

April 2013 Kissimmee Basin Environmental and Restoration Features



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Kissimmee River Phase IVA restoration area under dry season conditions



White pelicans in a Phase I restoration area drying pool

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A large multi-species foraging flock gathers in a drying pool of the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area

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Looking south down the backfill in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area under dry season conditions

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Pelicans, egrets and ibis forage in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area under dry season conditions.

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Kissimmee River Phase IVA restoration area river channel

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Looking north at the northern extent of the C-38 backfill in the Kissimmee River Phase IVA restoration area



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White pelicans and mottled ducks forage in a Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area drying pool.



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White pelicans in a Phase I restoration area drying pool

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White pelicans come in for a perfect landing in a drying pool in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area.

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Landscape beyond the Kissimmee River valley

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This drying pool in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area attracts an impressive diversity of birds including white pelicans, great egrets, glossy and white ibis, snowy egrets, black neck stilts and yellowlegs.



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Foragers in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area floodplain

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Abandoned river channels in the northern Phase I restoration area. These nonflowing channels, which provide foraging habit for birds as the floodplain dries, are typically hydrologically connected to the main river channels, but have become disconnected under low flow conditions and are nearly dry at the peak of the dry season.

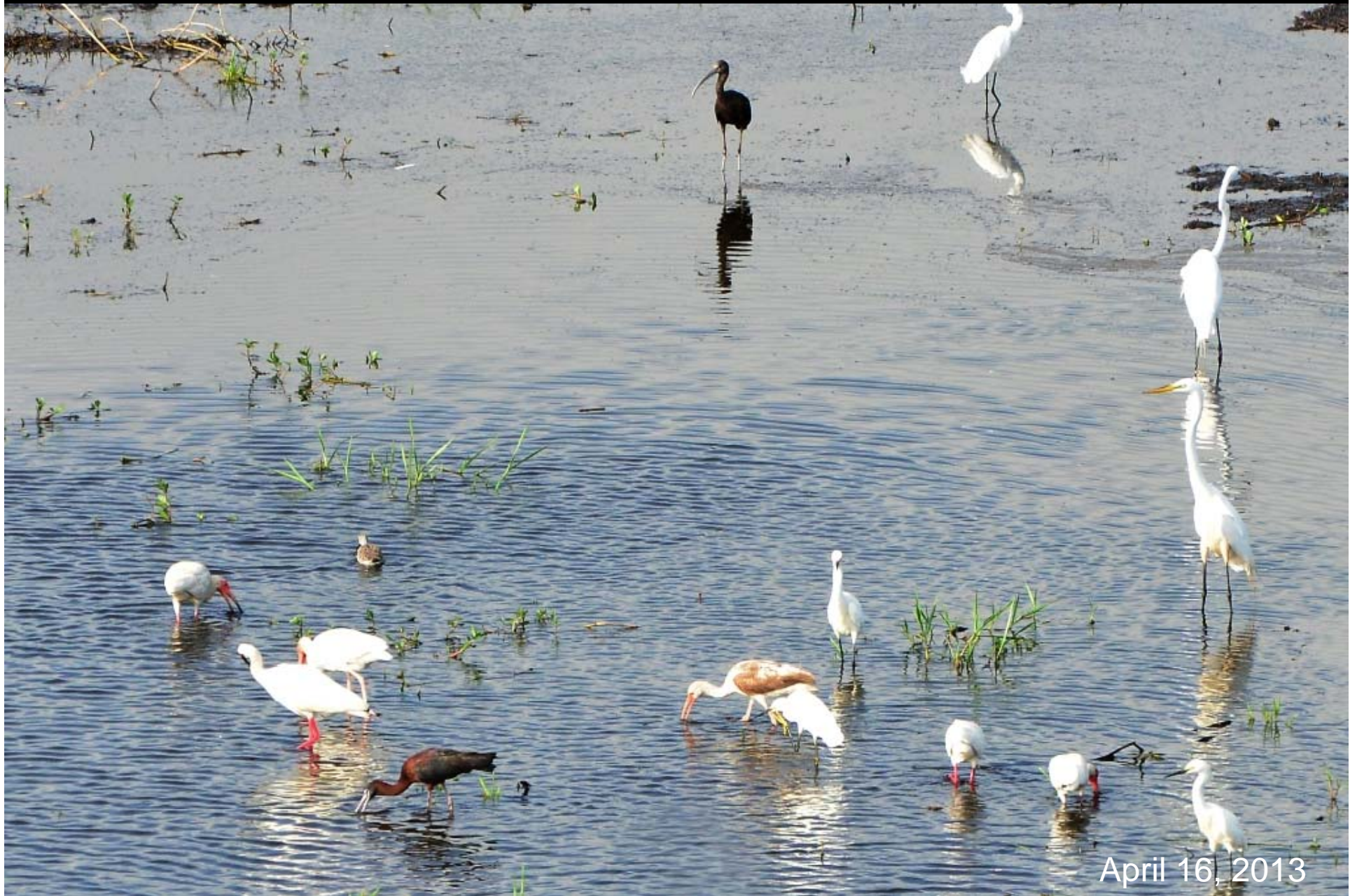
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Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area under peak dry season conditions

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Foragers in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area floodplain

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Vibrant green sprouting vegetation take advantage of the rich organic soils of the recently dried abandoned river channels in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area.

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Aerial treatment of invasive *Lygodium* in the south end on the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area floodplain



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A white pelican comes in for a landing in a drying pool in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area floodplain.

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Railroad bridge construction is nearing completion in the Kissimmee River Phase II/III restoration area.

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Railroad bridge construction



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Foraging ibis in the Kissimmee River Phase I restoration area floodplain



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