

Guide to Florida's Natural Resources

On Nov. 15, 1990, the University Presses of Florida published the first comprehensive guide to Florida's natural resources in 60 years. The book (728pp) is titled ***Ecosystems of Florida***, edited by Ronald L. Myers and John J. Ewel, with a foreword by Marjorie Harris Carr.

In straightforward text supplemented by charts, maps, and illustrations, ***Ecosystems of Florida*** provides what Patrick Smith, author of ***A Land Remembered***, calls "a treasure chest of fascinating information about Florida — both past and present ... and an intimate understanding of why Florida is what it is."

At a time when population growth and development are straining the state's natural resources as never before and involving the National Park Service in Herculean efforts to save Everglades NP, this book provides a scientific benchmark for each of the peninsular state's complex, fragile environments ... an assessment of the character, relationships, and importance of Florida's ecosystems, the organisms that inhabit them, the forces that maintain them, and the agents that threaten them.

Ecosystems of Florida is available in cloth (\$75) and paper (\$29.95) from University Presses of Florida at Gainesville, 15 NW 15th St., Gainesville, FL 32607; (904) 392-1351.