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32 snow geese, 8 Am. egret, 13 snowy egret, 2 pied-billed grebe, 5 ring-billed gulls, 4 cormorants, ducks too far for positive ident, 6 black vultures^{543.0}, 2 turkey vultures^{543.0}, killed deer. This list could have been enlarged with more time to spend and better atmospheric conditions. From observation tower continued on one-way road back to headquarters. This inland area is characterized by ponds and lakes, native reddish-brown grasses, sedges, cattails separated or formed by stabilized sand dunes now covered with good stands of live oak  and blackjack oak . Redbud is also mixed with oaks. The general picture is one of marshland with limited dry areas. Observed 18 white tail deer mainly at edge of marsh & trees. Mustang grapes help seal the dry forested areas. One of the obvious observations was the lack of marsh birds. Am Coot were the only birds in lakes & ponds - there being no herons, egrets, ducks etc and to this extent it seemed unnatural. Near headquarters there were 22 black and 6 turkey vultures in trees nearby. Left at 96558. at 1:10 P.M. There were no redtails or other raptors up to Victoria. 96601.3 left Victoria at 3:10 P.M. 05.6 sp. hawk. 09.1 marsh hawk, sp. hawk. 09.6 sparrow hawk. 10.2 sp. hawk. 11.3 sp. hawk. 11.9 6 black vultures, sparrow h. 13.4 sp. hawk. 15.4 2 sparrow hawks, marsh hawk 17.4 2 crows. 18.8 crow. 20.0 redtail. 22.9 red-bellied hawk. 26.3 Brushy Creek. Tree all have green leaves but some oaks have dead leaves remaining. 27.7 intersection with 111 highway. 33.4 sp. hawk. 34.9 redtail. 36.7 Crow. 39.3 2 crows. 39.6 sp. hawk. 42.0 2 crows. 43.0 sp. hawk, crow. 47.5 7 crows, sp. hawk. 53.1 sp. hawk. 54.1 Crow. 54.5 red-shouldered hawk, sp. hawk. Thrushes are about as common as sparrow hawks or slightly more numerous. 57.4 Navidad River. 59.6 sparrow hawk. 59.8 sp. hawk. 61.9 Schulenberg at 4:30 P.M. 65.5 redtail 67.7² sp. hawk 73.2 2 crows. 73.6 sparrow hawk. 77.3 Colorado River (all on highway 77). 78.2 La Grange 4:55 P.M. temp. 49°F. Just N of La Grange are good stands of pine. Lobms (common) are associated with the pines. Sky now from formed overcast to solid overcast to N. 96692.4 raining & light fading as end of census. Temp. 46°F. Arrived Waco at 96799 at 7:30 P.M. Continued N thru Dallas on 35. Fort Worth is much easier to get thru than Dallas. Continued N on 35E to Dallas Lake in the Denton area arriving at 96920.0 at 10:00 P.M. This camp is just off the main highway and at edge of lake, a good place to stop enroute N or S. Travelling at night I am impressed with the continuous line of lights of rural areas across Texas.