



Black Skimmers (*Rynchops niger*) circle overhead as boats head out for the day.
Pahokee marina, Lake Okeechobee January 2012



More Black Skimmers, standing guard on the docks.



Scientists Rachael Pierce and Amy Peters prepared for a day on the lake.
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012



Double-crested Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)
Pahokee marina, Lake Okeechobee January 2012



Fishing off the pier.
Pahokee marina, Lake Okeechobee January 2012



Ruddy Turnstones (*Arenaria interpres*)
Pahokee marina, Lake Okeechobee January 2012



Structure L002 on a calm morning.
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012



Rachael Pierce uses a probe to obtain physical parameter data (temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc.).
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012

Wild beehive near
Ritta Island.
Lake Okeechobee,
January 2012





American Alligators (*Alligator mississippiensis*),
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012



Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*),
Observation Island, Lake Okeechobee January 2012



Wading birds in the marsh,
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012



Scientists Eric Crawford and Rachael Pierce installing a drift fence for experimental native Apple Snail (*Pomacea paludosa*) enclosures. Lemkin Creek, January 2012



Two completed enclosures,
Lemkin Creek, January 2012



**Conducting recapture tests using marked snails and a throw trap.
Lemkin Creek, January 2012**



Scientist Karen Donnelly finds a marked snail.



Paper Wasps (*Polistes* sp.),
Lemkin Creek, January 2012



Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*),
Lemkin Creek, January 2012



Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*),
Lemkin Creek, January 2012



Great Southern White butterfly (*Ascia monuste*),
Lemkin Creek, January 2012



Duck hunters with palm-camouflaged boats.
Dyess Ditch, Lake Okeechobee January 2012



**Scientists Eric Crawford and Brent Anderson consider their plan of action
for assembling a herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) trap.
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012**



Karen Donnelly sets a herpetofauna trap in a Spikerush meadow (*Eleocharis cellulosa*).
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012



Golden Topminnow (*Fundulus chrysotus*)
caught in the herpetofauna traps near Dyess Ditch.
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012



Green Tree Frog (*Hyla cinerea*)
caught in the herpetofauna traps near Dyess Ditch.
Lake Okeechobee, January 2012



American Coots (*Fulica americana*) scatter before the airboat, while sugarcane fields burn in the background. Controlled burns are used to remove leaves before harvesting. Near Dyess Ditch, Lake Okeechobee January 2012