NAPLES ZOO *at* **CARIBBEAN GARDENS** 22 September 2006

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South Florida Wildlife Featured on New U.S. Postal Stamps

First-Day-of-Issue Ceremony to be Held at Naples Zoo

WHAT: On October 4, the United States Postal Service is hosting the national First-Day-of-Issue dedication ceremony for the educational *Nature of America: Southern Florida Wetland* commemorative stamp sheet and stamped postal cards, which depict 21 plants and creatures inhabiting the Florida Everglades. The sheet of 10 First-Class 39-cent stamps and 10 stamped postal cards will be available at the Zoo and in Naples Post Offices on the 4th, and nationwide, Thursday, Oct. 5.

Representatives of the United States Postal Service will officiate and special guests include 150 elementary school students who will participate in an educational "Zoo Safari" to learn about different species on the stamp pane. The safari will be hosted by the following wildlife conservation organizations: Big Cypress National Preserve; Collier County Audubon Society; Collier County Environmental Department; Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Corkscrew Swamp Audubon Sanctuary; CREW Land & Water Trust; Everglades National Park; Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park; Florida Panther, 10,000 Islands, and J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuges; Florida Wildlife Federation; Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge; Naples Botanical Garden; National Wildlife Federation; Rookery Bay; Safari Club; and the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ceremony at 11 a.m. (ET) Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006

WHERE: Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens
1590 Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples

IMAGES: For a print quality image of the stamp pane and some of the animals depicted, click www.napleszoo.com/stamp.

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