the survival of many animals, including those that golfers at Cabot Citrus Farms may encounter, such as Gopher tortoises, wild turkeys and fox squirrels.



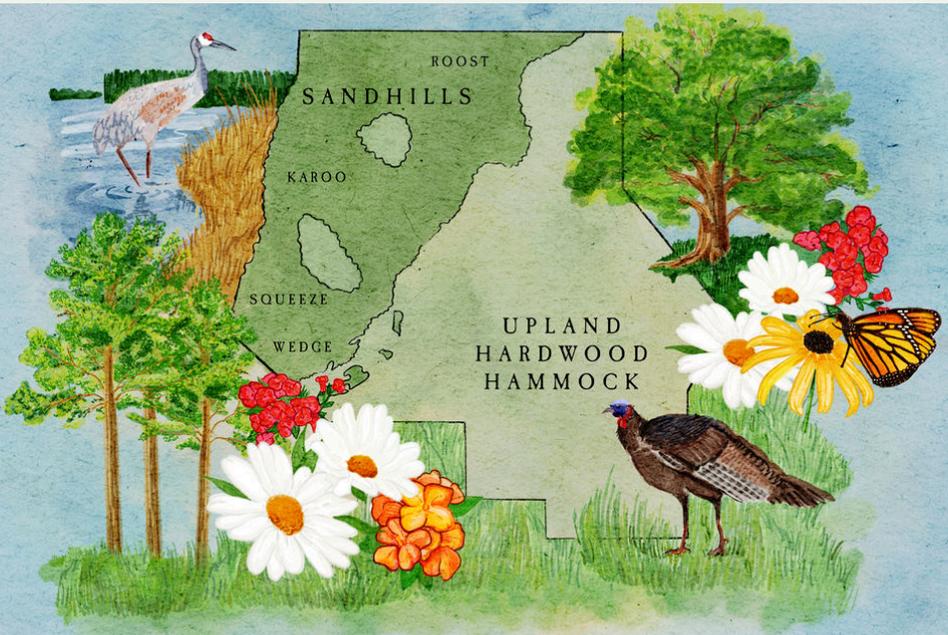
BLANKETFLOWER (GALLARDIA PULCHERRIMA). PHOTO BY JEFF MARSH.





FLORIDA SCRUB JAY. PHOTO BY MARK EDEN/GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT.

ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES



SANDHILLS

Characterized by widely spaced pine trees that are peppered with deciduous oaks and a groundcover of grasses, herbs, and low shrubs, the Sandhills area has typical indicator species such as longleaf pine, turkey oak, and wiregrass.



UPLAND HARDWOOD HAMMOCK

The Upland Hardwood Hammock is a thriving ecosystem on the eastern portion of Cabot Citrus Farms, defined by primary indicator species such as loblolly pine, sweet gum, hickory, Southern magnolia, and wax myrtle.



SAND SCRUB

Sand Scrub ecological communities are interspersed in small pockets across the landscape. The species found in these communities, such as pines, oaks, saw palmetto, and grasses, typically thrive in drier conditions.



A STROLL AT THE SQUEEZE. PHOTO BY GUMTREE GOLF AND NATURE CLUB.

SITE + REGIONAL HISTORY

3000 B.C.

Current climatic conditions began and people occupied both fresh and saltwater wetlands in large villages—including Horr's Island, located in present day Collier County.



1539

Hernando DeSoto's expedition lands North of Tampa Bay.



1776

Chukkochatty settlement established near Tampa Bay by Upper Creek Indians. It was here they were transformed into the Florida Seminole Tribe.



1843

Hernando County is established from the southern part of Alachua county along with parts of Hillsborough and Mosquito counties.



1856

Brooksville is established through the merger of two towns—Melendez and Pierceville.



1900s

Cabot Citrus Farms' heavily forested site is utilized for cattle production. The land was owned and occupied by the Pence Family, led by matriarch, Thelma Pence.



1991

World Woods Golf Club opens for play with two 18 hole courses: Pine Barrens and Rolling Oaks.



2024

Cabot Citrus Farms, Cabot's first American property, opens for play, welcoming golfers from around the world to experience its magic!



