

Laughing gull: the gull that followed the boat. It is possible to get these gulls to within 3 feet or less of camera in stabilized flight. Mainly adults.

Herring gull. 2 or 3 following boat.

Ring-billed gull. mainly on beaches and resting on islands

Double Crested Cormorant In flight and resting off on sand bars and small islands. approx. 300 total. Frequently with white pelicans.

Great blue heron. Common on tidal flats and around ponds and a crude estimate would be 50.

Golden-eye duck In deeper parts of bay and in unexpected numbers. Approx 70 all told.

Eared grebe. Approx 20 and singles or small groups.

White pelican. 120 in several groups mainly resting.

Oyster catcher. 2 pairs

black skimmer. group 8 and 2 pairs

Royal tern 2

Caspian tern 18

Foster tern 12

Gadwall duck 8

Shoveller 4

Ringtail 40

Lesser yellowlegs 2

greater yellowlegs 1

American Egret 30

Snowy Egret 45

Redtail 1

Turkey vultures 42 in field at one time over refuge. mainly singles or small groups. Some could be black vultures or Caracaras.

reddish egret 3

Avocet 120 one flock

Caracara 4

Coot 18

Curlew 2

Willet 6

red-backed sandpiper 12

marsh hawk 6

sanderling 30

yellow crowned night heron 2

Little blue heron 1

Total numbers are not reliable, especially with ducks and other kinds of birds and are to be used as coarse approximations.

killdeer 2

red merganser 6

porpoise 4

dolphin 5