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Took a class to the ditch along the river on the east side of the Rio Grande about 1-2 miles above Alameda.

Spent part of the afternoon birding. Saw various common species and also a yellow-billed cuckoo, blue-jay, egret, ~~♂~~ wood pewee, yellow warbler, doves and redwing were especially common.

(photod) Secured part of the ditch. Width 21 feet, depth 1 foot to 4 feet; water, clear, white; dir 78 W 67.5 at 4:40 PM. R.M. War time. Bottom silt and a little gravel. Vegetation moderate, largely *Sagittaria*, *Chara foetida*, *Myriophyllum*. in the stream, occasional patches of cat-tails and water-cress along the edge. Shells for stream fair for pick fair (largely in vegetation, little other shells).

*Salus* *g. irideus* Common. (many not scored).

*Salus* *trutta* 1 large ad.

taken from 4 foot hole under snag.

*Rana nigrescens* several ads. taken from the more quiet waters along with the ~~two~~ following species.

*Rana salmae* - 2 ads. in cat-tails.

~~Hyla~~ *Lepomis macrochira* 2 ads.

~~Desm.~~ *Gambusia* - not especially common.

*Thamnophis* (very probably) *equus* - 1 seen

*Chrysomys* *belli* 1 seen.

*Rana catesbeiana* 1 large ad captured.

*Bufo woodhousei* 1 seen.