

It was near the ranch E of gates and they fear the rancher might shoot the animal to protect the cattle. There has been no reports of deer kills by mt. lions.

5 tame deer on grounds. They come to anyone that approaches them. Alligator did not suffer from last freeze.

812.0 leaving visitor center. 8 blue-wing teal, 3 white-tailed deer, 1 common gallinule (moorhen), 2 pied-billed grebes, 2 ruby-crowned kinglets, 2 turkey vultures. 812.7 redtail. 12 ducks in bay to S but nothing else at 812.2 813.4 turkey vulture. 813.7 mockingbird. 814.5 mockingbird. Area with water in low areas, last spring they were dry. 815.3 a small & large white-tailed deer. 815.4 6^{white} turkeys feeding in last years barn. 815.6 4 large white-tailed deer. 816.7 Tower.

From Tower observed: directly

2 whooping cranes to S in meadow NW of Intracoastal Canal. They moved about most of the time between 2 and 3:00 P.M. At one time they fed along canal (out of our sight). They are twice the size of common egret or pelican, at least broadside, but Anterior-posterior they more equally compare with the other two. At one time a whooping crane chased temporarily a common egret.

324 Canadian gees fed to SE just off shore about 1/10 mi.

10 common egret generally distributed

9 great blue heron.

150 royal tern on sandbar to S.

22 ring-billed gulls on sandbar to S

12 laughing gull with above

120 pintails

300 coot

80 dowitchers

8 killdeer

1 roseate spoonbill

40 godwits

1500 ducks sp. 3 Wedge Lake

1 turkey vulture in 380°

with 18x binoculars.

6 snowy egrets

4 Forster terns

One turkey vulture alighted in shallow water and picked up a dead fish 8" long and dropped it. It repeated this act 4 times.

Left at 816.7 for loop drive. (4:15 P.M.) 816.8 approx 200 coot, 18 baldpate, 2 pied-billed grebes, 6 turkey vultures. 817.6 3 robins, 4 black vultures in live oak trees. 819.3 shrike, song sparrow, t. vulture 821.6 1 white-tailed deer. 824.4 Heritage Trail, turkey vulture, killdeer. 825.9 main rd. 215 vultures circled in compact formation, mainly holding position into wind from E. On basis of those I could identify nearest to me would say 80% turkey vultures, 20% black-vultures. This was an unexpected aggregation of vultures in an area a relatively few birds in general areas.