

On the presidential campaign trail, Ron DeSantis is preaching warmed over Trumpism as his “energy policy,” advocating for more fossil fuels and fewer regulations on fossil fuel companies. [A recipe for further climate and environmental disaster.](#)

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/09/28/desantis-betrays-florida-insists-the-solution-to-climate-change-is-burning-more-fossil-fuel/>

Speaking of energy policy, a bizarre feature of a 2022 federal climate law demands additional oil and gas leases be opened before the government can offer offshore wind leases. [All of those additional leases are coming in the Gulf of Mexico.](#)

Remember, all oil drilling and transportation everywhere, throughout its entire history, as a fact, includes spills and contamination. These new leases condemn areas around the Gulf, including Florida, to more of this.

LINK: <https://www.npr.org/2023/09/29/1202698332/biden-offshore-oil-and-gas-leases-gulf-of-mexico>

Florida has gone flamingo crazy! The real kind, not the lawn ornaments.

Hurricane Idalia blew them in and they’ve stuck around.

If the state would like to make this a permanent thing, and return flamingos to their native habitat which once included South Florida, [there’s an easy solution.](#)

LINK: https://news.yahoo.com/more-flamingos-visiting-florida-everglades-004712111.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly90LmNvLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAMQEMN4uTSEsxsuvIXSs4XDwX6ubr4MP6vCAHsiqOgDFrDC9Ko04BlmcaRVClQdH_RILf1myxsYWypPmufNoK_YCk5wgN_ODHb_yB7O20PWa-pbIYUZvRyivnbhChLEypRK73OcbPfxceStZijFNUBq4cj_Gn0rt1N93q8kj1lv

My “[Welcome to Florida](#)” podcast devoted an entire episode last summer to flamingos in Florida.

LINK: <https://stpetecatalyst.com/podcast-episodes/craig-pittmans-welcome-to-florida-flamingos/>

A Florida legislator wants to allow citizens to [shoot black bears in self-defense.](#)

LINK: <https://www.wuft.org/news/2023/09/28/florida-bill-permits-bear-killing-in-self-defense-situations/>

[A Florida sheriff thinks the same](#) as bear-human interactions are gaining attention around the state.

LINK: <https://www.wesh.com/article/florida-bear-hunting/45362267#>

This uptick in bears being seen on home security cameras is the result of more of those cameras, but also human development and subdivisions encroaching on the remnants of bear habitat around the state. Example 6,471,822 of “America as a death cult” has proponents of killing bears thinking that is the most obvious and reasonable solution to the “problem,” not curtailing development into habitat.

Florida reinstated a bear hunt in 2015 – thanks Rick Scott – and [it was a fiasco, a slaughter.](#)

LINK: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/florida-bear-hunt-ends-after-day-2-wildlife-officials-announce/>

More about [black bears and bear hunts in Florida.](#)

LINK: <https://myfwc.com/hunting/bear/>

Speaking of hunting, while not a problem in North Florida – yet – invasive, non-native [iguana are a huge problem in South Florida](#). What are the rules for hunting iguana?

LINK: <https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/sports/outdoors/2023/09/28/iguana-florida-hunting-season-meat-frozen-falling-iguanas-south-florida/70974376007/>

Florida-based Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, The Greatest Show On Earth, hits the road this month for the first time since 2017. The show no longer includes the word “circus” in its name or animals in its presentation.

Climate change and evolution are making mosquito-borne illness more prevalent in the United States, and Florida is ground zero.

LINK: https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/29/health/mosquitoes-malaria-disease-climate-change.html?unlocked_article_code=Om9NoEQbbgiTgaID_L-D_47xNGt4LLseDjkoqGICpGexSKISHHw0WKYctU8bx4K86JifHQ9ZBdmBv9QLftloqL-3rqd3eRQgSHJV2428exRDJwkr9CnyPZa9Ks5IrFVyzvLmwUoV6llp4iGgl1mk0W6lb3GBcJNYzQ0sQRZQC0ML4mQsBozkez1IPk437DXnG0CLEgvKCVhSalB9A5EKyxKEbWtZkM_KuZeGb-8TeUxnUODjPSMfUIAX9NNla4fcWv4mJPCm841bQ_6y9hD1vJcBpQ6e_PQ-ahtDVI1EaMvPjKZhQd3laZpZzs6cxWfu4GdQGoHbRfJZ2zWQLRCIYiblihKORBg1Dlak4mM9KO8UAA&smid=nytcore-android-share