



MARCH 9, 2013, SLAS FIELD TRIP REPORT

INDIAN RIVER WEST COUNTY WASTEWATER FACILITY, VERO BEACH

Many thanks to Dr Dan Walma, our former SLAS president, and a Certified Florida Master Naturalist, for leading this morning of birding at this popular wetland just east of I-95 in Vero Beach. Weather was perfect ! The 12 participants enjoyed the birding and impromptu lessons on birds and nature that Dan always shares on his trips. A total of 48 bird species was seen at the wetlands; and add to that 1 more for the Swallow Tail Kite we saw on the drive on I-95 from Port St Lucie to Vero Beach. We were also treated to the antics of several otters playing in the ponds and embankments at the wetlands.

-- Submitted by Dorothy Schultz

49 species seen:

- Mottled Duck
- Blue Winged Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Ring Necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Hooded Merganser
- Pied Billed Grebe
- Wood Stork
- Double Crested Cormorant
- Anhinga
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Tricolored Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Green Heron
- Black-Crowned Night Heron
- White Ibis
- Glossy Ibis
- Black Vulture
- Turkey Vulture
- Osprey
- Bald Eagle
- Sora
- Common Gallinule
- American Coot
- Sandhill Crane
- Wilson's Snipe
- Laughing Gull
- Ring Billed Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Swallow-tailed Kite (*I-95 en route*)
- Mourning Dove
- Belted Kingfisher
- Loggerhead Shrike
- American Crow
- Fish Crow
- Tree Swallow
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Common Yellowthroat
- Palm Warbler
- Yellow-Rumped Warbler
- Savannah Sparrow
- Northern Cardinal
- Red-Winged Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Boat-Tailed Grackle

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