



Full moon on an early morning trip to the  
upper Kissimmee River for bird surveys. March 2012



Spider's web in the morning light,  
Upper Kissimmee River, March 2012



Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)  
Upper Kissimmee River, March 2012





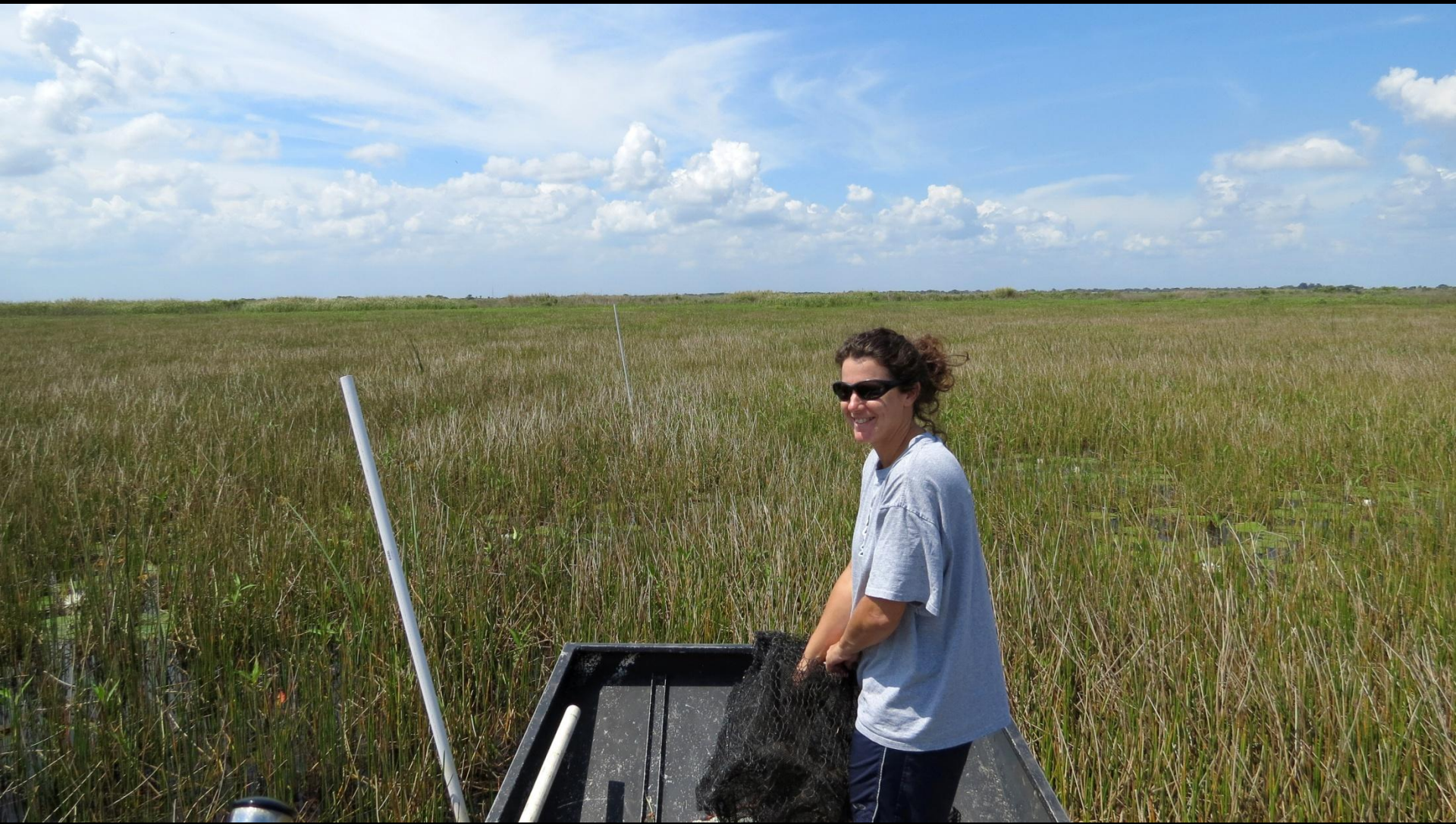
An Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) hovers over the Kissimmee River looking for lunch.  
March 2012





Scientist Karen Donnelly placing a herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) trap in thick Smartweed (*Polygonum hydropiperoides*).  
Lake Okeechobee, March 2012





**Scientist Rachael Pierce adds a pyramid trap to another herpetofauna array.  
Near Dyess Ditch, Lake Okeechobee, March 2012**



An Eastern Musk Turtle (*Sternotherus odoratus*) poses for a photo op.  
Lake Okeechobee, February 2012





Karen Donnelly holds an exotic Armored Catfish (*Pterygoplichthys disjunctivus*)  
caught in the herpetofauna traps near Indian Prairie.  
Lake Okeechobee, March 2012





A closer look at the Armored Catfish's  
sucker-like mouth from below.



More creatures caught in the herpetofauna traps in March



Florida Gar (*Lepisosteus platyrhincus*)



Giant Water Bug (Family *Belostomatidae*)



Brown Water Snake (*Nerodia taxispilota*)





**Palm Beach State College Intern Bill Bosic checks out the marsh near Pearce Canal.  
Lake Okeechobee, March 2012**



Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), Yankee Point  
Lake Okeechobee, March 2012





Morning take-off for a wading bird survey on Lake Okeechobee.  
Palm Beach International Airport, March 2012





Hundreds of wading birds in the marsh near Fisheating Bay. Surveyors count and photograph the flocks to estimate foraging use in the lake.  
Lake Okeechobee, March 2012





Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) near Observation Island.  
Lake Okeechobee, March 2012





Principal Scientist Bruce Sharfstein collects native Apple Snail (*Pomacea paludosa*) eggs.  
Lemkin Creek, March 2012





Scientist Andy Rodusky preparing experimental enclosures.  
Lemkin Creek, March 2012





Native Apple Snails wait to be tagged for stocking density experiments.





Colored plastic bee tags are glued to each shell.





Tagged snails ready to go.





The tagging team: (l to r) Scientists Andy Rodusky, Amy Peters, Karen Donnelly, Rachael Peirce, and Eric Crawford.  
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Amy Peters releases a snail.  
Lemkin Creek, March 2012





Bruce Sharfstein carrying more tagged snails to their experimental enclosures.  
Lemkin Creek, March 2012





Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*).  
Lake Okeechobee, March 2012





Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*), SFWMD headquarters. March 2012





White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*), SFWMD headquarters.  
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