



This afternoon.

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I walked along the ocean's edge.

I saw

a bubble gum wrapper

a blue drinking straw

a squashed aluminium can

some paw prints

a faded wet pink rose

an orange lighter

someone's lost or discarded towel

two shredded plastic supermarket bags

a dead pelican

tangled in fishing line

some more paw prints

a black knife handle

an esky lid

another faded pink rose

half a transparent drinking cup

and a fluorescent red ping pong ball.

The thing I hated seeing most was

the pelican.

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