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Mar. 31, Brownsville, Tex.
Trip to Point Isabel with
with R. D. Camp.

Mareca amer. - a few
Spatula clypeata - a few.
Fulica amer. - Hundreds.
Barbraua leuc. - a pair on
plain near edge of marsh.
Greater yellowlegs - 2
Lesser " - about 1 doz.
Red billed grebe - a few.
~~Podiceps minutus~~ ?
~~Lesser Scaup~~ ? - hundreds
Willet subsp? - 4-2

Apr. 1 - Brownsville, Tex
Trip with Camp down Rio
Grande to within 4 mi. of mouth,
Curler (Long-billed) - 1-19
Willet 2 - ^{3 or 4} common in pairs - said to breed
Cormorant

Delia ana, 6 -

Spoonbill - 100 on charco.

Cowbird 1 - on charco

Curler (Audubon) 7

Widgeon - 8

Himantopus mex - 2 - said to breed

Curler (Long-billed) said by
Camp to be increasing.

✓ Rose - black-billed - about 50

✓ Great yellow legs. - 10

Camp says for 5 or 6 years
more and more ducks &
swamp birds have moved
to trade

74 Plover (Wilson's) said by Camp to
nest

Apr. 1 con.

Camptocorys,

Spoonbills - Some remain all
summer & breed,

~~Lesser~~ Scaup - Remain late
but in fact some remain
all summer but not for
breeding.

Blue-winged teal - Some
remain & breed.

We were unable to reach
vicinity of mouth of river on
account of mud.

Apr. 2, Trip from
Brownsville to Laguna de los
Patos and vicinity 25 mi. N.E.

Pintail - 1 -
Spoonbill - 12
Widgeon - 10
Blue-winged teal - 12
Fulica americana - 50
Willet - 1
Jacksnipe - 1
Cinnamon teal, with 2 eggs on back
back at ~~the~~ ^{the} in water.
Ceryle alcyon - 1

Crowns
Ranch,
30 mi.

N.E. Brownsville
Riviera with
some flats &
algae in
water.

Redhead - 1 drake
Scaup - 1 ♂
Ruddy -
Fulica
Spoonbill
Cinnamon teal - 50/6

Laguna de
los Patos
35 mi. N.E. of
Brownsville

Apr. 2 con.

Spoonbills - Seen by dozens in a number of fresh water ponds, Caswasack - ^{several (about 10)} seen on a fresh water pond, along with mudhens and spoonbills.

Widgeons a few in a number of places. about

Scamps (probably loon) Three thousand seen in a fresh water pond - Laguna de los Patos, close to Laguna Madras to which they fly back and forth; frequently seen ^{sitting and rolling about in the water.} in the water.

Ruddy, About 75 seen in brackish water connected with the sea.

Apr. 3. (Sat), Brownsville,
Tex.

Crossed River with Snake
King and spent most of day
noting how importations are
made.

King has quite elaborate plant
at what is called Suskeville
just out of town where he has
a mill for cutting the
material used in making
shipping crates. The birds are
removed from crates in which
they reach the border and
transferred to "importation
crates" which hold 24 birds
each. At Suskeville they
are packed in what are
usually new crates for
shipment. If not new they
are crates returned and treated

Apr. 3 con,
with a live, cresol solution
or mixture prepared by
the veterinarian, our inspector,
Dr. Nicolas E. Dutro, and
marked with a sticker indicating
number of birds and fact
that they have been inspected.

Apr. 4. (Sun.) Brownsville,
Trip with camp up valley to
edge of Starvo.

Blue-winged teal - 2 pairs
seen of different ponds sug-
gesting breeding.

Horned Grebe - 2 apparently
a pair at a pond. Said to
feed early here by camp.

Ruddy - 2

Solitary Sandpiper - 1.

Pitavogus bird,

Apr. 5 Mon. Brownsville.
Tex.

Trip to points in Mex. near
& south of Matamoros.

Laguna del Acero. 20 mi. S.
of Matamoros, & vicinity

Spoonbill - local name
"Cucharon", 1000. hft - feeding in
shallow water in which small
composite shrub grows abundantly.

Blue-winged teal, several
small flocks of 3 or 4 to 5 or 6.

