



# The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species

*Walter E. Meshaka Jr.*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species

Walter E. Meshaka Jr.

**The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species** Walter E. Meshaka Jr.

"A wonderfully detailed account of an alien species in the U.S. . . . The author provides intriguing details of the natural history of the Cuban Treefrog in Florida and why it has been so successful in its new home."--Robert W. Henderson, curator of herpetology, Milwaukee Public Museum

"The abundance of data cited in this study not only characterizes the Cuban Treefrog but establishes it as a model of a successful colonizer. This latter feature vastly increases the importance of this work by providing wildlife biologists with a list of characteristics that can be applied to other introduced species to determine the likelihood of successful establishment and expansion in non-native habitats--particularly those severely altered by human activity."--Robert Powell, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, author of *A Key to the Amphibians and Reptiles of the Continental United States and Canada*

Florida has become a melting pot of invasive exotic species, especially those introduced from the Caribbean. Their expanding ranges and their impact on other species underscore a growing ecological problem faced in today's world of massive land-use changes and rapid transportation on a global scale. In one of the most detailed accounts of the ecology of an introduced species in the United States, Walter Meshaka presents the natural history of the Cuban Treefrog from the perspective of its phenomenal success, in terms of sheer numbers and geographic range, as a colonizer in South Florida and, in particular, the Everglades. For those interested in the natural history of the state and especially for herpetologists, ecologists, conservation biologists, and land managers, this work provides a readable and data-rich study on a timely issue.

Meshaka discusses all facets of the natural history of the Cuban Treefrog in detail as well as the correlates of its successful colonization—for example, it colonized an environment that was nearly competitor-free, it ate its potential competitors, and it exploited human habitats. In light of Meshaka's findings, any hope of eradicating the Cuban Treefrog looks dim.

The usefulness of this book extends well beyond mere description of the natural history of a single species. It supplies a methodology for evaluating and setting priorities for the threats facing Florida's amphibian and reptile populations and identifies the most vulnerable species, providing a base for management decisions. It also presents and interprets a large data set associated with patterns of colonization and predictions.

Walter E. Meshaka, Jr., senior curator of zoology and botany for the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, was curator at Everglades National Park from 1995 to 2000. He has contributed numerous articles to *Journal of Herpetology*, *Copeia*, *Florida Scientist*, and other publications and is the coauthor of the forthcoming *Exotic Amphibians and Reptiles of Florida*.

 [Download The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a S ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a ...pdf](#)



## **Download and Read Free Online The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species Walter E. Meshaka Jr.**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Ron Lauer:**

The particular book The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species has a lot of knowledge on it. So when you check out this book you can get a lot of gain. The book was written by the very famous author. This articles author makes some research prior to write this book. This particular book very easy to read you can find the point easily after reading this book.

#### **Eric Bass:**

Precisely why? Because this The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species is an unordinary book that the inside of the publication waiting for you to snap it but latter it will zap you with the secret that inside. Reading this book next to it was fantastic author who also write the book in such amazing way makes the content inside easier to understand, entertaining approach but still convey the meaning thoroughly. So , it is good for you because of not hesitating having this ever again or you going to regret it. This phenomenal book will give you a lot of rewards than the other book include such as help improving your expertise and your critical thinking means. So , still want to postpone having that book? If I were being you I will go to the book store hurriedly.

#### **Linda Gabriel:**

Is it you actually who having spare time subsequently spend it whole day by simply watching television programs or just resting on the bed? Do you need something new? This The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species can be the solution, oh how comes? A book you know. You are thus out of date, spending your spare time by reading in this brand new era is common not a geek activity. So what these ebooks have than the others?

#### **Thomas Daniels:**

That book can make you to feel relax. This book The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species was colorful and of course has pictures on the website. As we know that book The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species has many kinds or genre. Start from kids until teenagers. For example Naruto or Investigator Conan you can read and believe you are the character on there. So , not at all of book usually are make you bored, any it offers up you feel happy, fun and relax. Try to choose the best book for you personally and try to like reading that.

**Download and Read Online The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species Walter E. Meshaka Jr. #DFISMBQR7C6**

## **Read The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species by Walter E. Meshaka Jr. for online ebook**

The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species by Walter E. Meshaka Jr. Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species by Walter E. Meshaka Jr. books to read online.

### **Online The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species by Walter E. Meshaka Jr. ebook PDF download**

**The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species by Walter E. Meshaka Jr. Doc**

**The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species by Walter E. Meshaka Jr. Mobipocket**

**The Cuban Treefrog in Florida: Life History of a Successful Colonizing Species by Walter E. Meshaka Jr. EPub**