

- Left Camp. N of Packer County Park and drove to Mustang Island State Park. On road (Park Road 53) between w junction and park, took photo 830421-20 of sand dunes to show height. From our last camp (N Packer Co. Park) the sand dunes looked like high alpine covered mountain. Continued to Mustang Island State Park and drove on sands E to rock jetty of the Corpus Christi Bay outlet. Water exchange pass to about 1/10 mi inland from beach and from there a reduced channel, mainly filled with sand. These beaches are active with broad expanses of sand and high sand dunes. Photo of the following subjects; (Kodachrome)
- 830422-21 full height of great blue heron.
 - 830422-22 upper body & head of great blue heron.
 - 830422-23. incoming surf.
 - 830422-24 " " " "
 - 830422-25 great blue heron on sand dune. Two others occupied similar dunes.
 - 830422-26 great blue heron full height.
 - 830422-27 Bath on beach at rock jetty.
 - 830422-28 Laughing gulls on sands
 - 830422-29 " " " "
 - 830422-30 Group laughing gull fighting for food
 - 830422-31 " " " " " "
 - 830422-32 " " " " " "
 - 830422-33 yellow primrose on sand dune.

Returned to west beach and set up camp about half way down beach from Headquarters to Corpus Christi Pass to SW.

Mustang Island State Park, San Patricio Co., Texas
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Gulls active at at least 5:40 A.M. At 7:15 noted several Swainson's hawks circling just beyond dunes to NW and between 7:15 and 7:30 there were approx 500 hawks that passed NNE on N side of dunes in singles to groups of 5 to approx 100 birds. At 7:30 made trip NW of dunes to get a better count of numbers of birds. From a point about 2/10 mi SW of dunes could see that the hawks were moving SSW to NNE from 20' above ground to as high as 500'. One was on ground and flew when approached. Others appeared to be hunting but I never saw one come to ground. At 7:55 observed one flock of estimated number of 3,500 birds, flying from 100' to 500' high and in a compact group measuring