

showed a certain area of grackle - redwing sparsity (almost total exclusion). We'll try to feel this in by recollection. From Pecan Island to where 82 turn abruptly to the north the birds were about the same as pre Pecan Island census. On the north road (82) the road was bordered on both sides by water canals to the old Interoceanic waterway and the aquatic forms (coot, ducks, egrets etc) were almost absent except near Intracoastal bridge (old). The common & boat-tailed grackles and redwings were constantly present all along the way and I could hardly keep up record on recorder. After the old Interoceanic waterway Bridge to junction 82-333 there were virtually absent with only one or two blackbuds (grackles, redwings) recorded although good habitat for them. Waterfowl was also absent even though a great percentage of field were covered with water for growing rice or Crayfish. I'm not sure which. From the Intracoastal waterway (new) one grackle (boat-tailed) flew across bridge at its highest point. Started complete census at 82 and 691 ^{at 8:47.9 10:40}. This area is covered with water for growing of rice. 1 mile S of here on 82 observed 1 field with approx 100 snowy egrets and 6 common egret. Before this observation there were practically no waterbirds back to the old intra-coastal bridge. This aggregation of birds was an isolated instance of egrets, nothing observed before or after. Also a group of 120 ring-billed gulls in part of flooded field. We did not see gulls before or after this sighting. Just prior to the 82-691 junction we passed thru extensive deciduous forests. Continued N 82. Junction 694, draw bridge. Vermillion R. 850.3. Junction 330 one to Abbeville 82, one to Henry. Abbeville City limits. Mockingbird, junction 331-82 still no grackles or redwings. Erath. Junction 339-82 Only a few flooded rice fields in this area. Some fields have stakes every 20 or so feet. Delcambre City limits. Cemetery tombs higher above ground (3-4') than flat slabs at Pecan Island. 2 common grackles in Delcambre. Mockingbird. Iberia Parish 867.4, 2/10 mi. W draw bridge On E side bridge turned left and ^{1 mile to} checked the salt dome that collapsed and could see one building slanting into water. First boat-tailed grackles since old Intracoastal waterway also 6 cattle egret. Blue jay for first time today, marsh rabbit road kill. Live oak gardens closed (Jefferson Island)