

What kind of water?

(Yeah. They always live around water?)

Water. Mostly water. They live on fishes, I guess. They live on fishes. The reason I seen other water fowls in the same water hole and I was watching them when I saw this one. Well, I saw some of them in captivity in the Washington D. C. zoo. And me and another boy went over there and see all kinds of water fowls and we saw them there. And just like I saw, they set on a bank and make some kind of noise there. They look-- whistle like--shrill whistle--pretty. They they, they make a noise like a man (makes bird call like water crow)--like that. I hear him make a noise just like that (does bird call again) and then he went in the water.

(Well, do the hens just look like the male bird?)

I tell you, I don't know the difference! I don't know the difference!

(Well, these water crows, did they ever live here back in the old days that you've heard of?)

Well, yes. That's how come old Indians know about them. But I don't think they live around here those days. They either seen them on the Gulf Coast or in Mexico or around Pacific Coast. I don't know where our people seen them, but they use them before we use them.

(Well, this Kiowa name tómwsa--)

Tómwsa.

(Tómwsa. Does that mean anything?)

It just means "water crow." Means "water crow."

(How do you say "water"?)

To. Tómwsa. Tómwsa.

(And how do you say "crow"?)

Masa. Just like the English word. You say ma--M-A-S-A-W.

(Well, you know, I've heard of another bird called a water turkey. Have you ever heard of that?)

Well, I think some of the other tribes call these same birds "water turkey."

(I see. Well, that's what I was wondering if it might be the same thing.)