



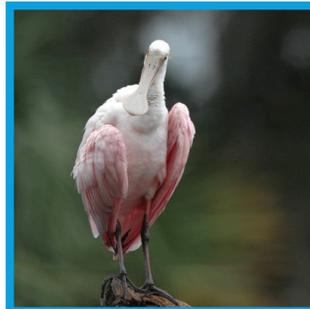
Kissimmee River Restoration Project



Snail Kite Nesting in Broad Leaf Marsh Area

Keep a lookout for the following

- ▶ Dense vegetation which is characteristic of a productive wetland ecosystem.
- ▶ Historic portions of abandoned river channel, which occur naturally as rivers constantly meander and move their footprints. Water always seeks the path of least resistance, and the river continuously seeks a better route as it traverses downstream over time. Meanders are usually indicative of older, slower rivers.
- ▶ Lines of large oak trees on both sides of the river that mark the full 2-mile width of the historic floodplain.
- ▶ Natural sandbars that have formed as restored flow reshapes these historic channels.
- ▶ Wading birds, alligators, and a variety of fish and wildlife along the restored channel and floodplains.
- ▶ Endangered snail kites have nested in portions of the floodplain for the first time ever since the canal was backfilled.



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