

## Dr. Martin Main Biography



Dr. Martin Main is a Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida, and is stationed at the UF-IFAS, Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee.

Dr. Main has a diverse background, including a Ph.D. in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University and an MS in Biological Oceanography from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Dr. Main is best known in Florida for developing the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP), which is a conservation education program for adults taught by about 70 organizations throughout the state, including Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The FMNP issues approximately 1,000 graduate certificates each year. For more info about the FMNP go to: [www.MasterNaturalist.org](http://www.MasterNaturalist.org).

Dr. Main also has an active research program in behavioral ecology that has included deer, jaguars, wading birds, Neotropical migrants and other species, and is considered an expert on coyotes in Florida.