SANDHILLS

FAUNA



**BOBWHITE
QUAIL**
*Colinus
Virginanus*



FENCE LIZARD
*Sceloporus
undulatus*



**FLORIDA
BOBCAT**
*Lynx rufus
floridanus*



GROUND DOVE
*Columbina
passerina*



**RED-COCKADED
WOODPECKER**
Picoides borealis



**RED-TAILED
HAWK**
Buteo jamaicensis



**RUFOUS-SIDED
TOWHEE**
*Pipilo
erythrophthalmus*



**SANDHILL
CRANE**
Grus canadensis



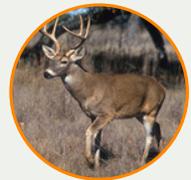
**SHERMAN'S FOX
SQUIRREL**
*Sciurus niger
shermani*



**SHORT-TAILED
SNAKE**
*Stilosoma
extenuatum*



**SPARROW
HAWK/ KESTREL**
Falco sparverius



**WHITE-TAILED
DEER**
*Odocoileus
virginianus*

SANDHILLS

FLORA



ASTER

Aster spp.



BLUEJACK OAK

*Columbina
passerina*



BRACKEN FERN

*Pteridium
aquilinum*



ELEPHANT'S
FOOT

Elephantopus spp.



GODFREY'S
BLAZING STAR*

Liatris provincialis



HAIRY PANICUM

Panicum anceps



LONGLEAF PINE

Pinus Palustris



PINEWOODS
DROPSEED

*Sporobolus
junceus*



SANDHILL
MILKWEED

*Asclepias
humistrata*



SHOWY
CROTALARIA

*Crotalaria
spectabilis*



TURKEY OAK

Quercus laevis



WILD INDIGO

Baptista spp.

*ENDANGERED



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THE 16TH HOLE AT KAROO. PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN HAEFER.



UPLAND HARDWOOD HAMMOCK

FAUNA



BARRED OWL
Strix varia



COTTON MOUSE
Peromyscus gossypinus



GRAY FOX
Urocyon cinereoargenteus



GRAY SQUIRREL
Sciurus carolinensis



PILEATED WOODPECKER
Dryocopus pileatus



RACCOON
Procyon lotor



RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER
Melanerpes carolinus



SHERMAN'S FOX SQUIRREL
Sciurus niger shermani



STRIPED NEWT*
Notophthalmus perstriatus



WILD TURKEY
Meleagris gallopavo



WOODCOCK
Scolopax minor

UPLAND HARDWOOD HAMMOCK

FLORA



BLANKET
FLOWER
Gallardia



LOBLOLLY PINE
Pinus taeda



PARTRIDGE
BERRY
Mitchella repens



RAGWEED
*Ambrosia
artemisiifolia*



SHINING SUMAC
Rhus copallinum



SOUTHERN
MAGNOLIA
*Magnolia
grandiflora*



SPANISH MOSS
*Tillandsia
usneoides*



SPARKLEBERRY
*Vaccinium
arboreum*



SWEETGUM
*Liquidambar
styraciflua*



TICKSEED
Coreopsis



WATER OAK
Quercus nigra



WAX MYRTLE
Myrica cerifera

*ENDANGERED



SANDHILL CRANE. PHOTO BY HARDINGER SINGH/AUDUBON PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS



SAND SCRUB

FAUNA



BACHMAN'S SPARROW
Peucaea aestivalis



BLACK RACER
Coluber constrictor



BLUE-TAILED MOLE SKINK
Eumeces egregius lividus



FLORIDA SCRUB JAY
Aphelocoma coerulescens



GOFF'S POCKET GOPHER
Geomys pinetis goffi



GOPHER FROG
Lithobates capito



GOPHER TORTOISE
Gopherus polyphemus



GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER
Myiarchus crinitus



SAND SKINK
Neoseps reynoldsi



SCRUB LIZARD
Sceloporus woodi

SAND SCRUB

FLORA



CHAPMAN OAK

*Quercus
chapmannii*



DEERMOSS

Cladonia spp.



DWARF
HUCKLEBERRY
*Gaylussacia
dumosa*



FLORIDA
BONAMIA
*Bonamia
grandiflora*



GOPHER APPLE

*Chrysobalanus
oblongifolius*



GRASSLEAF
GOLDENASTER
*Heterotheca
graminifolia*



LOW PANICUM

Panicum spp.



