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

*Mareca amer.* - A few  
*Spatula clypeata* - a few.  
*Fulica amer.* - A few.

*Bartramia long.* - a pair on  
plain near edge of marsh.

Greater yellowlegs - 2

Lesser " - about 1 doz.

Pied billed grebe - a few.

~~*Phalaropus minutus*~~  
~~Lesser sandpiper?~~ - a few

Willet subsp? - 4-2

Apr. 1 - Brownsville, Tex  
Trip with Camp Leontieo  
heads to within 4 mi. of mouth,  
Curler (Long-billed) - 1-19  
Willet 2 - <sup>2 as seen</sup> 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 &  
several birds have moved  
to head

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

Apr. 1 con.

*Canp. v. v.*

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 yg. on back  
back at ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> in water.  
Ceryle alcyon - 1

Crowns  
Ranch,

30 mi.

N.E. Brownsville

River 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, Caanasback - <sup>several (about 14)</sup> 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 Madrina to which they fly back and forth; frequently seen <sup>in the water,</sup> in the <sup>sides and</sup> <sup>reeds</sup> about 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 Suskewille  
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 Suskewille 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. Dutra, and  
marked with a sticker indicating  
number of birds and flocks  
that they have been inspected.

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

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

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

Ruddy - 2

Solitary Sandpiper - 1.

Pitavicus durb,



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

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 "manuari"

Scalp - a few.

Laguna Badias - large one exposed,

Laguna del Traves - 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. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 ~~very~~ ~~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.  
*B. canadensis*  
 Mackinac goose, - 32 in all  
 and some parts of season were  
 abundant. then white-fronted, <sup>some albifrons</sup>  
 these white-fronted and ~~white-fronted~~  
 commonly seen together.

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

to

backing goose

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

All much shy - All come about same time  
 seen of ~~the~~ white-fronted,

Apr. 6 con. abundant

Blue-winged teal - ~~10000~~

Spoonbill - abundant

Widgeon - abundant

Godwall } not as abundant  
as ~~some other~~

~~Godwall~~

Redpoll } abundant

Pintail } abundant

Green-winged teal } Prime Jarvis

Ruddy } later but rather

Canada-duck } than blue-winged

Mallard - } teal but less

Some island wading } rather abundant.

~~Sand~~  
Megalonyx cavah. pratensis

Sandhill cranes = Seen  
commonly in flocks of 50 once counted  
flock of 177 - Time of coming not  
noted but were white hunting season  
open.

Megalonyx cavah. pratensis

Whooping cranes - appear at  
times at Saunders Ranch about  
50 miles S. of Corpus Christi  
Texas. Some think they  
stay all year.

1 Apr. 6 am.

Camp says get in touch with Bob Farley at Aransas Pass if possible as he is old waterfowl 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~~ end abundant near Brownsville where they have become rare, due in part to shooting and in part to growing up of savannas to mesquite 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 E. 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 and  
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. Jesus H. Treviño

Plaza Purisima

Hidalgo 167 - Mont.

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Ariz. Traps in Carr Canyon,  
Huachuca Mts. Gave R. D. Camp  
mutilated specimen of Synalaxis.  
in 1919.