

Should be grackles but there is none, opossum rd. kill, Epit
 meant to right. Striped skunk road kill, mockingbird, now
 on road with canopy of trees overhead as we approach Abbeville.
 Abbeville city limits at 001.9 (now in our 3rd thousand).
 mileage at turnoff to Kaplan on 14 002.3 and will keep
 complete census to Kaplan. Opossum road kill: none.
 Loggerhead shrike, striped skunk rd. kill, mockingbird as we
 approached Kaplan. Kaplan c. limit at 010.5. Opossum rd.
 Kill. Rice field devoid of wildlife, Loggerhead shrike.
 3:20 P.M. Opossum rd. kill, Cottontail road kill, Into
 mulvey. junction 30-93. 30 sandpipers. There have
 been some small birds on utility line. Opossum rd. kill.
 Swallows 1 per mile. 2 cattle egret along a canal. Gueydan.
 025.6 beginning 2 lane highway to W. 026.8 railroad tracks
 now W. 2 meadowlarks, redwing, striped skunk road
 kill, killdeer, meadowlark, Last town a storage
 place for rice. Opossum road kill, Swallows, increasing,
 (not barn swallows), Loggerhead shrike, shrike, redwing.
 Cameron Parish. now 717 out around main road.
 redwing, redwing, shrike, killdeer, redwing, mockingbird,
 now S. 2 robins, now W. redwing, now S, redwing, mocky-
 bird, ricefield this far W, meadowlark, now 71, 4:30.
 Bayou Canal. redwing, mockingbird, redwing, redwing,
 5 redwings, 4 redwings, killdeer. Now closest to lake,
 + right turn. redwing, mockingbird, mockingbird, entering
 Vermilion Parish, 2 mockingbirds, redwing, opossum rd kill,
 shrike, redwing, 40 sandpiper, 4 redwings, 2 redwings. Now
 back on 14. Arrived west ^{side} of bridge E of Lake Arthur.
 at 5:00 P.M. at 049.1 mileage. Camp in boat port in
 2 pairs wood ducks flew by, they saw fly fast. wind
 blowing hyacinth up canal from S.

Mermentau River Bridge, E Lake Arthur, Vermilion Co., Louisiana

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at 6:00 A.M temp 59, rel. hum. 81, wind 14, 29.79, expected to
 be 70 today, 60 night. Blasting at about 1 hr intervals all
 night. Spotted sandpiper at camp. Otherwise no birds in an
 area where there should be bountiful. Left 49.1 at 9:00 A.M
 54.8 now leaving west on highway 14, at 10:27. Lake Arthur
 is a rice storage area. At Lake Arthur had top fixed by putting
 2 new rubber rings in bottom section. Skies show rain