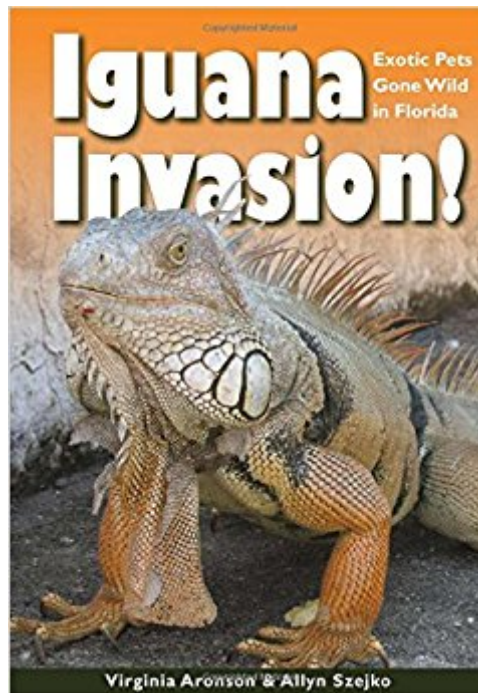




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# Iguana Invasion!: Exotic Pets Gone Wild In Florida



## Synopsis

Burmese Pythons are crawling across Florida from Lake Okeechobee to Key Largo. Hundreds of thousands of Green Iguanas relax along canals and on pool decks around the southern part of the state. And other non-native animals like seven-foot Nile Monitor Lizards and poop-tossing Rhesus Monkeys are scaring Florida residents. How did all these animals get into our public parks, canals and lakes, undeveloped areas and suburban yards? The unfortunate truth is, kids and their parents are partly to blame. Parents are purchasing cute baby animals for their kids, then abandoning the unwanted adult pets in the Everglades and anywhere else they think the animals might survive on their own. Some species are indeed surviving--and they are breeding wildly, becoming nuisance species. This book provides identification information for the most common exotic species and has the answers to these questions:

- What are these animals and how did they get here?
- What is a humane way to get rid of them?
- When should a trapper be called?
- Can I feed them?
- Are they dangerous?
- What is the effect of all these exotics on the environment?
- What can we do to help with the problem?

Readers learn how to stay safe, be humane, and appreciate nature—and are encouraged NOT to purchase exotic animals as pets. Recommended by the National Association of Science Teachers

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This excellent book answered all my questions about the many "pets" on the loose in Florida. Not only does it describe what is happening, it provides tremendous closeup pictures and offers solutions for the problems associated with the onslaught. I was most interested to learn how to deal with each individual invader since you never know when one is going to enter your backyard. I hope our State officials read it to learn what they should be doing to help protect the citizens from the invasion. This book should be required reading at our schools and makes a great gift for children of all ages.

The authors of this wonderfully informative, engaging, and useful book about exotic animals in Florida are Virginia Aronson, a professional writer, author of more than 30 books on a variety of topics, and Allyn Szejko, a humane trapper and wildlife rehabilitator. This book couldn't be more timely. The number and variety of exotic animals appearing in our backyards, not just in Florida but in other parts of the country, seem to double everyday. Yet most of us know little about these creatures--where they come from, whether they are dangerous to us, how we should handle them, whether we should feed them, or when we should call a trapper. Thanks to Iguana Invasion! we learn the answers to these and other important and fascinating questions about Nile Monitors, Squirrel Monkeys, feral pigs, Burmese Pythons, Cane Toads, Myna birds, Gopher Tortoises, Green Iguanas and many, many more lizards, birds, and snakes. Everyone should treat themselves to this inexpensive treasure. The book is handsomely put together from start to scratch. Pages are a glossy stock, the font is very readable, colorful boxed inserts appear throughout, and dozens of captioned colored photos fill the pages. There are even references, resources, a glossary, and an index at the end of the book that increase the book's practical value for teachers, parents, and students. Don't wait. Order a copy now for yourself or as a gift for anyone interested in exotic animals and our relationships with them.

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