

He said that Glacier Bay is the most unusual place he has been and is unusual in that it is remote and geologically new. Succession runs from trees 200 years old at old terminal of glacier, thru complete successions to the present end of glacier. For each succession there is a distinct composition of animals and vegetation, from stark lifeless area around glacier to complex communities lower in bay. At Big Bend National Park it snow April 20? and they have had 5 storms this year which is unusual. Harris hawks are observed all year there and seem to inhabit the same areas. He participated in the peregrine falcon and bald eagle recovery program and implied that it is a very expensive educational program that involves a lot of personal time and effort. It is now under good control. Last winter (Jan-May) he was in N and NE part of Yellowstone where the large mammals winter. This is the time to be in Yellowstone. The big horns suffered from pink-eye and there was a big mortality. He has climbed mountains in Colombia, S.A.M. and would like to try Nepal. He worked with Leggett and Crawford, the former from K.U. Tabot recognized the mammals on the Arctic slope and said Denali headquarters had 2 copies in the library. Mears idea of busing people in National Parks is working satisfactorily and better than driving thru park.

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Site 49. At site 44 is a *Lichtenstein oriale* just completing nest. would bring in 5 foot vine strands and in 5-15 sec. have them worked in the interior nesting cavity, lower part just above cup the fast to finish. Made trips every 5 minutes or so. At 4 times at 1/2 hr intervals a ♀ bronzed cowbird alighted on top of pendulous nest and moved in 3 positions on top and 1 or two times at entering nest and then leave. Male of cowbird in area with ♀. I presume the cowbird was waiting for oriale to lay first egg. Other birds in area: boat tailed grackle, most common bird and about 30 in walking around road circuit. Always at camp. One had a club foot. Chucalacas calling from early morning to about noon and common. One ran into bush from edge of road. Most commonly seen calling from tops of trees. Fox squirrel. Old and young cottontails. White-wing and mourning doves calling in morning.