

State Park,
Port Lavaca, Calhoun Co., Texas

April 14, 1983

Left Port Lavaca at 541.6 at 9:00 AM. yesterday afternoon at 4:30 P.M we walked the fishing pier which is remnant of old bridge now replaced by cement bridge. On way out we observed 204 strands of ^{spider} cobwebs on our clothing from webs placed across the top rail and lower rail. These stands were placed across here between 3:00 P.M and 4:30 as a couple at end of pier said they had been at end of pier for 1 1/2 hrs and that no one had been on pier since that time. The dimensions of the pier are 8 feet wide and 6/10 miles long. On the basis of these measurement there were 1632 feet of webs place across the pier in 1 1/2 hrs or 18 feet per of webs per minute.

Continued to Indianola. 3 Boat-tailed grackle, 2 scissor-tail flycatcher, 7 snowy egret, 6 laughing gull are at end of road on peninsula. no evidence of the old port that at one time vied with Galveston for dominance. Continued on to Port O'Conner. At 591.2 first black vultures and first ones seen along coast. This area is ^{grassland} savannas and small live oak clumps. 593.0 2 black vultures. Boat-tail grackle and snowy egret as we approached Port O'Connors. 595.3 3 black vultures, 605.5 extreme SE end of Port O'Conner. Porbs to n and no places to camp. This is a very attractive village with minimum of commercialization. Homes are above average in size and good architecture. Scissor-tail flycatchers observed at 4 places in town. Laughing gull common along beach. 607.2 black vulture, snowy egret. The route into O'Connors is more dry than wet marsh. 609.9 turkey vulture, 2 scissor-tailed flycatchers, 611.0 black vulture. 612.9 2 cattle egret, great blue heron, kingfisher, coot, 30 white faced ibis, 2 cattle egret, 5 boat-tailed grackles, redwing, 3 boat-tailed grackles, meadowlark, 2 black ducks, 1 white-faced ibis, 1 redwing. 617.0 turkey vulture and scissortailed flycatcher, 2 boat-tailed grackle, First gopher diggings for some time, scissortailed flycatcher, 3 blue-winged teal. 620.0 black vulture. 621.0 3 turkey vultures, 623.5 seadrift city limits. Town arranged with city park around beach and no place to park, 300 coot, another group same size. Great blue heron, great blue heron, and 10 laughing gulls. Approx. 20 boat-tailed grackles in town,