



## Armadillos - Quick Reference Sheet<sup>1</sup>

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Table 1.

<b>Common Name:</b>		armadillo
<b>Other Names:</b>		nine-banded armadillo
<b>Scientific Name:</b>		<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>
<b>Appearance:</b>	<b>Size:</b>	about 12 to 18 inches long and about 5 to 15 lbs.
	<b>Color:</b>	slate gray, brownish-black
	<b>Other:</b>	body covered with shell made of horny plates joined by leathery skin
		long pointed nose, large ears, small eyes
<b>Range:</b>		uplands throughout Florida, except Florida Keys
<b>Habitat:</b>		burrows in upland sites
		very adaptable to urban landscapes
<b>Diet:</b>		primarily worms and insects at or below the soil surface
		rarely consumes carrion or eggs of ground nesting animals
<b>Reproduction:</b>		always give birth to identically-sexed quadruplets

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<b>Behavior:</b>	dig extensive burrow at den site and numerous "hiding" burrows throughout 2 to 10 acre home range
	locate food by digging small silver-dollar sized holes in landscape
	active mostly after dark
<b>Problems:</b>	burrows and holes left after foraging
<b>Solutions:</b>	capture and removal using live traps with drift fences angling away from the opening of the trap and baited with earthworms
	exclusion from small areas of extensive damage with fencing at least 2 feet high and with bottom buried at least 18 inches deep
	lethal methods where legal
<b>Legal Aspects:</b>	no state or federal laws regulating harvest or otherwise protecting this species
<b>Fact Sheet Available:</b>	yes