

pure sand. from water to sand dunes, most of it actively moving. Even this remote beach is littered with debris from man, meaning paper, cans, bottles and misc trash.

Boco Chica Beach, Cameron Co., Texas

May 4, 1983

Sun up at 6:50 A.M. Laughing gull active 6:30 A.M. Birds in area (7:00 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.)

4 brown pelican (7:30 A.M.) flying S. They moved in trough between first major swells forming the surf waves. Sometimes the pelicans would be out of view for 100' or so.

One flew N above beach (40') at 8:00 A.M.

2 willet

1 black-bellied plover

18 sandpiper

1 laughing to N at 1 per 3 minutes

2 ruddy turnstones (one of which had only 1 leg!).

2 common tern

5 least tern.

The above birds were observed in an area $\frac{3}{10}$ mile N and $\frac{3}{10}$ mile S or $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of beach (with 17x binocular). Other birds later were ♂ & ♀ boat-tailed grackle although no shrubs or trees for $\frac{3}{10}$ mi. to W.

Photo 830504-1 Beach

x 830504-2 Barth.

830504-3 Surf.

x 830504-4 willet and surf.

x 830504-5 " " "

x 830504-6 trash on beach

x 830504-7 Annette & surf.

830504-8 Annette and ladder on rear of Barth.

Left at 11:20 A.M. for Brownsville. Recorder malfunctioned. In recollection: no turkey vultures. * Photo 830504-9 of expanse of sand and mudflats ^{to NE} and lake from high point along road. ^{2 palms in foreground.} Most lakes with shorebirds about 1 per $\frac{1}{10}$ mi, some shorelines $\frac{1}{2}$ mi without birds. Very few birds. Boat-tailed grackles increased along way as we approached suburban areas E of Brownsville. Arrived Brownsville and checked mail and found zip no. for McAllen (78501). Spent the afternoon at Gladys Porter Zoo. 500 Ruggold Street, Brownsville, Texas. 78520. This zoo is one of the best in the world and is made