

White-faced Ibis
15 May 1982
Palo Alto Co., IA
*Rex Johnson, #Michele Connors
P-0087, IBL 52:88; 53:35

Record Number: 82-22
Classification: A-P

DOCUMENTATION

Rex R. Johnson

PHOTOGRAPH

Michele Connors, P-0087 (Dinsmore et al. 1984, p 61)

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 52:88

Records Committee: IBL 53:35

Photograph: Dinsmore et al. 1984, p 61 (P-0087)

VOTE: 7-I-P

I-P, Extensive red on legs, facial colors, both good field marks.

I-P, Excellent photos.

I-P, Wide white band around facial skin diagnostic.

Summary of Review of an Ornithologic Observation

82-22

by the Records Committee

of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

SPECIES: White-faced ibis

DATE SEEN: 15 May 1982

SITE OF OBSERVATION: Palo Alto Co. IA

OBSERVERS: Rex Johnson, Michelle Connors

DATE OF REVIEW: 4 October 1982

METHOD OF REVIEW: mail vote

CLASSIFICATION OF RECORD: I-P

COMMENTS: Photographs show extensive red on legs and face, white band of feathering around facial skin, diagnostic marks.

The opinions expressed here are based on the information available to the Committee and should not necessarily preclude an alternate interpretation by those who observed the bird firsthand.

Any action may be re-reviewed upon submission of additional evidence.

Explanation of Classification:

- I = labeled, diagnostic specimen, photograph, or recording available for review by the Committee
- II = acceptable sight record documented independently by 3 or more observers
- III = acceptable sight record documented by 1 or 2 observers
- IV = probably correct record, but not beyond doubt
- V = record with insufficient evidence to judge
- VI = probably incorrect identification, escapee, or otherwise unacceptable record

Classification is based on the highest category agreed upon by six of seven committee members.

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

82-22

What species? White-faced Ibis How many? 1Location? Sect. 19; Lost Island Township; Palo Alto Cty., IowaType of habitat? Flooded Blue Grass Pasture. Seasonal and semipermanent marshes adjacent.When? date(s): 15 May 1982 time: 11:00 to 17:00Who? your name and address: Rex R. Johnson Dept. Animal Ecology
Iowa State Univ. Ames, Iowa 50011others with you: Michelle Connors

others before or after you: _____

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Rufous colored, medium sized bird, with dark wings, dark legs and decurved bill. Distinct white facial band, traversing face posterior to eye. Soft parts at base of bill bright ~~white~~ red.

RRS

Similar species and how eliminated:

Glossy Ibis. Coloration of soft parts of head.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
overcast, 30 m (estimated), 7X50 binoculars.
photographs taken (500 mm lens)

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description: Birds of N.A.. Robins, et al.

How long before field notes made? 2 hours this form completed? 21 days

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DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

82-22

What species? Ibis How many? 1Location? Just N of Deweys Pasture, Clay Co, IAType of habitat? Flooded fieldWhen? date(s): 15 May 1982 time: _____ to _____Who? your name and address: Michele Conner (works for IA Cons. Comm)others with you: Rex Johnson

others before or after you: _____

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

See photos

Both Michele and Rex saw the bird. Both have taken course in ornithology at Iowa State. I sent in records in spring but couldn't get photos until July and then had to duplicate them.



Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? Completed 24 Aug 1982

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by James J. Lineman