

soon they holler "Hey, you all, turn around, look here. Look at me, I turn into something. I'm something now." They heard that voice up in the air and they turn around and he's flying way up there. Eating that peyote you know, he turn into a bir. "He said I'm going home now. I'm going to leave you all here." And he just took off and I think that's the story of that peyote bird. It's a little boy, but he turn into a bird. Today the Comanches they call him "Peyote Boy." Sometime they say they see him down in Texas I don't know--in that peyote field.

(Oh, is that right? Have you ever been down there to gather payote?)

Yeah, several times. I been down there several times.

(You know, it seems to me that they fix the fire in the meeting and it makes it look like a bird. Do they do that on purpose?)

Yeah, laying ashes. Some of them are good at that. They make a bird, when they get through with that, it's a bird laying there. Then when you eat get that peyote effect, you look at it and it looks like it's moving or breathing or something like that.

(It does!)

Yeah. That's what it is. I don't know, maybe that biCrd got something to do with that peyote. That's why they got all them fans in there--and all kinds of pretty looking fans you know. Eagles, and scissor-tails. Water birds. Different kind of birds.

(Well, you know, you said something about this water bird being a bird from Florida.. Well, how would the Kiowas have learned about that?)

Well, they get them tail feathers from back south.. I don't know where. They come from there somewherees.

(What do they look like?)

I think there's some around here now--these big lakes. They look like cranes.