

## AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE EVERGLADES

### BIRDWATCHING TOURS AT STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA 1E

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Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA) are man-made wetlands designed to clean up nutrients, especially the phosphorus, from surrounding agricultural areas before the runoff reaches the Everglades. This is done thru plant growth and the accumulation of decomposing plant material in a layer of peat.

Florida's native wildlife is attracted to these wetlands. Audubon Society of the Everglades offers a birding tour that drives around the water impound areas viewing the large amount of birds that accumulate in these waters. The amount and variety of birds vary according to season and water levels. The tour allows people to occasionally exit their cars in order to view some of the distant birds better through scopes. There has been 115 species of birds seen since January 2012.

**The bird sightings are posted on our yahoo group: [auduboneverglades](#)**

**Space is limited, trips fill up fast. Come join the fun!**

#### **Audubon Birding Tour Dates to STA 1E 2015-2016:**

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Aug 4	Jan 3
Sept 5	Jan 17 (Photo Special)
Oct 3	Feb 6 Shorebird survey
Nov 7	Feb 14 – Great Backyard Bird Count
Dec 5	March 5
Dec 20 - unofficial X-max Bird count	April 2
	May 7
	Jun 4
	Jul 2
	Aug 6

You may call Bijaya Kattel of South Florida Water Management District at 561-6826640 or email [bjkattel@sfwmd.gov](mailto:bjkattel@sfwmd.gov) for questions about STAs.