

744.6 Coyote walking inside fence line bordering right-of-way approx 100' from road, I-10 traffic did not seem to influence coyote. 751.3 exit 129 overpass to Allamore & Hot Wells. Creosote to base of mt slope. 772.6 roughleg. The road cuts show stratified Cambrian - Precambrian rocks, highly folded and tilted and varied colors. 753.6 now at divide. 757.4 Culberson Co. (change to Central time but I have been carrying central time since El Paso for convenience of setting. 762.2 now S on 90 at Van Horn, at 5:08 P.M. well drive until dusk. 764.9 jackrabbit road kill. Far to N the dust storm is dark & active. Cotton fragments along road so must be a product of the valley. There has been a reviving of cotton growing all along New Mexico & Texas so far. 765.6 redtail. 774.1 junction 1523. 784.3 redtail. 791.4 redtail. Dust storm to N even after sundown. 801.1 Valentine. Camped at Catholic Church. Highway 90.

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Dec. 21, 1983 ^{40°F}
Left 10:42 A.M.

min temp 30°F 804.3 2 meadowlarks
3 horned larks
810.2 sparrow hawk. 812.1 redtail. 814.5 marsh hawk
in road eating black-tailed jackrabbit rd. kill, 816.9 marsh
hawk eating black-tailed rabbit rd. kill, 818.0 marsh
hawk, 2 meadowlarks. 819.9 redtail 821.6 jackrabbit
road kill. 822.5 marsh hawk, redtail hawk 229.0
19 horned larks. 836.7 City limits marfa. 837.9 Alamita Creek
just E marfa. 844.2 redtail. 12:00. 856.4 juniper round, short
and evenly but sparsely spaced. Some live oak 858.3 picnic
area in mts. At this stop observed 1 acorn woodpecker, 15 meadow-
larks, 2 brown towhee, 2 scrub jay. 854.1 Alpine at railroad
station 870.3 ³ meadowlarks 872.5 junction 67. In far
distance to N dust but clear here. 876.6 2 shrikes. 883.3 redtail.
886.0 2 redtails circling together 888.6 3 redtails circling together,
2 horned larks, shrike. 889.7 redtail. 891.4 shrike. 893.6
redtail. 895.0 Marathon 895.7 junction of road to S to Big Bend.
901.3 sparrow hawk. 903.0 center of 2-3 miles of extensive Citellus
community, none before or after (both sides of road). 903.7 end
Citellus community. Have observed several giant cacti with
leaves ^{also} growing up from base (on ground). 907.8 redtail. The
redtails have been on top utility poles, in trees or high bushes and
soaring. Yucca increase as one nears mt. slopes, then stops at base.