

Yeah. Winter and summer.

(Do they ever use their feathers?)

Yeah. They shed feathers like chickens--in July and August. They got pretty feathers. Never did see anybody make a fan out of 'em. They're too small. But some of these hawks, they're just going through. If you happen to get one of 'em, some of them's pretty. Some of them are real pretty. I saw some down there in Texas a week or so ago at a, at the pow-wow. A fellow showed me some hawks that he got right there in Ft. Worth. Got a ranch out there somewhere.

(You know when they're goin' after these hawks to try to get their feathers, how would they try, how would they kill 'em?) Now they could use these twenty-two, or just a rifle. Usually, well, I guess some of them just trap them. Kill a rabbit. Lay him out there. And put your trap around that rabbit. Hide it. Camouflage the trap. When he lights down there you catch him. That way you just get the feathers and turn him loose.

(Well, can they live without their feathers?)

Well, they just pull their feathers and let them go. He'll grow feathers again. These are crows. Crows are just like meadow-larks and sparrowhawks. They're here year round. Crows are all through Texas, plum down to the Rio Grande. Up in here and up north to up to Kansas I think. And there's some other birds, you know I was goin' to show you--I seen one back there. This is a scissortail. He's kind of pink. You see how pretty, how pretty that is? That's a male. They show more color. See how that turned pink?

(Scissortail fly-catcher. See those long tail feathers. Do they just use the tailfeathers or some other?)

Um-hum. That's all. Just that tail part. I just wonder that's a female. It's got short tail. Now next month they will all turn that color. See, this is a male. It's got a short tail. Female. See a male's got a long tail. Female's got short tail. That's the only way you can distinguish between the two.

(Do they stay here all winter?)

No, they'll be moving out in October when the leaves fall. You see, that's the female, that one. There's, there's about two