Widgeon - 1 flock of about
30 feeding in low growth
composite shrub.

Willet - 2

and 2 other species
Black ducks - about a dozen
"pata avada"

Ruddy - about 50

Columbus dominicus - 3 or 4

Apr. 5 con.

Cootail - 1 lone ♂ - local
name "Blanguino"

Cowbird - about 30.

Willet - 4 local name "manari"

Scalp - a few.

Laguna Badias - long one exposed,

Laguna del Trabuco - a large
one 25 mi. S. of Matamoros

Fulica americana - Thousands.

✓ *Himantopus mex.* - "tildio sancoi"

✓ Cowbird - local name "serafico"

Apr. 6, Brownsville, Tex.
Preparing to leave in evening for
Austin.

R. D. Camp says

Snow goose - probably lesser -
as identified by Bent & Kennard
most abundant - comes by thousands
beginning in Sept. - more abundant
about Nov. 1st. Some stayed this
year until Mar. 29 - but this
unusual - usually become abundant
~~also~~ early in Oct. and leave
about middle of March. Feed on
a small berry that grows in marshes,

White-fronted goose - Next in
abundance during most of season,
come a little later than snow
geese and leave usually leave
about two weeks earlier. More of
them killed than any other. Locally
called (speckled-belly)

Apr. 6 con.
Branta canadensis
Black-tailed ^{ducks} goose, - 32 in abundance
and some parts of season more
abundant than white-tailed. ^{Branta albifrons}
These white-tailed and ~~black-tailed~~
commonly seen together.

B. canad.
Canada goose - Hard to
approach by hunters; usually
alone.

to

Black-tailed goose

Branta canadensis
Blue goose, usually with
other geese - Few in number -
some years hardly any.

All much alike - All come about same time
from the north.

Apr. 6 con. abundant
 Blue-winged teal - ~~10000~~
 Green-winged teal - abundant
 Scaup - abundant
 Widgeon - abundant
 Godwall } not as abundant
 as other
~~Godwall~~
 Redpoll } abundant
 Pintail } abundant
 Green-winged teal }
 Ruddy }
 Canada-duck }
 Mallard - Some inland water

~~Sand~~
 megalornis cavoh. pratensis
 Sandhill cranes = Seen
 commonly in flocks of 50 once counted
 flock of 177 - Time of coming not
 noted but were white hunting season
 of us. v. ^{amer. one}
 megalornis ~~caavoh. pratensis~~
 Whooping cranes - appear at
 times at Saurles Ranch about
 50 miles so. of Leaphur Bluffs at
 Igoua Park. Some think they
 stay all year.

1 Apr. 6 am.

Camp says get in touch
with Bob Farley at
Arenas Pass if possible
he is old warbird hunter
and especially well
posted.

Wood duck - a ♀ shot
by camp about Jan, etc
only one he has ever
seen here.

Hooded Merganser -
a few here.

Golden plover. Family very
abundant in country to the
north, ~~now~~ and abundant near
Bronsonville where they have
become rare, due in part
to shooting and in part
to growing up of savannas to
muzzled brush.

Apr. 7 - Austin, Tex.
Arrived Austin 11.10 a.m.

R. E. Farley, Aransas Pass,
Tex.

~~Route 2, Box 80~~

Andrew Jorenson ^
Port Lavaca, Tex.
Supervisor of Beach Work.

above men according to
Judge Morris may be able
to furnish information.

Team lead. Turner C. Hubby in
Fla.
Desire to have luncheon
for Wash.

Apr. 8 Austin en
route to Washington.

Left Austin 11:10 a.m. for
Washington.

Spring has come all the
way up through eastern
Texas. Trees largely in leaf and
dogwood in bloom.

Apr. 9. St. Louis en
route Wash. D.C.

Arrived St. Louis 11:15 a.m.;
Left St. L. on National
Limited 12 M.

Trees along road today not
yet in leaf.

Apr. 10. Wash. D.C.

Arrived Wash. D.C. 12:45 P.M.

Dr. Jous A. Treviño

Plaza Purisima

Hidalgo 167 - Mont.

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Ariz. Invs in Barr Canyon,
Huachuca Mts. Gave R. D. Camp
mutilated specimen of Synaldis.
in 1919.
