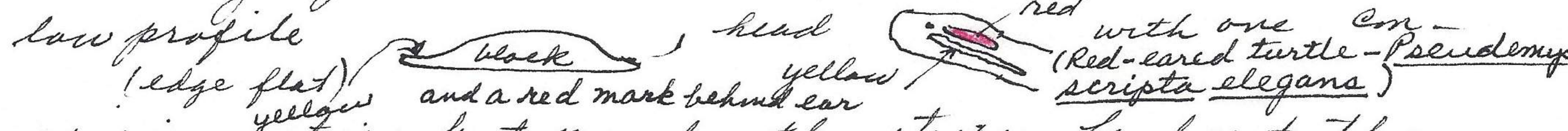


on forest floor. Eastern Gray squirrel at camp and fed from hands, others observed in forest were wild. Turtles common I would judge them to be 10"-16" in diameter and a low profile



specimens, stripes, but may be other stripes, head not the soft shell turtle and edge flat. The turtles covered most of the low lying logs in the swamp of cypress trees. The large were all eroded a light tan from used by turtles, whereas logs elsewhere were dark. I would estimate 100 turtles in 1/10 mile of swamp edge. High water 7' above present level.

signs of old excavated dens, some mud imprints and one lying in old tree stump in water. The imprints were associated with a groove in mud so it have been a Nutria. As I recall there were no trees cut by beaver in the area.

The dens were excavated by a large mammal, resembling digging of the badger in the west. Three photos nos 830329-2 of cypress trees and two turtles on truncated cypress. Turtles extend legs and fan feet as if for aeration or for extending surface area for heat absorption. Photo 830329-3 and 830329-4 of cypress and reflections. Photo 830329-5 of domestic goose snapping grass. 12 gray squirrels in camping areas.

at checkout station, the ranger said that Nutria are in area and are lighter colored than beaver and nest and rest among logs & stumps in swamp and make nest of dried grasses. He did not know of beaver in area. Red fox and Coyote in area as well as bobcats. The flood of Dec 3 to 7 brought 7 feet of water to this area and covered all the camp grounds. no reports of mt. Lion or red wolf. white-tailed deer in large enclosure stand on hind legs to reach leaves (for approx 30 secs). also eat green aquatic vegetation from wet areas. otherwise there is not much browsing vegetation on the forest floor. Some small palm leaves had been eaten. Some small deer 1/2 height adults, no antlered ones. Continuing beyond park. opossum road kill, sparrow hawk, brown thrasher, At 648.6 leaving camp ground area after a false start in wrong direction. 3 crows, opossum road kill. In marsh along Calcasieu River bridge on highway 171 observed approx 80 common egret generally dispersed.