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Florida fauna and flora: the future is bleak

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By land, sea, and air nonnative plant and animal species are entering the ecosystem of South Florida and thriving at the expense of species naturally found on the peninsula.

The region is rapidly losing its biodiversity as native plants and animals are threatened by loss of habitat and extinction. This has and will continue to have wide-reaching consequences, not just for the species directly impacted, but for the farmers, businesses, and even gardening enthusiasts who rely on a stable Florida environment.

In short, the introduction of non-native species represents the greatest threat faced by the flora and fauna of Florida. If we don't begin taking