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An aerial photograph of a winding river, likely the Kissimmee River, flowing through a dense, dark forest. The river's path is highlighted by a bright, shimmering reflection of light, creating a stark contrast with the surrounding dark green and black tones of the trees. The river meanders from the upper right towards the lower left of the frame.

**December 2012/January 2013  
Kissimmee Basin Environmental and  
Restoration Features**



December 5, 2012

A snail kite forages in the littoral zone of Lake Kissimmee.



January 10, 2013

White pelicans have moved into the Phase I restoration area to forage in the last couple months.

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January 28, 2013

Wading birds forage in dense clusters in drying pools of the Phase I restoration area.



December 5, 2012

A snail kite guards its apple snail on Lake Kissimmee.



January 10, 2013

A large flock of white ibis and other wading birds take flight in the Phase I restoration area.



A belted kingfisher is spotted along the restoration area of the Kissimmee River.

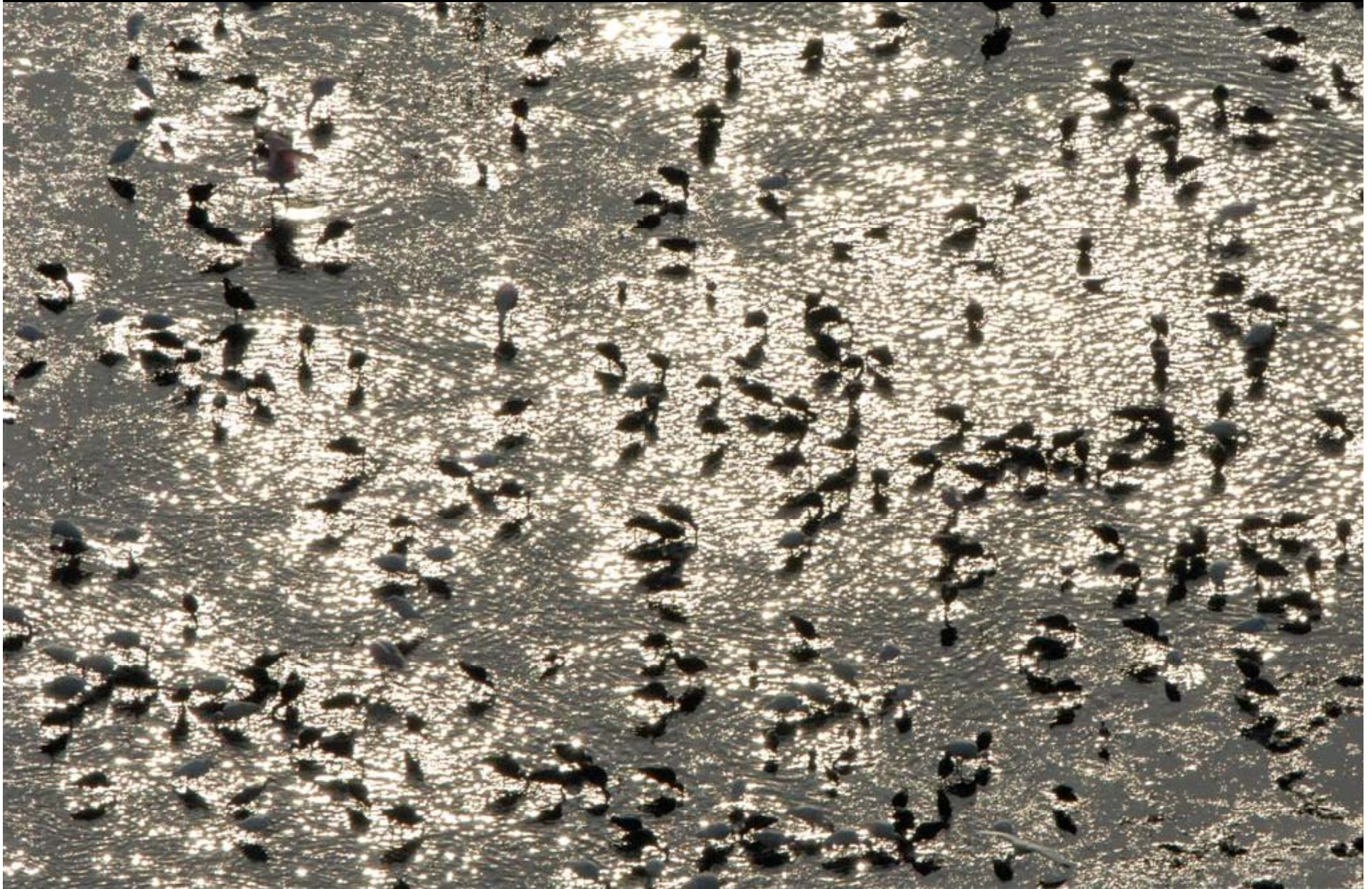
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January 28, 2013

Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel





Glossy and white ibis forage in an expansive shallow marsh in the Phase IV Kissimmee River Restoration area on the Avon Park Air Force Range. Can you spot three roseate spoonbills in the mix?

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January 23, 2013

A variety of wildlife live in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area habitat.



A great blue heron perches in the Istokpoga Canal.



January 28, 2013

White pelicans and other wading birds forage in a drying pool in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



January 24, 2013

Morning fog rolls in along the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



A South Florida Water Management District scientist surveys a throw trap sample in the Phase I Kissimmee River restoration area to evaluate prey availability for the wading birds and waterfowl.

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January 3, 2013

Ibis and other wading birds forage in the Oak Creek area of the Phase I Kissimmee River restoration area.



January 24, 2013

Abandoned river channels glisten in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.





Dowitchers flock in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.

Egrets and immature ibis forage along the shoreline of the Phase I area river channel.





January 24, 2013

Dowitchers flock in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.



January 31, 2013

Roseate spoonbills take flight in the Phase I Kissimmee River restoration area.

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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area meandering river channel

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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel and floodplain



December 5, 2012

Everglades snail kite with an apple snail in Lake Kissimmee

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January 24, 2013

Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain



January 10, 2013

An American alligator hunts in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel.



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January 24, 2013

Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area abandoned river channel and floodplain



January 31, 2013

A flock of 50 roseate spoonbill (mostly immature) was observed in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area. Both adult (yellow head/darker pink) and immature (white head/lighter pink) are seen here.

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In the flock, one of the adult spoonbill was tagged. It was banded in Tampa sometime in the last five years. The South Florida Water Management District is gathering more information of when and where exactly it was banded.



The SFWMD's first sighting of a snail kite on the Kissimmee River in the Phase IVA Restoration area.

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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel and floodplain



Immature roseate spoonbill

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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area abandoned river channel and floodplain



A snail kite perches in Lake Kissimmee.



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Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area river channel and floodplain



A SFWMD scientist records water quality at a throw trap sample in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.

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January 24, 2013

White-tailed deer run through the shallow water of the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.



January 16, 2013

A dense flock of wading birds forage in a drying pool in the Phase I Kissimmee River Rrestoration area floodplain.



A pigmy rattlesnake is spotted in the Avon Park Air Force Range in the Phase IVA Kissimmee River Restoration area.



December 5, 2012

A bald eagle in Lake Kissimmee scopes out its prey.



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Pied-billed grebes slowly begin to submerge themselves under water as they begin to feel threatened.



A bald eagle flies low through the littoral zone of Lake Kissimmee causing panic among the American coots and common gallinules.





White-tailed deer in the Phase IVA Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.

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January 31, 2013

Snowy egrets and immature white ibis saunter along the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area floodplain.



White and glossy ibis contrast in the sky in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



January 10, 2013

Wood storks are seen in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.



A crested caracara is spotted in the Phase IVB Kissimmee River Restoration area.

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An American alligator hunts at sunset in the Phase I Kissimmee River Restoration area.

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