

751229-23²⁴⁻²⁵ of mt east of lodge in "The Basin", ~~see~~ photo 751229-26
 Photo 751229-27 of mts to E + NE with sunlight and reddish rocks.
 Returned to Panther Junction at mileage 538.1, thence to
 Rio Grande Village at 10559.1 at 7:30 P.M. or 130.9 miles trip today
 in the park. Did not see any wildlife on return from Panther
 Junction. Did not keep complete list of birds from Santa Elena
 Canyon but did record the following. 1 shrike, 4 sage thrashers,
 small sparrows, one flock of 22 birds.

Rio Grande Village, Big Bend National Park, Texas

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min. Temp last night 19°F. Sky clear. Left Rio Grande Village
 to continue trip E + S across Texas but in the meantime will cross
 Big Bend, thence N to Marathon then east. Mileage at above camp
 10559.1. Heard coyotes last night. Before departing went to Rio
 Grande and took photo 751230-1 to W above the beaver pond.
 At this time of morning the river was steaming. A raven
 flew by and a nutria swam in the river. Left camp at 9:00
 A.M. on road to Nat. Park. Adm building. At 570.1 6 small
 birds. 570.7 18 more small birds in one flock. The snow
 is still in protected areas and N slopes. 572.0 20 small
 birds. 573.7 Slugout Wells turnoff, 15 more of these small
 sparrowlike birds. 579.7 Coyote along side of road 30' away
 It picked up a stick and played with it for about 10 seconds and
 then ~~was~~ walked away leisurely carrying the two foot long stick
 in its mouth. 579.8 Nat. Park Headquarters. At Head-
 quarters made telephoto no 751230-2 and ^(request) 3 of mountains to
 the SSW showing mts & vegetation. Some snow in protected
 places. Left 10579.9 at 11:00 A.M. and continued N.
 584.3 meadowlark. Fossil Bed Site at 588.3. From here
 made photos 751230-4 of mountain to the S and 751230-5
 to E across a small sloping valley. Left and at 592.5 a
 pyrrhuloxia. 607.3 N boundary of Park, one mourning dove
 here. No clouds in sky today. Continues N. 610.8 pyrrhuloxia
 Will count shrikes from N Park boundary to Marathon.
 615.9 Brewers blackbird. 638.5 marshhawk. 645.8 Marathon
 Shrike Count, ^{of} above was 11 birds. Last night the temperature
 at Marathon was 11°F but they did not receive snow. Left
 at 644.8 at 12:40 P.M. As is the usual policy, will keep list