

Ibis species
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Goose Lake, Greene Co., IA
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Record Number: 81-JE
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Faaborg, J. 1964. An extraordinary day. IBL 34:101-102.
VOTE (1981): for sp. 4-III, 1-IV; for White-faced 1-IV, 1-V,
2-VI; for Glossy 2-V, 2-VI

October record. Probable Plegadis but not sufficiently well
described.

Glossy V, slight chance but fall record; White-faced IV,
insufficient detail; fall record; Sp. III, observer reputation plus
enough details given.

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An Extraordinary Day—On October 20 a friend of mine, Dave Bucklin of Scranton, and I went birding at Goose Lake. It was late enough that we didn't expect to see much. When we arrived we saw a few shorebirds a ways away. As we started toward them, we scared a Peregrine Falcon from some nearby trees. It flew about 30 yards ahead of us and headed over the lake. As it proceeded it scared up many ducks and huge flocks of blackbirds. We then drove around the lake and on the way saw a Cooper's Hawk. We got out of the car on the north edge of the lake and scanned the shoreline for birds. A large, low nest caught our attention and we decided to take a look at it. This was a lucky move. As we approached this nest we saw something on the shore. It was fairly large, dark and had a long downcurved beak. It was an Ibis. We checked it out very carefully. When we got home we checked all our books and came to the conclusion that it was a White-faced Ibis. Although there have been more reports of Ibises in recent years,

it was quite unexpected. Also, what was it doing here so late in the season? It's unexpected things like this that make birding such an exciting hobby.
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