

White-faced Ibis  
11 Sep 1981  
Runnells Game Area, Polk Co., IA  
\*Jim Sinclair  
IBL 51:115, 52:42

Record Number: 81-11  
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Jim Sinclair

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 51:115

Records Committee: 52:42

VOTE: 7 III for Plegadis sp., White-faced: 4 III, 1 IV, 1 V, 1 ?

III, Red eye color.

IV, Red eye suggestive of P. chihi.

III, n. a. - red iris seen.

III, Red eye was noted; white-faced more Probable.

III, Eye color diagnostic -- lighting excellent and distance  
(with 10 x 50 binocs) OK to tell eye color.

REVOTE at meeting of 8 May 1982: 6-III, 1-IV for White-faced Ibis

Summary of Review of an Ornithologic Observation  
by the Records Committee

81-11

of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

SPECIES: *White-faced Ibis*  
DATE SEEN: *11 Sep 1981*  
SITE OF OBSERVATION: *Runnells Game A.*  
OBSERVERS: *Jim Sinclair*  
DATE OF REVIEW: *1982, 8 May 1982*  
METHOD OF REVIEW: *mail, meeting*  
CLASSIFICATION OF RECORD: III

*noted  
5/21/82*

COMMENTS:

*The red eye appears to be diagnostic of White-faced.  
More detail of the facial skin and color of  
feathers around eye and leg color would  
have been helpful.*

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.

What species? White-faced Ibis How many? oneLocation? Runnels Game AreaType of habitat? sloughWhen? date(s): Sept 14, 1981 time: 2:30 pm to 3:00 pmWho? your name and address: Jim Sinclair, 1005 W 3rd #86, Indianda, Iaothers with you: noneothers before or after you: none - bird was gone next day

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.

size - slightly larger than a crow

shape - shore bird

bill - decurved

eye - red eye discernable

head & neck - uniform deep russet - very dark  
at a distance

wing - greenish - slight iridescent in appearance

throat, breast &amp; belly - uniform deep russet

legs - nondescript

Flight - alternating flapping and sailing

Feeding in shallows with Greater Yellowlegs.

Similar species and how eliminated: Glossy Ibis

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain:

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

lighting - sun at my back - lighting excellent

Distance - varying from 40 to 75 yards. Measured by eye.

Optics - Bushnell 10 x 50 Sportview

Previous experience with species and similar ones: fairly extensive shorebird experience

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Birds of North America  
Braun, Zim, Robbins & SingerHow long before field notes made? Six hours this form completed? 17 days

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