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Volunteers from local chapters of the Audubon Society look for birds at the Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area in central Florida. The St. Johns River Water Management District recruited volunteers to observe birds over a five-year period after the draw down of the Lake Griffin Flowway, which is part of the Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area. The volunteers recorded 196 bird species, including 11 state and federally endangered and threatened species and species of special concern. Joy Marburger provides a report of their findings and what it means to the restoration of former agricultural lands in Florida. Her article begins on page 164. *Photo courtesy of Joy Marburger*

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