

# Mogotes

*(Karstic Limestone Hills)*

“Mogotes” provide important habitat for rare and endangered plant and animal species found at Fort Buchanan including the Palo de Rosa, Ortegon, and Puerto Rican boa. Protection of this habitat is critical to the survival of these species and provides a natural buffer to the urban areas surrounding Fort Buchanan.



If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact DPW Environmental Division at (787) 707-3966 / 3508/ 3575.

For additional information, visit the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at Fort Buchanan Internet Site;

<http://www.buchanan.army.mil/dpw/home.html>

or access;

<http://www.slideshare.net/FortBuchananEnvironment>



# Ruddy Duck

*(Oxyura jamaicensis)*

Ruddy ducks have been sighted at the lake. Although these ducks are not endangered, their numbers are declining. Therefore, habitat protection is important.



**Endangered Species Management at Fort Buchanan**  
The key goal of endangered species management is to ensure the protection of any rare, threatened, or endangered species and habitat critical to their survival that may occur on Fort Buchanan.

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## Fort Buchanan's Guide to Threatened and Endangered Species and Unique Natural Resources



Learn more about the rare and unique plants and animals located on Fort Buchanan

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## Puerto Rican Boa (*Epicrates inornatus*)

The Puerto Rican boa is the largest native snake in Puerto Rico. **It is non-venomous.**



**Distribution:** Only found in Puerto Rico

**Status:** Listed as Endangered in 1970 due to habitat destruction and hunting

**Diet:** Feeds on small mammals, birds, lizards, and bats

**Interesting fact:** The Puerto Rican Boa is the only known boa that captures bats in midflight.

You can help protect this species by reporting any boa sightings to the Environmental Division. Access the Boa Sighting Form at the DPW Environmental Division, Fort Buchanan Internet Site;

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## Palo de Rosa (*Ottoschulzia rhodoxylon*)

A rare small evergreen tree. Only about 200 individuals are known to exist in Puerto Rico.

**Distribution:** Only found in Puerto Rico and Hispaniola  
**Status:** Listed as Endangered in 1990 due to habitat destruction

**Habitat:** Well-drained, alkaline, rocky soils such as mogotes

**Interesting fact:** One of the only known populations of this tree exists at Fort Buchanan.



## Swamp Bloodwood (*Pterocarpus officinalis*)



An important freshwater wetland tree species. The most distinguishing characteristic is its fluted trunk.

**Distribution:** Found along coastal plains and rivers throughout the Caribbean

**Status:** Distribution greatly reduced due to wetland drainage and deforestation

**Habitat:** Well-drained, alkaline, rocky soils such as "Mogotes"

**Interesting fact:** A very large swamp bloodwood is located at Fort Buchanan.