

continued on to Palacios and at Palacios Marina (privately owned) camped at beach on W side marina. Birds observed from Barth in 1 1/2 hrs: 1 spotted sandpiper, 22 common tern, 15 Forster's tern, 10 least tern, 13 laughing gulls, 2 ring-billed gulls, 1 herring gull, 4 cormorants, 8 eared grebes, 1 common loon, 4 turnstones, 2 willet, 6 black skimmers, 1 snowy egret, 2 great blue heron, 6 royal tern. The skimmer hunt after dark.

Palacios,  
Palacios Marina, Matagorda Co., Texas.  
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made two trip to end of break water. This jetty is made of large blocks of granite. Photo 830413-1 of granite and contact with zone of different type of rock material. The contact is clear cut and abrupt as the photo will show. The finer grained material has reddish, grayish material, some in waves.

Photo 830413-2 a close shot of the feldspar, quartzite and hornblend? These 3 materials vary in percent frequency, some with feldspar dominant and nearly 100% but with occasional other two interspersed. The black hornblend also can dominate. The larger gray material frequently has larger phenocrysts and more widely separated.

The rocks supporting the blocks of granite are covered with green mosslike material, whereas the granite rocks at same level do not.

Photo 830413-3 Annette and old boat at Marina. Observed 2 ruddy turnstones in parking road circa 100' from water. While at end of granite breakwater observed 5 common porpoise or dolphins feeding about 50-100' from end. They made considerable agitation of water when pursuing their game.

Left marina and drove to Lavaca State Park which is actually a City camping park associated with The State Park Fishing Pier and boat ramp. The camping area is misrepresented as part of the State Park. It is poorly managed with dirty unusable toilets and showers and they are not around until after everybody is settled and ready to retire before they call for their money. I was ready to leave under the circumstances but we already had our beds made and ready to retire. This situation of misrepresentation should be rectified.