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President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Emswiler".

Executive Director



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Photo by Chris Kirk

Sand Fiddler Crabs love the salt marsh and nutrient-rich pluff mud of Beaufort County. They are so named because the movement of their smaller claw as they feed resembles that of a violinist. The oversized claw of the male is used to battle other suitors for the same female.



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Photo by Bob Ovelman

The White Tailed Deer is the official state animal of South Carolina and they are plentiful in Beaufort County. This beautiful animal can run up to 40 miles an hour, jump 9 foot fences and swim 13 miles per hour. They flash the white underside of their tail to signal danger.

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