

of ferry and fed as it moved between the cars as the ferry was moving. On way across took 5 photographs of the laughing gull (1000 sec.) nos. 780103-1, 780103-2, 780103-3, 780103-4, 780103-5. Killdeer frequently seen on short grasses areas along dikes or elsewhere across the country. 226.9 sp. hawk. 228.8 sp. hawk. 229.1 sp. hawk. 230.9 sp. hawk. 231.6 sp. hawk. 233.8 sp. hawk. 237.9 top of County toll bridge at 4:15 P.M. 340.0 sp. hawk. There are no swallows along here. 341.1 sp. hawk. 242.8 sp hawk 247.6 sp. hawk. 248.0 sp. hawk. 249.5 marsh-hawk, sp. hawk. 251.7 top of ^{waterways} intra-coastal bridge at Freeport. 255.6 sp. hawk. 257.6 redtail. 281.7 Rio Bravos River. Continued to Bayou La Batre, Cedar Lane, Wadsworth, then S to Matagorda Beach on the gulf arriving there at mileage 83333.3. at 7:45 P.M.

Matagorda Beach on the gulf, Texas.

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Checked birds in bay to W and along beach to S and included: mourning dove, ^{marsh hawk,} meadowlark, common egret, 15 sandpipers, 4 blackbellied plover, 4 willet, 2 great blue heron, 18 Bonaparte gulls feeding over surf near shore, 42 oocets, 5 Herring gulls, 10 laughing gulls, 5 ring-billed gulls, 2 cormorants, shrike; ^{1 turkey vulture near Matagorda City.} min temp last night 49°F. Present temp 60°F this A.M. Left and made following observations of birds on return to highway 521: 10 great blue heron, mainly on east side of road in flat marshland & water as far as one can see, 80 boat-tailed grackles, 3 pied-billed grebes, 8 common egrets, 4 snowy egrets, 3 kingfishers, 20 sparrow hawks, 4 red tail hawks, 2 meadowlarks, 4 shrikes, 10 ring-billed gulls, ^{3000 Canadian geese in field.} Arrive highway 521 at 349.8. 350.2 sp. hawk. 352.2 sp. hawk. 352.6 marsh hawk. 352.8 sp. hawk. 353.9. Colorado River, sp. hawk. In recollection on trip have not seen 2 sparrow hawk closer than 20-30 feet. 354.5 sp. hawk. 355.0 3 krocos, these birds are few and far between in this country. also vulture are scarce. 357.2 redtail. 361.2 sp. hawk. 362.2 redtail. 363.3 junction ^{1095.} ~~to and #5~~ 365.2 sp. hawk. 367.5 sp. hawk. 367.6 sp. hawk 367.7 6 turkey vultures along drainage with cover of live oak trees. 368.6 junction 521 and 35. Will keep track of all birds for a few miles. sp. hawk, meadowlark, turkey vulture, killdeer, turkey vulture, shrike, turkey vulture, shrike, turkey vulture, sp. hawk, 2 shrikes, some starling and English sparrows especially near houses, 370.5 killdeer, turkey vulture, shrike, 2 meadow larks. 372.1 sp. hawk, shrike, kingfisher, 2 meadowlarks 373.6 Palacios. 376.5 marsh hawk, sparrow hawk. 377.6 sp. hawk. 378.5 sp. hawk 379.4 sp. hawk. 380.9 sp. hawk, 381.2 sparrow hawk. 381.9 sp. hawk, killdeer on shoulder of road. 382.3 sp. hawk. 383.6 redtail.