

June 2009 Employee of the Month
Lisa Kreiger, Project/Water Resource Manager-Senior
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In addition to her regular responsibilities, Lisa volunteered her efforts to assist the Everglades Restoration Resource Area Lakeside Ranch STA project to monitor the threatened and endangered Crested Caracara. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided the Biological Opinion to the Army Corps of Engineers which issued the permit for the project. Lisa's avian expertise met the required U.S. Fish and Wildlife protocols to monitor the Crested Caracara and her voluntary action eliminated the need to contract the monitoring work resulting in a cost savings to the District.

Over a period of six months, Lisa spent three to four mornings per week conducting field observations of the Crested Caracara's activities. In addition, she has closely coordinated with the consulting firm that is approved to capture and satellite tag the Crested Caracara. Her experience met pre-capture requirements that include finding, storing and providing native food for the Crested Caracara, and this required Lisa to work weekends as well.

The Lakeside Ranch STA project can now move forward thanks to Lisa's dedicated passion and willingness to provide assistance in meeting permit conditions.