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# Key deer (*Odocoileus virginianus clavium*)

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**Listing Status: Endangered**

**Where Listed: WHEREVER FOUND**

### General Information

This is the smallest race of North American deer. Adults measure 25 to 30 inches at the shoulder and have an average weight of 55 to 75 pounds for males and 45-65 pounds for females. The body is stockier, legs shorter, and skull wider than other races of white-tailed deer. The coat varies from a deep reddish brown to a grizzled, gray color. Bucks usually have antlers by their second year, and eight points by the fifth. The Key deer's primary food source is the red mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*), but approximately 60 other plants are also known to form part of its diet. Possibly most of the available plant species are used at one time or another. The selection of some food plants changes seasonally, probably reflecting availability and nutritional needs. Other plants are browsed almost continuously resulting in their stunting and near extirpation.

The species historical range included Florida. See below for information about where the species is known or believed to occur.

### Current Listing Status Summary

Status	Date Listed	Lead Region	Where Listed
Endangered	03/11/1967	<a href="#">Southeast Region (Region 4)</a>	Wherever found

### » Range Information

**Current Range**

*Wherever found*

Zoom in! Some species' locations may be small and hard to see from a wide perspective. To narrow-in on locations, check the state and county lists (below) and then use the zoom tool.

Want the FWS's current range for all species? Click [here](#) to download a zip file containing all individual shapefiles and metadata for all species.

#### • Wherever found

**Listing status: Endangered**

- **States/US Territories** in which this population is known to or is believed to occur: Florida
- **US Counties** in which this population is known to or is believed to occur: [View All](#)
- **USFWS Refuges** in which this population is known to occur: Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge, National Key Deer Refuge

### » Federal Register Documents

#### Federal Register Documents

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Date	CitationPage	Title
03/26/2007	72 FR 14132 14133	<a href="#">Notice of Availability of a Final Implementation Schedule for the South Florida Multi-Species Recovery Plan</a>

04/02/2004	69 FR 17442 17443	<a href="#">Notice of Availability of a Technical/Agency Draft Implementation Schedule for the South Florida Multi-Species Recovery Plan</a>
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## » Species Status Assessments (SSAs)

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A Species Status Assessment (SSAs) is not available for this species.

## » Recovery

- [Recovery Plan Information Search](#)
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**Current Recovery Plan(s)**Show  entries

Date	Title	Plan Action Status
08/06/2019	<a href="#">American Crocodile Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Beautiful Pawpaw Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Everglade Snail Kite Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Florida Grasshopper Sparrow Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Florida Perforate Cladonia Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Four Petal PawPaw Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Fragrant Prickly Apple Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Key Tree Cactus Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>
08/06/2019	<a href="#">Lakelas Mint Recovery Plan Amendment</a>	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>

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**Five Year Review**Show  entries

Date	Title
08/23/2010	<a href="#">Key Deer 5-Yr Review</a>

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## » Critical Habitat

No critical habitat rules have been published for the Key deer.

## » Conservation Plans

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## HCP Plan Summaries

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## » Petitions

No petitions have been received for this species.

## » Biological Opinions

BO date	Lead Office	Title	Activity Code	Project Type	Location	Lead Agency	Document
01/12/2017	South Florida Ecological Services Field Office	BO for Section 10(a)(1) (A) Permit Application under TE 697819-4	04EF2000-2017-F-0187	** OTHER **	Monroe (FL)	Fish and Wildlife Service	<a href="#">Biological Opinion Rendered (Final)_04EF2000-2017-E-00758</a>

To see all Issued Biological Opinions please [visit the report](#).

## » Life History

No Life History information has been entered into this system for this species.

## » Other Resources

[NatureServe Explorer Species Reports](#) -- NatureServe Explorer is a source for authoritative conservation information on more than 50,000 plants, animals and ecological communities of the U.S and Canada. NatureServe Explorer provides in-depth information on rare and endangered species, but includes common plants and animals too. NatureServe Explorer is a product of NatureServe in collaboration with the Natural Heritage Network.

[ITIS Reports](#) -- ITIS (the Integrated Taxonomic Information System) is a source for authoritative taxonomic information on plants, animals, fungi, and microbes of North America and the world.

[FWS Digital Media Library](#) -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Digital Library is a searchable collection of selected images, historical artifacts, audio clips, publications, and video.

