

There were approx. 65 coast softshell turtles sunning on logs or bank with backs toward the sun. On logs they were as close together as the log would support. Fisherman used electric knife carver to file bass, first at posterior of operculum back to base of tail and with the flop on body continue posteriorly between skin and flesh, all in one simple operation or stroke. This lake is famous for bass. Left 526.0 at 11:35 A.M. Bluebird. Willow Oak Forest Service turnoff. Leaving Sabine National Forest. Swainson thrush. Eastern chipmunk ran across road in area of deciduous forests and pines at 538.5. Junction 255 at mileage 539.2. Crow. Some pines with leaves 18" and cones to 8 inches may be long-leaved pine. Redtail, broadwing hawk road kill. Burkeville. This area is between deciduous-pine and coastal sub tropics. 551.9 forest fire to east. Brown thrasher. Turkey vulture. noticeable increase in flowering plants around homes, especially beautiful azalea. Newton, now E. at Newton County road side park took nature trail on S side road. Several black swallowtail butterflies feeding on honeysuckle like flowers. no birds. Crow and turkey vulture here. On highway 90. Crow + turkey vulture. Cardinal. Pileated woodpecker, 3 turkeyvultures, Crow. Bon Weir. 574.6 Sabine River slightly above normal flow and now in Louisiana. Crow, raccoon road kill. First day since we left that I felt the sun burning my head. Singer, now S. 27 to Sulphur. Country S flat. Waretta, mockingbird. Entering Calcasieu Co. at 603.2, opossum rd kill. Rumney is a town of azaleas, quack. area flat with extensive fields and pasture like a lawn. First large water canal. Mileage at Interstate 10 & 90 622.9. 636.8 Sam Houston State Park. at 4:52 P.M.

Sam Houston Jones Louisiana State Park, Calcasieu Co., Louisiana
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Birds in area: Crow, group of 6-7 and calling most of the time, the call is a shorter, less intense ^{and softer} than common crow. white-throated sparrow, group 3 in brush in forest. Fox sparrow, 2 in forest, hermit thrush in forest and confiding. Woodpecker hole made by pileated (large chips), another woodpecker that sounded like the red-bellied. Myrtle warbler in trees. Another warbler with call that I could not identify. Collected skull of porcupine no. 830329-1. Two other skulls of porcupine found