

Fewer birds on beach at twilight than during the day. Some waves almost crest then demmish and when the mass hit the shoreline or beach is more forceful than a larger wave that crests and turns over farther out. Surf parallel to shore this am but slightly angled ~~west~~ ↑ yesterday afternoon. Fog gradually clearing. In marshes and pastures N of camp same birds as yesterday and about same population.

Left at mileage 725.7 at 9:30 A.M. water changing from gray to blue by time we left. Will go N on 27 to Nature Trail in Sabine Wildlife Refuge and will keep complete census of birds and mammals along borrow canals on W side of road. 12 American pelicans flew overhead. Temp 54°F. 2 blue-wing teal, 3 snowy egret, snowy egret, redwing, Kingfisher, snowy egret. Snowy egret in breeding plumage. Common egret. 2000 ducks and other birds in fields and lakes to W. Snowy egret, 3 redwings. Ducks in lakes beyond include pintail, baldpate, green-wing teal, gadwall, coot, scamp, shovellers (at least 20 birds), 2 greenwing teal, black duck, black-necked stilt, golden and black-bellied plover and others. Nutria road kill 280^{mm} body and 282 tail. This animal was at the side of a King rail road kill and presuming that it was eating the rail or visa-versa. 727.7 mileage of Nutria rd. Kill. 2 gadwalls, 3 redwings, redwing, 4 bluewing teal, redwing. 728.0 First Bayou. 2 black-necked stilt, blue-wing teal, snowy egret. Many birds beyond borrow pits but not easily censused. Gadwall, redwing, b.t., grackle, monarch butterfly's dominant butterfly and only one seen in area. Second Bayou 729.5. Kingfisher, grackle, bridge across canal, grackle, Nutria road kill at another bridge across canal. Snowy egret. 2 common grackles, small sparrow, great blue heron. Snowy egret on top of telephone pole. Inside refuge there was a decided drop in number of birds and field grazed to roots. 732.9 arrived at Nature Trail. Will keep complete census of birds along trail to observation tower. Started at 10:12 A.M. Coot, heard King rail, ♀ b.t., grackle, 2 blue-wing teal, coot, (at bridge a fisherman had 2 gallons of crabs from salt water canal), 2 coot, 5 boat-tailed grackles, 4 blue wing teal, 2 blue winged teal, 4 coot, 2 blue-winged