



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Hendry-Glades Audubon Needs Volunteers to Count Feathered Friends**

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



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**WHAT:**

Join the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society for the North American Migration Count at the popular Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5). Birders and photographers are welcome to help with this all-day count, which tracks the progress of the fall migration while offering a fun day in the outdoors. Teams plan to cover the 8 square miles of STA-5, located 20 miles south of Clewiston. A total of 17,500 individual birds and 110 species were noted during last year's fall count.

This is the sixth year of the fall count at STA-5, which 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 (SFWMD) provides a variety of recreational opportunities on the STAs while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water

quality and flood control missions. At present, the District actively manages 621,000 acres of public land. 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](http://www.sfwmd.gov/recreation).

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 17, 2011

**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.*