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Hendry-Glades Audubon Calls for Volunteer Bird Counters

Birders and photographers are welcome at the Spring North American Migration Count



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WHAT: Join the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society for the Spring North American Migration Count at Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5). Birders and photographers are welcome to help with this all-day count. The count tracks the progress of the spring migration while offering a fun day in the fresh outdoors. Teams plan to cover the 8 square miles of STA-5, located 20 miles south of Clewiston.

STA-5 has become nationally known as a bird watching spot. STAs are the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration. They have also become renowned havens for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

The South Florida Water Management District is steadily increasing recreational access to public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state

or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, campsites and hiking trails. For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

WHEN: Saturday, May 8, 2010

TIME: 7 a.m.

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

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.