



Scientist Andy Rodusky collects Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) for periphyton studies.
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



Cicada (*Tibicen sp.*) on a palm tree.
Skees Road Laboratory, November 2011



Senior Scientist Chuck Hanlon and Scientist Amy Peters check out emergent plant growth from the Okeechobee Pier. November 2011



**Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis*) at the Okeechobee Pier.
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011**





Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) near the Okeechobee Pier.
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



Exotic Apple Snail eggs (*Pomacea insularum*) in Water Lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*).
Okeetantie airboat ramp, Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



**Fisherman near Kings Bar,
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011**



An American Coot (*Fulica americana*) makes a splash as it avoids the airboat.

Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



Juvenile Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*), Harney Pond.
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



A Snail Kite takes off with an Apple Snail (*Pomacea* sp.)
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



Lunch time!



Queen butterfly (*Danaus gilippus*),
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



Common Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra Serpentina*),
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



Scientist Karen Donnelly prepares to measure a Greater Siren (*Siren lacertina*) caught in the herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) trap. Lake Okeechobee, November 2011



More Siren views. Returned to the water, its gills take on a frilly appearance.



Scientist Eric Crawford examines the Siren's excrement to get clues about its diet.



**Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) caught in the herpetofauna traps.
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A Florida Green Water Snake
(*Nerodia floridana*) caught in
the herpetofauna traps.
Its large bulge indicates a
recent meal.
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**White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*),
Lake Okeechobee, November 2011**





A Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) scavenges roadkill west of the lake.
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Extensive Spikerush
(*Eleocharis cellulosa*) marsh
near Dyess Ditch,
Lake Okeechobee
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