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White-faced Ibis

20 May 1996

Blue L., Monona Co., IA

*T. H. Kent, *J. Fuller

IBL 66:101; 67:81

Record Number: 96-11

Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 66:101

Records Committee: IBL 67:81

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Red legs, white facial skin leave no doubt.

A-D, Diagnostic features seen eliminating Glossy Ibis.

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DOCUMENTATION OF EXTRAORDINARY BIRD SIGHTING

Species: White-faced Ibis; *Number:* 1

Location: Blue Lake, Monona Co., IA

Date: 20 May 1996; *Time:* 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. (approximate)

Name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246.

Others before/with/after: Jim Fuller with me.

Habitat and circumstances: Marshy, open backwater slough.

Description of bird: A dark ibis flew in and lit on the shore. It was a long-legged, dark bird with large, long decurved bill that was thicker at the base. The body was iridescent green and rust. The eye was red with white feathering above, below and posterior to the eye. The white was a bit dirty looking and was of uniform thickness around the eye. The legs were carmine throughout.

Voice: not heard.

Similar species: The white feathering around the eye, red eye, and carmine legs eliminate Glossy Ibis.

Any one have reservations?: no.

Light: cloudy, bright sky to our back; *Distance:* 200 yards (guess); *Optics:* 20-50x scope.

Previous experience: I have seen a number in Iowa and many elsewhere.

References before/after viewing: none.

Time of notes: 4 hours; *Final typing:* 3 days.

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DETAILS FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTING

SPECIES: White-faced Ibis

LOCATION: South end of Blue Lake (Monona County)

DATE: 20 May, 1996.

OBSERVER: Jim Fuller, 6 Longview Knoll, NE, Iowa City, Iowa,
52240.

OTHERS: Tom Kent

DETAILS: This Ibis had a glossy green and red body and wings, and the typical large and thick downward curved bill, which appeared dark gray. The eye was red, and entirely surrounded by a pinkish-white border. The legs appeared entirely red.