

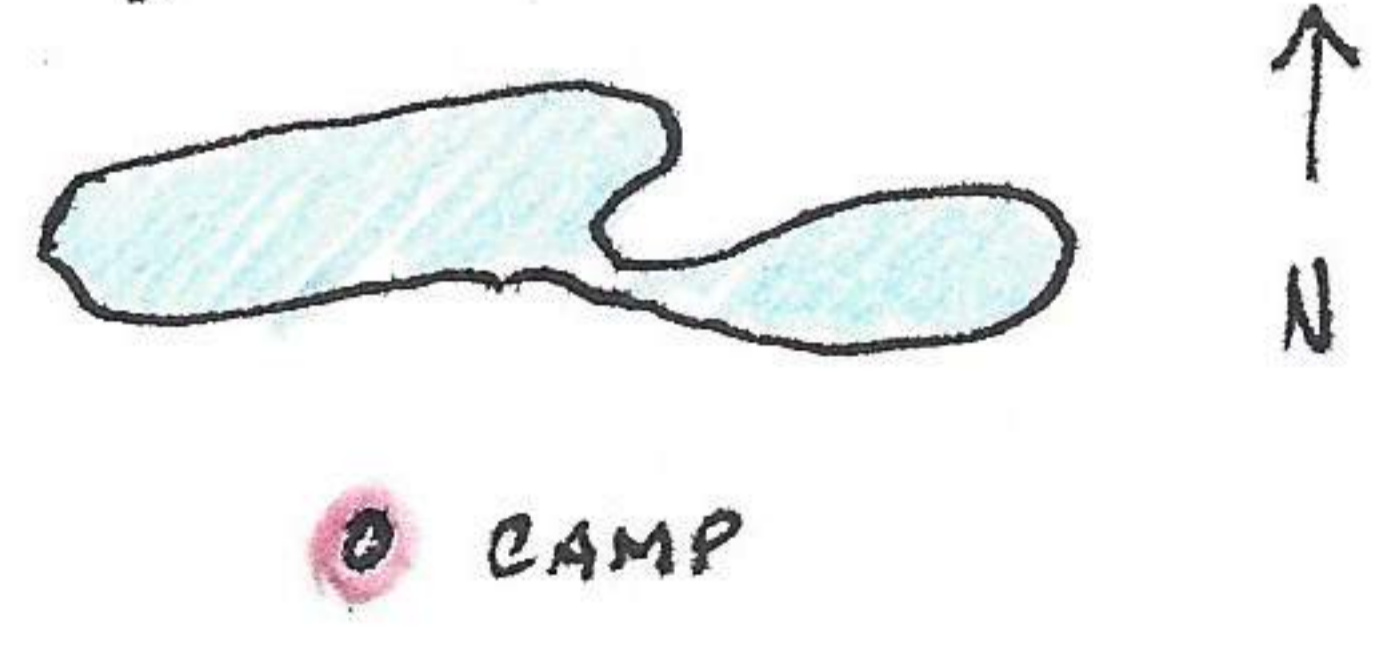
intervals until the last fish was offered. The female then moved to front of male and passed her tail against his breast from side to side for about 30' and the male then mounted the female and stood on entire length of foot and after balance was attained wagged its tail back & forth and then forcefully separated wings and tail apart and made close contact. He repeated this 3 times and then demounted. vocalizations accompany first part of courtship. Out of a group of 28 laughing gulls only 6 remained unpaired. 4 copulations were observed in approx. 10 minutes, males are defensive if other males come near the female. At Mustang State Park much moving sands. In parking lot a group of laughing gulls shared the area with 2 reddy turnstones, 1 Baird Sandpiper and 3 sanderling. Corpus Christi Pass last to channels to gulf are not carrying water, many marshes & lakes are dry. 1852 Pass. Parkey Channel, no junction to Corpus Christi. Windward side of Causeway with windrow of white foam ^{& debris} whereas on W side there is none. Continued to Corpus Christi and had prints* developed and shopped for necessities. Returned to camped 2/10 mi N of E end of Packery County Park. *(Photos 830421-1 to 830421-10 are of Annette in Barth showing interior arrangements.)

N of Packery County Park, Nueces Co., Texas

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This camp is not in Park but in lowland of bays and sands bordering the Packery Channel. From Barth took 7 photos of birds to be discussed, all under poor lighting condition of early morning and cloudy skies (500 mm). In a linear pond 80' x 15' that is connected at high tide to bay but separated in low tide, observed 24 species of birds, all inhabiting the small pond at the same time:

Recorded reactions and behaviourism between species.



Black duck - Anas rubripes. Two rested and fed in water, keeping close together. They tolerated all forms and had a confiding respect toward all species but with some respect for the great blue herons. They would swim by snowy egrets, avocets and other herons without selecting response from those birds. When feeding they dabbled continuously. Roseate spoonbill - Ajaia ruber. One fed in pond, it fed