



### **Coastal Carolina Wildlife Welcome Home FOY!**

I keep a “year list” of all bird species seen during a given year. The best part is starting over again on January 1 and my New Year’s Day trip. My list notes the date and location seen to compare against past and future years.

The return of our breeding birds from migration is special...these First of Year (FOY) birds return on a fairly predictable date and place...generally in April and May. Of course, us birders go out and welcome them home!

The photos show three of my recent FOY’s: a Prothonotary Warbler at Rices Creek Bridge, a Painted Bunting in Southport on Moore Street extension, and a Green Heron at the wetlands in front of the Brunswick County Governmental Complex. I saw a pair of herons so it’s a good bet they will nest there.

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