

Birds more active in early morning than later in morning. Weeds flycatcher (one without tail ♂) come to within 1 foot of Barth to inspect.

Photo 830605-1 mesquite blossom and leaves.

" 830605-2 yellow flower.

830605-3 4 species of flowers common in area.

830605-4 creosote bush and fruit.
Left 9:48 A.M. 5 roven, 1 turkey vulture between here and Saguaro Nat'l Monument. Towed road to E ^{of Saguaro Nat'l Monument} and took 10 photos of various subjects.

830605-5 Palo Verde in blossom E part of car trail

830605-6 ibid, saguaro, old & young in foreground plus palo verde

830605-7 E end car trail of saguaro, palo verde against outer sp.

830605-8 Barth at E end trail, palo verde by Barth

830605-9 inflorescence of ocotilla, most past blossom period.

Turkey vulture in area.

Continued to Saguaro Nat'l Mon (Tucson mts) and camped at Gilbert Ray Camp grounds. 1/2 mi E camp, grey fox picked up. jock rabbit road kill and carried it into bushes at side of road.

Saguaro Nat'l Mon, Tucson mts., Pima Co., Arizona

June 6, 1983

Bird in 100 x 100 area of teddy bear cactus, saguaro, ocotilla and greasewood (creosote).

- 1 purple martin nesting in saguaro
- 1 common bushtit fed in ocotilla seeds
- 6 white-wing doves, 2 songs (who cooks, for who, and preparatory notes for final coo) rested & called in ocotilla & searched t.b. cactus.
- 3 mourning doves, rested in ocotilla
- 2 cactus wrens in nest in teddy bear cactus.
- 3 curved billed thrasher, building nest in t.b. cactus, one repeated searched ground under palo verde for nesting material, 60' from nest. A second ♂ was chased from nesting area, sometimes in battle in teddy bear cactus! It is unexplainable how these birds and other species can climb over the thorny (some like needles) branches. They show no preference for position on the stems. It would be interesting to make histological examination of the tissue of these birds epidermis.