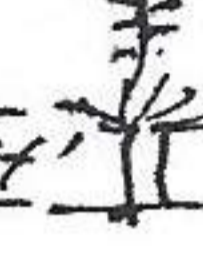




SE Lordsburg, I-10, Hidalgo Co., New Mexico.

Dec. 19, 1983

Left at 464.8. min. temp last night 24°F, Sky clear. The above camp was at Turbau Station frontage road (W of I-10 approx 300' Left 10:21 A.M. 464.2 meadowlark, 468.3 7 meadowlarks, 469.6 2 meadowlark 670.0 Grant Co. line 672.5 review, 483.3 meadowlark 487.4 Continental divide 490.2 redtail, 495.5 Luna Co. Black-tailed jackrabbit and striped-skunk road kill. Fossiliferous seen for a long time. 497.5 redtail. 150 horned larks, redtail. Noted several yucca with 10' base stem and 5' flower (branched) stock, most of them average 4' high . 508.1 country developing more shrublike plants and less cacti as well as more sandy soils. (soils red). 510.2 sparrow hawk. 514.2 back to yucca 519.1 Deming (Safeway) 532.8 shrike. Since 519.1 seen 20 black-tailed jackrabbit rd kills, 543.6 redtail 576.0 Rio Grande River, sparrow hawk. 603.4 Visitor Center in Texas. 603.7 mile post 1 in Texas, 628.1 E El Paso in Shopping Center (Bassett). ~~603.8 redtail.~~

Mission Campgrounds, E El Paso, Texas

Dec 20, 1983

Left and at 660.8 redtail. 665.1 striped-skunk road kill, 667.9 redtail. 676.1 2 golden eagles. 676.6 overpass, exit 55 to Torillo. From 11:30 to 12:30 dust increased from W and now visibility 2 miles. Wind from SW. Dominant plant and almost exclusively so is creosote & occasional long base yucca. 720.0 picnic area at <sup>mead</sup> granite ridge. Dust moved in while we were here for 30' and change vision from infinity to approx 3 mile distance. and blacked vision of Sierra Blanca to the NE. Wind from SW. Left at 4:00 P.M. 720.5 exit 99 to Lasca 727.6 Sierra Blanca exit 105 at overpass, 729.6 striped skunk road kill. The large leaved, stemmed yucca (Giant) are already in area and have been so for at least the last 20 miles. These large yucca are mainly along the roadbed. Blossom stem branched and heavy ~~at~~ base (rapid taper). 734.3 visibility to N  and sunshine approx 3 miles and dark white to S 4-5 miles clear and blue sky. This dust storm (from El Paso to here has a sharp edged storm track. Looks like a heavy rain storm. Have passed several communities of yucca.  737.0 enough sun to make shadows and ~~photovallain~~ cell.