

Left mileage 272.5 at 10:00 A.M will keep a list of different kinds of birds to Kingsville. meadowlark, mockingbird, brown-headed cowbird, 25 snowy egrets on W side of causeway leaving park area. Birds concentrate on S end of loop, 8 on east side of causeway in study area. Laughing gull, (have included all the shorebirds in the bay), boat-tailed grackle, bronzed cowbird. These cowbirds (♂) ruff neck feathers when they are isolated from female such as alone on telephone wire. Mourning dove, Loggerhead shrike, 281.1 turkey vulture, 282.1 turkey vulture, scissortail flycatcher, junction 77 282.4, mileage. Left Kingsville after picking up mail and headed S. at 2:30 P.M. will keep complete list of all raptors. Convent 77 and 77 Business 305.8 mileage. 314.8 turkey vulture, 320.1 turkey vulture, 322.4 turkey vulture, 327.4 3 turkey vultures. Small lakes almost dry. 335.5 first Harris hawk observed so far in Texas, also 2 boat-tailed grackles since last recorded. 347.9 turkey vulture. at Norias only 4 grackles so far. 370.3 79 turnoff to Business district, 4:34 P.M and at this point turkey vulture. Decided increase in grackles as we go into the city. 3 per 1/10 mile, 377.3 27 underpass going E on 186 to Port Mansfield, 384.0 8 white-faced ibis, 386.2 5 turkey vultures. 394.0 turkey vulture, 400.8 <sup>port</sup> Mansfield city limits. End of census. Stayed city park N end village.

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From park (N end where fence excludes roads and people observed; <sup>(6:30-7:30 A.M)</sup> Wilson plover 2, when it meets semipalmated plover stands up erect and appears much larger than the smaller plover. The large bill is most diagnostic in field, 1 semipalmated plover; 1 killdeer; 10 laughing; 2 snowy egrets, 24 little egret, photo 830503-1 of several that alighted and faced heavy wind from NE, they did not move for at least 20 minutes, photo 830503-2 and 830503-3 (laughing gulls in background) ibid; 4 boat-tailed grackles, 13 sandpiper, 1 Louisiana heron; 1 black bellied plover; 2 willet; 8 least terns; 2 long-billed curlew; 5 ruddy turnstones; 4 barn swallows. One laughing gull (immature) treaded water (washed on surface) for 4 minutes while it pecked