

In camp area were 36 cedar waxwings and *Leichtensteinia oriale*. Pied-billed grebe and least grebe in W. Obbau lake, also a common gallinule. Chachalaca repeats its name except the last a "chachalac". The white-wing dove sounds like How do - you do? Both species love an extended elaboration of the normal or usual calls. Last night raccoon on table and ate whole wheat bread.

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To Reynosa today. Town remains about the same but population increased several times since we were there about 10 yrs ago.

Returned to Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park. Toward evening checked roads in forest with flash light. 210 boat-tailed grackles flew E in small groups, early groups 15% males (large), later about 50-50%. They stopped at time paucaque began flying. First flew down road above trees, second one about 5 minutes later, then at late twilight one landed on dead limb of tree for 10 sec. then to road for 10 sec and then flew away. When birds were difficult to identify as birds used flashlight. Observed 6 such birds along way. They call like pa-rio regularly and sometimes give a shrill noise in decreasing scale. They give it in stationary position or while flying about in area. Heard call of ferruginous owl (4 secs of series of single notes). It was not the call of the screech owl. Just before fading of lights observed 2 yellow-billed cuckoos in mesquite tree. Collected series of tree and bush leaves for identification. Nos. 830508-1 to 830508-23

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checked trees in area and collected examples (see next page): Boat-tail grackles ♂ make audible ^{wing} sound when leaving ground especially as they fly into trees.

Chachalaca and bronzed cowbird feed together. Catantail accepted by all birds but will displace most if transgressing. Photo 830507-1 ^{and 830507-2} of Chachalaca. When a group of Chachalacas are moving together on ground or perched in trees they give an audible rickling sound (soft and low). The boat-tailed grackle will give call twice and sometimes 3 times in consecutive time. This evening nighthawk flying at 7:30 P.M.