

at point where jetty contacts highway 53 noted 33 black skimmers and 22 Royal terns resting at edge of water along open bay of Canal about 100 S of bridge. Also 13 avocet and 1 killdeer. 40.9 bridge over this canal. Continuing E on 53. Considerable gopher activity on stabilized sand dunes and much standing water along road and meadows from excessive rains. Many ponds but no ducks that one usually finds associated with the more permanent ponds. 46.3 sp. hawk. 46.4 sp. hawk. 47.4 sp. hawk. 47.6 meadowlark. 48.6 water on road from flooding rains, 8 Coot. snowy egret. 53.9 Ferry at Aransas Port. (did not keep complete census except raptors from mileage 48.6 to 53.9 at Port Aransas At the ferry terminal at Aransas Port observed 18 white pelicans feeding in the immediate vicinity of the ferry as if profiting from the churning waters of the ferry boat. 32 cormorant also in same area and for same purpose, <sup>also 6 ring-billed gulls + 12 laughing gulls.</sup> when crossing noted 4 porpoise about 150' from the boat. This complex of birds and mammals <sup>has</sup> does not changed from year to year. Continued on and at 56.3 3 turkey vultures. Good areas for shore birds. 56.9 sp. hawk and 8 roseate spoonbills along causeway. 58.3 sp. hawk. 66.5 2 sparrowhawks 5 feet of each other. 68.4 sp. hawk, Kingfisher. 69.4 2 black vultures, <sup>turkey</sup> vulture 70.0 2 meadowlarks. 70.8 Kingfisher. 71.9 sp. hawk. Birds along Rockport beaches more numerous than at Padre Island. 65078.4 along bay at Rockport (Connie <sup>Hager wildlife refuge</sup> ~~sanctuary~~) checked the duck population of wintering birds with 60x scope. This sanctuary has always been a highlight in the Texas coast area where birds unafraid can be viewed at 20-30 feet. The variety is outstanding. Photo, <sup>(770107-14)</sup> of a red-breasted merganser, <sup>representative population of</sup> taken with telophoto. Will count and identify, <sup>ducks and</sup> waterfowl with the sweep of the scope including natural groups as far as possible: curlew, killdeer, 8 dowitchers, 4 Coot, 3 pintails, 13 Coot, 5 redheads, 3 canvasbacks, 2 canvasbacks, 4 redheads, pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 5 canvasbacks, 8 Coats, 2 baldpate, 1 great blue heron, 2 gadwals, 7 redheads, pintail, 4 Coot, 1 canvas back, 8 bufflehead, 1 pied-billed grebe, 1 ring-billed gull, 12 dowitchers, 1 spoonbill, Forrester tern. (curlew sinks bill into mud as far as nostrils), Least tern, <sup>greater</sup> yellowlegs (pintails last to leave edge of lake and first to return when disturbed) Louisiana Heron, <sup>to ducks passing as flocks of scope.</sup> redhead, redhead, Canvasback, redhead, redhead redhead, redhead, redhead, redhead, baldpate, redhead, redhead, redhead redhead, Canvasback, redhead, redhead, redhead, baldpate, redhead,