

Mottled duck and Purple Swamp Hen Telemetry Update 09/09/09

It has been almost a month since we radio-marked our new sample of 50 mottled duck females and 10 purple swamp hens. We had two mottled ducks die within the first two weeks of being released and another two have been killed on their molting areas this week and last.

The mottled ducks have started to move off of their molting areas. Some have been using flooded agricultural fields within the EAA, including fallow and rice fields. Others have moved onto pasture pond areas to the northwest. Still others have switched Stormwater Treatment Areas they are using. The longest move by one of our new birds so far is a bird that moved from STA 2 to a pasture pond area near Lake Placid, Florida; A move of 118 kilometers.

The purple swamp hens are all still alive. They have been moving about a bit, but have stayed within the same general areas in which they were captured.

Stay tuned. More to come.

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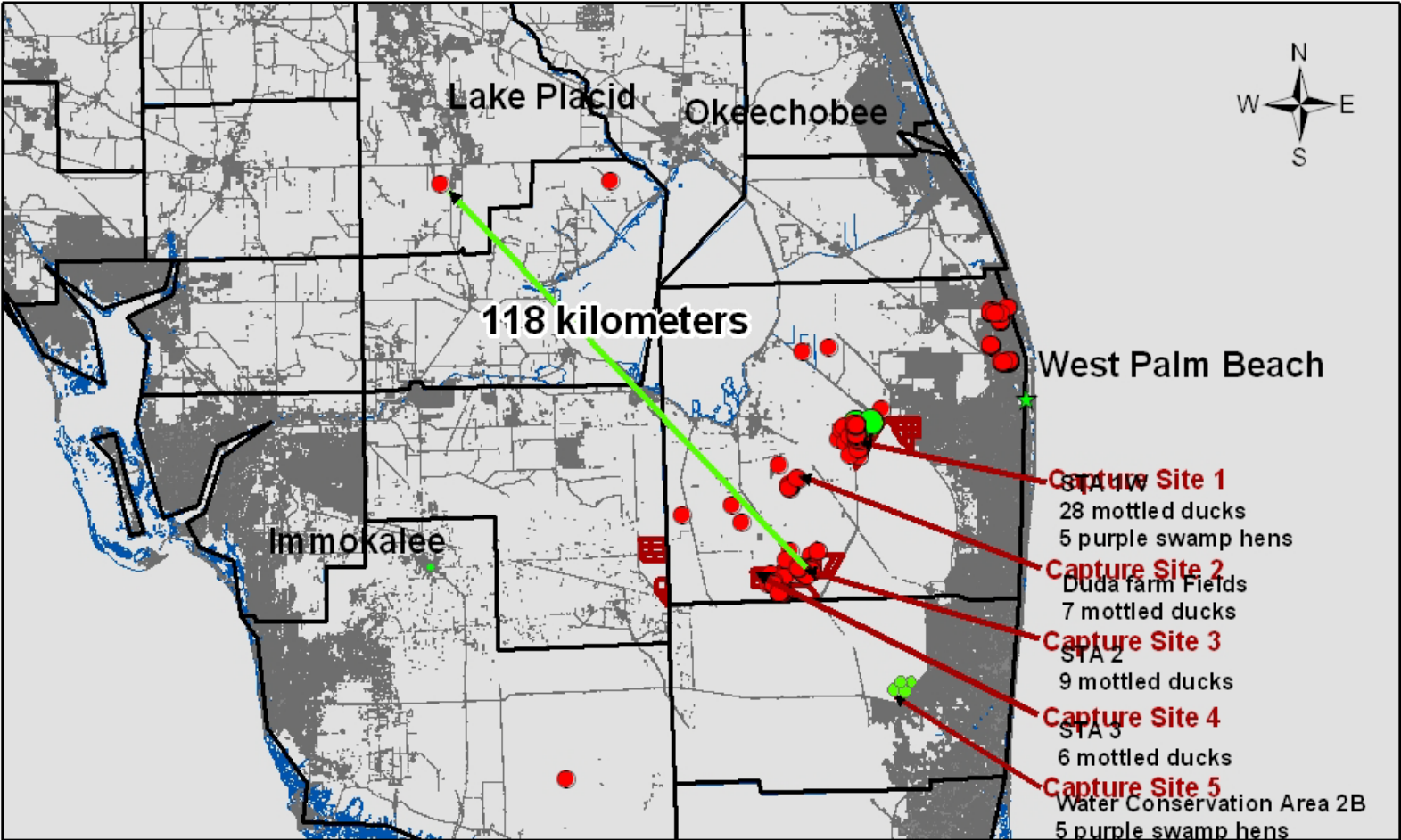


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