

Larry Williams Joins U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Vero Beach Office

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Larry Williams is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's new field supervisor for its South Florida Ecological Services office in Vero Beach, Florida. He began his duties this month.

The South Florida Ecological Services office is involved in a number of important conservation issues including Everglades restoration efforts, recovery of imperiled species, restoring coastal habitats and addressing environmental contaminants in South Florida.

"I am happy to have Larry as the field supervisor in Vero Beach," says Leopoldo Miranda-Castro, Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services. "He brings a lot of hands-on experience and most importantly, the willingness and the know how to create and maintain ongoing and new partnerships. He is a perfect match for the position and we are excited to have him back in the Southeast."

For the last five years, Larry served as the Service's budget chief for the National Wildlife Refuge System in Arlington, Virginia. His Service career began nearly 23 years ago, as a Refuge Manager Trainee at Eufala National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Alabama. Following that, Larry held several positions at refuges across the country including Assistant Refuge Manager at St. Marks NWR in Florida, Deputy Refuge Manager at Carolina Sandhills NWR, Assistant Refuge Manager for the Sacramento NWR Complex in California, and Deputy Refuge Manager at Noxubee NWR in Mississippi.

"The Southeast Region is a special place for me, particularly Florida with its beautiful, unique landscapes, plants and animals," Williams says. "It is a wonderful place to live, work and get outdoors. I look forward to working collaboratively with our employees and partners in protecting and preserving our fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in an effort to address the conservation challenges South Florida is facing today."

Larry earned his Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Science from Auburn University. A native of Madison, Alabama, Larry's hobbies include hunting, fishing, natural history, art and creative writing. He and his wife have three children.

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