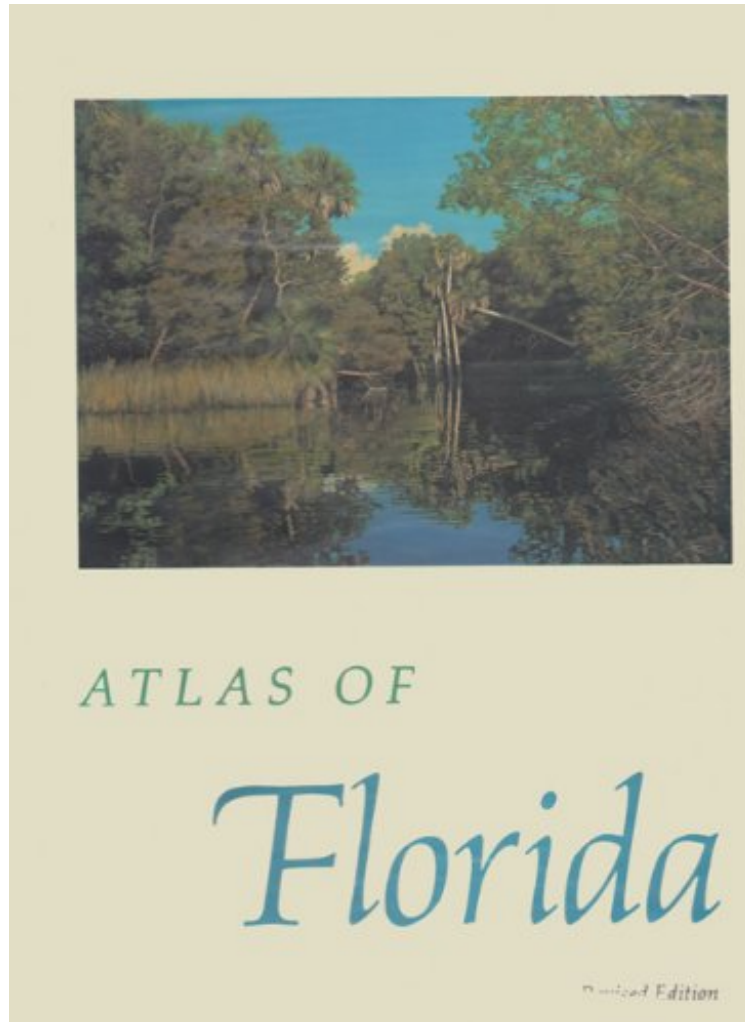


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***FACTS** The first Christmas in the present-day United States was celebrated in Tallahassee in 1539 by Hernando de Soto and his men. More money is spent per capita for lotto tickets in Florida counties with high per capita income than in counties with low per capita income (excluding border counties). Jacksonville's St. Johns River City Band is one of only two professional brass bands in the United States.

***FIGURES** 38.7 inches of rain fell in 24 hours in Yankeetown, Florida, on September 5, 1950. 100% of all limes produced in the United States are grown in Florida. In constant dollars, five times as much money is spent per student (K-12) today than in the 1950s, but teachers' salaries (also in constant dollars) were lower in 1990 than in 1969.

***FESTIVALS** Attend the international kite-flying festival in Sarasota in January, the swamp buggy races in Naples in February, the rattlesnake festival in San Antonio (near Tampa) in October, the Blue Angels Air Show in Pensacola in November.

***PHOTOGRAPHS** The new Atlas contains more than 100 color photographs and 71 black and white photographs.

***THE FEELING OF THE STATE** 8% of all vascular plants, fish, amphibians, reptiles, bird, and mammal species found in Florida exist nowhere else in the world. Florida has the second-longest coastline of any state. (Alaska's is longer.) Until the mid-1920s, Tampa was the world's leading producer of cigars. Rollins College in Winter Park has a male and a female water skiing team. The Metro-Dade Art in Public Places program has attracted such renowned contemporary artists to the state as Claes Oldenburg, Coosje van Bruggen, Karel Appel, Romare Bearden, Robert Rauschenberg, and Alexander Calder.

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Maps, color photographs, and descriptions of ecosystems and landforms; wildlife habitat types mapped from Landsat imagery; new section on weather and climate

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In some Seminole tongues, Miami means great water, Pensacola means the place where the bearded people lived, Alachua means sinkhole; Chassahowitzka means place of the hanging pumpkins

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