

Coyote-raccoon predators. A sign indicating the island is being used by least terns should keep people away. Coyotes called at 11:00 P.M. and tracks in area along beach. Small milk long toods left beach for water when approached. This morning Canada geese still feeding in bay and left at about sunup. These are geese that have been raised in area and are part of a 150 population that remains the year around. At 6:²⁵~~30~~ A.M. large flocks of grackles and redwings (50-50) left roosting trees and flew toward sun up. Flight ended at 6:³³~~38~~. Sun-up 6:⁴⁰~~45~~ A.M. After grackles and redwings left the barn swallows arrived and hunted just above the trees. Two great horned owls that left area last night at sundown returned from east at 6:⁴⁵~~50~~ A.M. Barn swallow arrived at picnic shelter and 7:²⁵~~30~~ A.M. was on nest. Min. temp last night 69°F.

Birds in area:

Baltimore Oriole	E. Kingbird	little blue heron
Canada geese	W Kingbird	mallard spotted sandpiper
g. b. heron (18 at one ^{sighting} sighting)	grackle	am coat
ring-billed gull	redwing	killdeer
meadowlark.	common egret,	turkey vulture(2)

The park naturalist saw 3 mule deer and seven white-tailed deer this A.M. Bobcats are increasing. Reports of mountain lion. Bear in area, no antelope. Pelicans remain all winter and use open areas maintained by geese, ducks and mergansers. Last year 8 bald eagles and 8 golden eagles in area. One bald eagle started to nest by building up a nest but then left in spring. The g. b. heron and cormorant nest in some grove of trees. His father (1885) had not seen a wolf but many buffalos. He bought hides from Indians. Grackles take about 45 minutes to arrive in roosting area in evening. New irrigation methods in upper drainage keep water from reaching the reservoir. Best dry farming produces 70 bushels per acre. Good this year because of rains. Botulism affects birds in area. A Mr Hansen from around Farmington Bay in Utah, manages this reservoir wildlife. Rattlesnakes common in area before dam but now scarce and mainly to S & W according to an old timer in area. As many as 18 turkey vulture at trash pile at headquarters. Saw pair of whitetailed jackrabbits. Raccoon track in dust measured ^{rear} ^{front} 101 x 75