

The Seminole Tribe

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The Original Florida

Indians: Around 15,000 Indians were living in Florida when the Spanish first landed in April, 1513. There were four major tribes called Calusa, Talesta, Timucua, and Apalachee. There were organized into fifty smaller bands. The Spanish found it difficult to settle in the southwest of Florida and on the state's east coast because the Indians were very hostile.

The Green Corn Dance: The most important Seminole dance is the green corn dance. Like other traditions, the green corn dance is dying out. Today, younger people regard it more lightly, paying less attention to the rules.



Clothing: In a warm climate, the heavy buckskin leather clothing that the Seminole had worn in northern Florida climate proved too warm in southern Florida. So the Indians adopted long, loose-fitting garments.

