

I arrived about 10 minutes late at the park. Traffic was backed up for miles at the light before the intersection of 221 and I-75. In addition there was an accident that occurred just prior to getting to the light. Being late, a few of the participants had gone on in to the park. There still were 6 of us.

Usually the best place for smaller birds is before you get into the interior. The trail and boardwalk can be very busy. This morning was no exception. It was a very active entrance. Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers



Belted Kingfisher



Tennessee Warbler

were in abundance. Others sighted or heard: Summer Tanager, Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers, Phoebes, Kinglets, Mockingbirds, White and Red eyed Vireos, Thrasher, and Tennessee Warbler among others.

We spent a goodly amount of time there and almost did not want to leave. We traveled the board walk and had Clapper Rails, Limpkins, Pileated Woodpeckers, Great Egret, Great Blue, Wand other typical water birds. The Marsh and House Wrens were in abundance as well as Carolina Wrens.

We saw the Common Yellowthroat and with the help of Merlin, 2 instances of Orange Crowned Warblers.

The area where the water enters the wetlands was greatly changed. The hurricane seems to have rearranged the area. The shore birds were not there this time.

I have Lisa Graham to thank for all her photos. She went to the opposite side of the inflow and got some great photos. One in particular was the Green Heron swallowing a fish. She is an expert photographer. She will never be allowed to miss a field trip. Don't know what we could do without her. We had 47 species.

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Little Green Heron