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White Ibis



I'm growing a bit nostalgic as I review photographs from a dozen trips to southern Florida. The trips typically originated in Tampa, followed by a drive to Sarasota. From there I made day trips farther south and east towards the Everglades. One of my favorite wetland birds on these trips is the white ibis. I prefer to photograph them in the air or in marshes, but it seems they might prefer to be seen in parking lots and on lawns.



Ibis are plentiful, feeding on fish, snails, and invertebrates. Problems arise when humans start to feed them, often by hand, with food from any of the fast-food restaurants near parks or along the coast. It is changing the behavior of the birds and possibly spreading diseases that pose a risk to people and birds.



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