MYRTLE OAK

*Quercus
myrtifolia*



SAND LIVE OAK

*Quercus
virginiana var.
geminata*



SAND PINE

Pinus clausa



SAW PALMETTO

Serenoa repens



YELLOW
INDIANGRASS
*Sorghastrum
nutans*



SPANISH NEEDLE. PHOTO BY JEFF MARSH.

WILDFLOWERS

FOUND THROUGHOUT CABOT CITRUS FARMS



ASTER
Aster spp.



BLACK EYED
SUSAN
Rudbeckia hirta



BLUE
PORTERWEED
*Stachytarpheta
jamaicensis*



DUNE
SUNFLOWER
Helianthus debilis



FLORIDA
PAINTBRUSH
*Carphephorus
corymbosus*



PINELAND
HELIOTROPE
*Euploca
polyphylla*



PINELAND
LANTANA
*Lantana
depressa*



PURPLE
CONEFLOWER
*Echinacea
purpurea*



SPANISH
NEEDLE
Bidens alba



SUNSHINE
MIMOSA
Mimosa strigilosa



SWAMP
TICKSEED
Coreopsis nudata



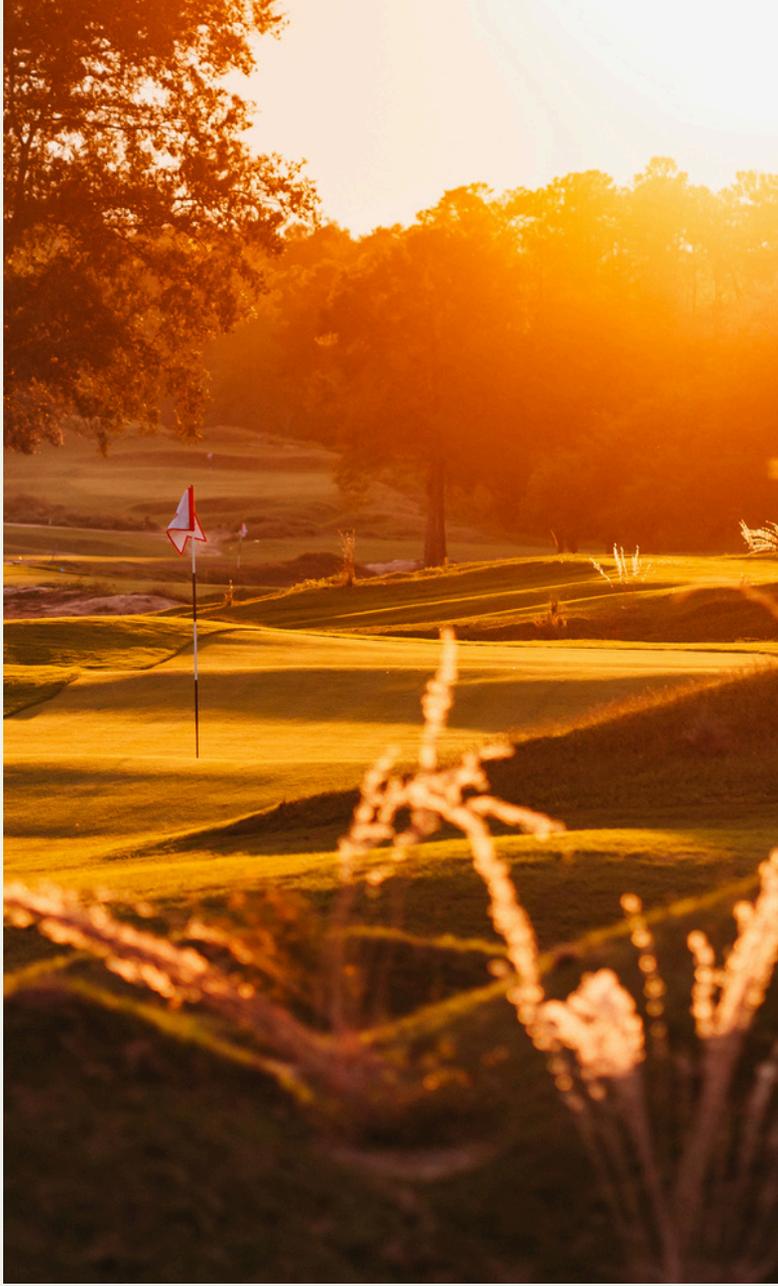
TROPICAL SAGE
Salvia coccinea



RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE. PHOTO BY GEORGY SEMENOV/AUDUBON PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS.



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