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Hendry-Glades Audubon Gathers Volunteers for Annual Bird Count
Birders, photographers are welcome at STA-5 for Fall North American Migration Count



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WHAT: Join the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society for the Fall North American Migration Count and the search for the 200th bird species 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 28,000 individual birds and 82 species were spotted during last year's count.

This is the seventh 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 owns 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. The webpage includes a [2012-2013 schedule of bird-watching trips](#) at STA-5, which are conducted in partnership between Hendry-Glades Audubon and the District.

WHEN: Saturday, September 15, 2012

TIME: 7 a.m.

WHERE: The Fall North American Migration Count in STA-5 will begin at the Deer Fence Trailhead off of County Road 835 in Hendry County.

[Click here for a map and detailed directions.](#)

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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.