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Hendry-Glades Audubon Seeks Flock of Volunteers for Bird Count

Birders, photographers are welcome at STA-5 for Fall North American Migration Count



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WHAT: Join the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society for the Fall North American Migration Count at the popular Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) in Hendry County.

Birders and photographers are welcome to help with this all-day count, which tracks the progress of the fall migration while offering a fun day in the outdoors. Teams plan to cover the 8 square miles of STA-5, located 20 miles south of Clewiston. A total of 5,500 individual birds and 69 species were spotted during last year's count. Birders hope to spot the 203rd bird species found at the site.

This is the eighth year for the fall count at STA-5, which has become nationally known as a bird-watching spot. Stormwater Treatment Areas are the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration, using aquatic vegetation to remove nutrients from the water. They have also become renowned havens for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) partners with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society to provide guided bird-watching tours at STA-5, which features a parking area and shelter with picnic tables.

The District provides a variety of recreational opportunities at STAs and other lands throughout South Florida while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration and water management goals. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements, such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region:

- [SFWMD Recreation Web Page](#)
- [2013-2014 schedule of bird-watching trips at STA-5](#)

WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2013

TIME: 7 a.m.

WHERE: The Fall North American Migration Count in STA-5 will begin at the Deer Fence Trailhead, located off County Road 835 in Hendry County.

- [Click here for a map and detailed directions.](#)

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.