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Audubon/SFWMD Bird Watching Tours in Everglades Stormwater Treatment Area Take Flight in 2009



WHAT: Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) are the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration, yet they have also become renowned havens for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts alike. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is once again partnering with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society to host bird watching tours in Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 5 in Hendry County.

Audubon reported about 100 people have already signed up for the first tour on January 17. Members of the media are welcomed to join.

WHEN: Saturday, January 17, 2009

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Members of the media may contact Audubon member Margaret England at (863) 517-0202. Dress for walking in the outdoors.

WHERE: The gate at STA-5 is located on Blumberg Road in Hendry County, 12 miles south of the intersection of Blumberg and County Road 835. Blumberg Road ends at the gate after 10 miles of asphalt and 2 miles of dirt.

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About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.