

Occasionally one phalarope would chase off another. While there was continuous action on the water surface, the phalarope feeding on wet shore feed as <sup>most</sup> any other shore-bird, walking slowly and deliberately picking up insects, as if they were completely tuned away from the hectic gyrations of the water feeding phalarope. Photos, 830503-9 to 830503-16 of the Wilson <sup>phalarope</sup>.

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Photos 830503-16 to 830503-20<sup>NG</sup> are of Lattle shaming the same pond. a black-necked stilt fed in lake to W of the small pond. The pond yesterday when we passed had the approx. same number of phalarope as observed today. Other birds near pond were snowy egret and <sup>3</sup> b.t. grackle. Mileage at junction 77 at overpass is 428.3. Left Raymville for Brownsville and will keep list of only raptore birds. <sup>spur</sup> 712-77 434.8 439.7 Cameron Co. Boat-tail grackles about 2 per mile. Arrived Brownsville, checked for mail, thence E on 4 to Boca Chica, on the beach at 574.6 at 8:35 P.M. Enroute find this area the most exciting beach approach we have made with extensive expanses of dried lake beds in several stages of succession, some grown to vegetation and some in black mud stage. The remoteness and great distances are enchanting, and except for 3 or 4 small groups of houses and the beginning of real state development, the area is primitive. It would be wise to create and international area of this Rio Grand plain and preserve as inviolate to man, except for a few selected viewing area. It is suitable as a place that shows a dynamic process of gulf + land changes and might demonstrate how nature can solve some of the changing shoreline problems plagued by man and his interference with the seashore. During the week only 4 or 6 fishermen use the beach to extreme N + S. weekends the usual day inhabitants. The beach is