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Morning fog.  
Lake Okeechobee, April 2012



Commercial fishermen on a calm lake.  
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White Ibises (*Eudocimus albus*), Eagle Bay.  
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Some of the wading birds found during aerial surveys, including  
Snowy Egrets (*Egretta thula*), Great Egrets (*Ardea alba*), and Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*).  
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Okeechobee barge, April 2012

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**Black and White Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*).** A trunk and branch forager, this species often hangs upside down from tree limbs while looking for insects.  
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Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) chicks wait for a meal by Lake Freddy.  
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...and here comes Mom. Senior Scientist Chuck Hanlon observed her fetching and cracking open apple snails (*Pomacea sp.*) for her chicks to eat.  
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Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*)  
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Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludocicianus*)  
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Scientist Rachael Pierce stands inside a native Apple Snail (*Pomacea paludosa*) enclosure.  
Pyramid traps were used to recapture snails for new experiments.  
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**Scientist Amy Peters and Palm Beach State College Intern Bill Boscic help retrieve the traps.  
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**Supervising Scientist Therese East pulling native Apple Snail egg clutches from experimental enclosures. These will be hatched out at the S5A facility.  
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Native Apple Snails copulating.  
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Rachael conducts egg clutch surveys,  
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... while Amy Peters and Principal Scientist Bruce Sharfstein record the results.  
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Some Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis*) don't seem bothered by us or our van.  
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Amy gets ready to load the airboat at Dyess Ditch.  
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Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) pair.  
Northeast Lake Okeechobee, April 2012

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River Otter (*Lutra canadensis*).  
West side of Lake Okeechobee, April 2012

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**Staff Scientist Mike Cheek and Scientist Brent Anderson place pyramid traps  
on a herpetofauna trapping array near Pearce Canal.  
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Crayfish (*Procambarus fallax*) caught in the herpetofauna traps.  
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**A Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) flips a fish for better swallowing.  
Yankee Point, Lake Okeechobee April 2012**





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Examining a new recirculating system for the native apple snail hatchery.  
L-R, Scientists Eric Crawford, Andy Rodusky, Rachael Pierce, Therese East and Bruce Sharfstein.  
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The shed skin of a dragonfly nymph (*Anisoptera*) sits next to native apple snail eggs on a stem of Spikerush (*Eleocharis cellulosa*).  
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American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*),  
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See you next month!

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