

From Las Animas Co line (east) to Trinidad (highway 160) made census of western Kingbird along road. Birds on fence lines or telephone lines. There is a definite decrease in numbers from east to west and is the dominant birds. Lark bunting mainly to east into western Kansas. From county line to Kim = 156 W Kingbirds; from Kim 41552 to Tobe 41569 = 120 birds; from Tobe to junction of highways 382 = 159 birds; from junction to Trenchera (41595) = 59 birds; from above to San Francisco bridge (41404) = 23 birds; from above to Frijoles (41608) = 3 birds; from above to Beshoor junction (41620) = 8 birds; from above to Trinidad = 3 birds. at 6 mi NE Trinidad on highway 350 saw first magpie. Arrived Trinidad 3:00 P.M. The western Kingbird was definitely associated the the typical great plains. Why they should be there in so great numbers is a question. No road killed birds because they fly up from car rather than to the side. There was a tendency for them to be in aggregates not as flocks but singles and pairs and more (4-6) in certain definite areas. Photo: 63-~~080~~-0804-1 Ja Veta Peaks from east, " " " 0804-2-3 Blanca Peak from south.

On short cut to Great Sand Dune Nat Monument from S, noted 2 large areas of pumper cleared from slopes. could be fire or commercial cutting. Arrived monument 9:00 P.M at 41758.

White Sands National Monument, Colorado.

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This A.M between 8:00 - 11:00 A.M made trip up river canyon to point where dunes were on E side of canyon. At camp photo 630805-1 and 630805-2 up canyon to N with cottonwood in foreground. No water in river which is the first time in history of the monument. Photo 630805-3+4 about 1 mile up canyon and with cottonwoods, dunes, and mt. and Christ Pally in picture. Photos 630805-5-6 of dunes east of canyon. Christ Pally in view. Photos 630805-7-8 of grasses in foreground and mt in background; same general area as above. Photo 630805-9-10 of old trees killed by sands moving into area. Photos 630805-11-12 of dunes in same area with family. noted tracks of rabbits, magpie, beetles, Dipodomys, weasie?, lemmings on sands at edge of east part of sandy river valley. Birds in area: white breasted nuthatch, chickadee, magpies, black headed grackle, raven, Lewis woodpecker, red-shafted flicker, prairie jays, pine siskin, green-tailed towhee, mourning dove