

Central Region

There is only one active snail kite nest known within the central region, and it occurs on Lake Istokpoga. In addition to the nest, there were 13 kites observed on the lake. No birds were observed on Lake Okeechobee, or in Loxahatchee NWR, or WCA 2A. A total of 23 kites was recorded in WCA 2B, and all were located on the southern end near the highway. Grassy Waters had 57 birds in it, but no nesting. Water levels were also declining in that area. On an associated note, Mary Beth Morrison reported 97 snail kites roosting at the SWA roost site on the eastern edge of Grassy Waters recently, which suggests that there are a lot of non-nesting birds out there. No kites were seen at Hungryland, and that site was dry.