

extremely aggressively with feather held on and tumbling over and around on the ground. Most of the time was standoff with necks arched and feathers of head ruffled, sometimes 15' apart.

Cottontail shakes head down when mosquito alights on nose. They have dusted several times this A.M. Photo 830510-2 of a cottontail scratching head.

Left 10:30 at 781.7 2 opossum road leads outside of park. Arrived Falcon State Park. 3 turkey vultures in area. Camped in S section site 116.

Lake
Falcon State Park, Zapata Co., Texas.
May 11, 1983

Birds in area:

1 Pyrrhuloxia, 3 curved thrasher, one carrying nest material, of fine hawklike size; mockingbird, fly like bat at times, rests on top shrub and sings, flaps up 8 feet and drops back, once toppled down thru bush as if shot then regained perch; 4 boat-tailed grackles; road runner 1; barn swallow, fly E. overhead; white-necked raven; 2 snowy egret flew over E; 3 desert cottontail (Sylvilagus auduboni); 2 bronzed cowbirds; 2 mourning doves; white-winged dove; 1 Scaevola dove; boat-tailed grackle aggressively displaces the curved billed thrasher; 2 scaled quail; curved-billed thrasher copulated, ♀ crouched and vibrated wing, followed ♂ and presented herself and male then copulated. It is a forceful pressure on ♀. Kiskadee flycatcher, it calls its name; scaled quail displace curved billed thrasher but make close contact with b.t. grackles without fear; at meat feeder, Chachalaca dominate except with some aggressive ♂ b.t. grackles the defense is 50-50; Chachalaca feed young (length of tail of adult) and other adults; curved billed thrashers remain clear of Chachalaca and grackles; at one moment 3 adult Chachalaca, 12 b.t. grackles (2 ♀ only); 1 bronzed cowbird, 2 scaled quail, 4 curved billed thrashers. Chachalaca started calling and all birds left; The small Chachalaca flew into hackberry bush and fed on yellowish-orange fruits. The adult Chachalacas seemed to have left but young remained; later adult returned and young came down from tree and was fed by adult. with noise from trailer or site of movement, the b.t. grackles leave immediately area whereas other birds (Chachalaca, curved-billed thrashers) remain.