

One of the rangers observed an armadillo cross field. their tracks common.

Birds in area (This place is dominated by hackberry (~~Juglans~~) *Celtis laevigata*) and mesquite (*Prosopis juliflora*)).

Bronzed cowbird, 6 neck can be ruffed and eye is red.  
 boat-tailed grackle 8  
 mourning dove, 1

turkey vulture 1

laughing gull (at lake) 1

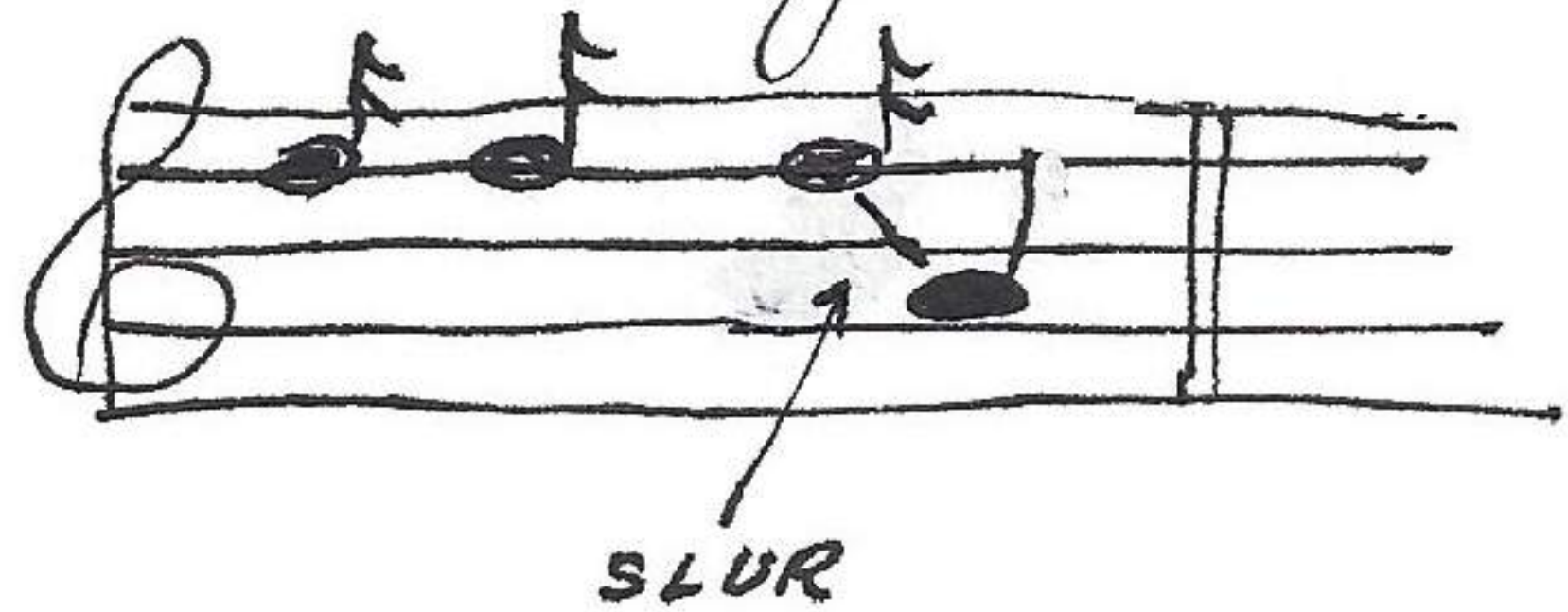
red-bellied woodpecker 2

Inca dove. From ground dove, larger, longer tail, white in tail, <sup>carried nest material</sup>

ground dove. Small size, no white in tail while in flight,

white-winged dove. Definitely the most dominant bird in area.

It calls from daybreak to twilight, generally in groups in certain favorable tree area. They are continuously in sight. Some are carrying materials for nest building. Their calls are outstanding with many calling at any one moment. They go so:



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It is difficult to pick out the individual song when many birds are calling.

Sometimes they vary the call and improvise several additional notes within the regular pattern. At times it suggests the call

of the great horned owl. When the call is given there is an audible huff sound immediately preceding the first note and during this time the tail elevates and the wings are raised.

One ♂, alighted by a calling ♀ and the female crouched and vibrated its wings.

Mockingbird at least 2 in opening at frequent intervals.

Walked to lake and observed 2 green heron, 2 black ducks, 2 kill deers, 2 black-bellied tree ducks flew pass, they are easily identified by red neck, large white patch on wing and trailing leg, and 6 bronzed cowbirds. The male of the cowbird ruffs feathers, hovers perfectly 2-4 feet above female for 10-30 seconds. It copulated once; they left female. One ground vibrates wing rapidly.

This evening visited a neighbor who is a civil lawyer from San Antonio. He is President of The (SE US) Musicians Union and dropped such names as Doc Severson, Harry Jones, Buddy Rich etc as close friends. They made the statement the one does not go to Pasco del Rio after dark. The city has overwhelmed the walk area and it is not as pleasant as at one time. Had 3 bands at one time and played the drums (before going to low school).