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Kissimmee River Tour to Reveal Avian Response to Restoration
Resident and Migratory Bird Species Thrive Along Restored Portion of the Kissimmee



Since 2001 over 16 bird species have returned to the restored area of the Kissimmee River and floodplain; greater than 160 resident and migratory bird species can be found here. This Black-Necked Stilt was spotted on the floodplain.

WHAT:

Spring Tour on the Kissimmee River

March and April provide the best time to see both resident and migratory birds on the restored floodplain of the Kissimmee River. District experts will be on hand to update reporters on the restoration work and provide pontoon boat and airboat transportation onto the floodplain to see birds and other wildlife that have returned to the riverine floodplain ecosystem.

WHEN: Thursday, **April 3, 2008**, 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: **Riverwoods Field Lab**, 100 Riverwoods Circle, Lorida, Florida 33857

WHO: Kissimmee Restoration team members will explain their work and the progress made in restoring the Kissimmee River

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DIRECTIONS: Riverwoods Website: <http://riverwoods.ces.fau.edu/>
Google Map to Riverwoods Field Lab:
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&ll=27.382819,-81.110548&spn=0.006269,0.007392&t=h&z=17&msid=101480131120211487638.000447378576991ecfecc&iwloc=000447378b46c37f64e8d>

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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.

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