

time a turkey vulture sailed S across the reservoir area at great speed and without deviation. at 11:00 all ring-billed gulls were still working N across lake and by now total 150. at 11:16 all Franklin gulls left lake and circled high and did not return. 4 Turkey vultures circled just over S end dam. One group 111 cormorants feeding in Rock Creek Bay and they (12) were feeding with outstretched wings. A boat went thru the W edge of lake (former Franklin gull raft area) and approx. 8000 ducks were displaced. Also in Rock Creek area all cormorants, 80 pelicans, ^{ducks} and some gulls were displaced. The gulls were somewhat tolerant to boat. Left S end dam and checked gulls NW of water outlet gates. These gulls were on partly emergent road getting S from land and a favorite ^{resting} place. The group included ring-billed gulls, Franklins and Bonaparte gulls. It is interesting that all the Franklins in the raft left the area but those resting on the islands did not leave. A comparison of the three species are as follows: Franklin darkest, ring-billed lightest and Bonaparte between but nearer the ring-bills. Ring-bills show 1 to 3 white spots on primaries when resting, Franklins show 3-4 white spots, Bonaparte none. The size is ring-bill, Franklin and Bonaparte in decreasing size. Bonaparte more stubby, larger head and narrower bill than its closest match the Franklin. Ring-bill legs light, Franklin, Bonaparte dark. Franklin with almost full black to black only around eye. Franklin stretches high and maintains position longer than ring-bill. The Bonaparte has distinct spot behind eye. At one time two pied-billed grebes approached gulls from the deeper water and moved among the ring-billed gulls in the shallow water. One gull (ring-bill) reacted. In this group of gulls were 82 ring-bills, 7 Franklingulls and 2 Bonaparte gulls.

