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Hello,

Yesterday at Thorpe park I observed what I believe to be a Glossy Ibis. At 11:00 I observed the bird for about forty minutes at less then 50 yds with a 20-50x Scope. The weather was clear and the bird was well lit. It was preening and feeding within a small area for the entire time.

bill - long, decurved dark bone (dirty white) color --ther was NO pink/red color  
legs - similar color to bill with somewhat darker joints.  
face - bluish white border above and below the eyes to the bill, white extended up and over top of the base of the bill, but did NOT extend behind the eye nor did it extend under the chin.

I took about twelve photographs with a 500mm lens (until I ran out of film) so hopefully one or two will turn out.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions/comments --515 565-3572

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