

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION AT MARINELAND,
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Since the days of the early Spanish occupation, the vicinity of Marineland, Flagler county, Florida has naturally been a rich field for the antiquities of pre-Columbian times. Florida as known at present has yielded many thousands of artifacts; they appear wherever any extended excavations have been conducted and even the amateur 'pot hunter' who has dug into practically every aboriginal site in the state has turned up his share of valuable information.

From the first penetration of the region of Florida by white man, in the era of the Spanish exploration to the present day, there has been an ever-increasing interest in these vestiges of an earlier people and a desire to know more of their history.

Scattered throughout Florida, probably ante-dating the Christian Era was a large nomadic tribe, with features of the Asiatic Mongol, dependent to a large extent upon the hunt. They probably gathered the roots of many plants, among them the Koontee, and possibly they ate the berry of the palmetto in season, but these ~~wanderers~~^{wanderers}, whose remains are found today, nearest the seacoast seemed to have lived almost exclusively ^{upon} seafood. In the Marineland mounds are found, in the great refuse heaps which line the shore, the remains of Oysters, Clams, fish of many species, Alligator Turtle, Porpoise, ~~Manatee~~ Manatee, ~~and~~ Shark, and the claws of Crabs and Crayfish. Here are also found the vertebrae of Rattlesnake and Lizards of several species. No Raccoon, O'Possum, Squirrel, Rabbit, Turkey or Deer are found; they appeared to live upon these