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I am one of the most distinct plant communities in the Everglades. I am an island with many low trees growing on me. My elevation is usually only slightly higher than the surrounding marsh areas. What am I?

TREE ISLANDS

I am a bay that is bordered by the Florida Keys on the south and the Everglades on the north. I am 850 square miles in size and very shallow; my average depth is only 4 to 5 feet. What bay am I?

FLORIDA BAY

In the Everglades, this enormous marine mammal can commonly be found in Florida Bay, and even though they only eat seagrasses and aquatic plants, they are extremely large! One reason for this is that they have a very slow metabolism. What marine mammal is this?

MANATEE

In the Everglades this season runs from June to October. During this time, afternoon thunderstorms are abundant and the Everglades landscape is almost completely covered with water and wildlife. What season is this?

WET SEASON

In 1928 this person wrote a letter to the Director of the National Park Service, outlining a proposal for a national park to be located in the Everglades. Thirteen years later the land was acquired and the boundaries of Everglades National Park were defined. Today this person is known as the "Father of the Everglades", who is he?

EARNEST F. COE

Did you know that the Everglades is actually a river system? Marjory Stoneman Douglas, a famous Florida environmentalist, coined **this term** because throughout much of the shallow river grew an unusual plant called sawgrass. What is this term?

RIVER OF GRASS

These trees grow in and adjacent to brackish water and cover most of the southern tip of the Florida peninsula. One species of this type of tree is easily recognized by its "walking" stilt-like roots. What type of trees are these?

MANGROVES

Along with the Brazilian Pepper and the Maleleuca tree, this exotic tree crowds out native species in the Everglades for available food, water, shelter, and space. What type of tree is this?

AUSTRALIAN PINE

Although I am often confused with the Piliated Woodpecker, I am much smaller and not as colorful by comparison. Because I am federally endangered efforts are underway to restore my breeding habitat in the Everglades, what bird am I?

RED COCKADED WOODPECKER

During the 2nd and 3rd Seminole wars, **this Indian tribe** escaped forced relocation by fighting and hiding out in the Everglades. Present tribal members are descendants of those who eluded capture during these wars. What tribe is this?

MICCOSUKEE TRIBE

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In this everglades habitat the dominant tree is the fire-tolerant species Slash Pine. Its multi-layered bark provides a built-in protection. When fire comes through the forest, it burns only the outer layer of the pine tree bark. What habitat is this?

PINELANDS

During the 1830's this warrior led the Seminole people of Florida in an attempt to resist U.S. Government efforts to relocate them to Indian Territory west of the Mississippi River, who was he?

OSCEOLA

This large reptile is the "King of the Everglades." During the dry season, this reptile digs out pockets, or holes, in the limestone which become home to many insects, turtles, fish, and wading birds as they are one of the few places where there is standing water during the winter months. What is the name of this reptile?

AMERICAN ALLIGATOR

With an estimated wild population of only 30 to 50 animals, these big cats are perhaps the rarest and most elusive native animal of the region. What animal is this?

FLORIDA PANTHER

This is a wide, deeper flow way of water, flowing through the slow-moving "River of Grass", what is this called?

FRESHWATER SLOUGH

In the Everglades this season runs from November to May. During this time, water levels gradually drop and fish migrate to deeper pools. Birds, alligators, and other predators concentrate around the pools to feed.

DRY SEASON

This endangered bird stands over 3 feet tall, has a 5 foot wing span, and weighs 4 to 7 pounds. It feeds by "tacto-location" in shallow muddy water. Walking slowly forward the bird sweeps its submerged bill from side to side. Whenever its bill touches prey it snaps shut with a 25 millisecond reflex action, the fastest known for vertebrates. What kind of bird is this?

WOOD STORK

From its name you might think it's a grass, but it is not a grass at all, it's a sedge that gets its name from the tiny sharp saw-like teeth along its blades. This "grass" is the dominant vegetation community in the Everglades, what is it?

SAW GRASS

This type of submerged flowering plant community can be found blanketing the bottom of Florida Bay. It acts to shelter fish and shellfish and is also a tasty treat for sea turtles and manatees. What community is this?

SEAGRASS BEDS

This formation of cypress trees is circular with the tallest trees growing in the middle. What is this?

CYPRESS DOME

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I contain the largest continuous stand of sawgrass prairie in North America. I am the predominant water recharge area for all of South Florida through the Biscayne aquifer. I am home to many endangered and threatened species. I contain the largest mangrove ecosystem in the western hemisphere. I am the most significant breeding grounds for tropical wading birds in North America. What am I? **EVERGLADES**

These giant non native predators are breeding in the Everglades and threatening to overrun the national park. They may be preying on native mangrove fox squirrels and wood storks, and they could be competing with the threatened eastern indigo snake for both prey and space. What predator is it? **BERMESE PYTHON**

In south Florida, the name hardwood hammock is used to describe a dense, jungle-like forest that contains a variety of trees, including Mahogany, Coco Plum, and **this tree** who's bright red, peeling, smooth bark is an excellent identification mark. This tree is also known as the 'Tourist Tree' because the peeling red bark is similar to a sunburned tourist. What tree is it?

GUMBO LIMBO

Known as the Defender of the Everglades, this person fought for feminism, racial justice, and conservation long before these causes became popular. You may have heard of her book, *The Everglades: River of Grass*. Who is this person?

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS