

Ibis species

9 May 1975

Lake View, Sac Co., IA

*Glenn E. Jones, also Dick Weiner

IBL 45:56

Record Number: 81-JF

Classification: NA

DOCUMENTATION

Glenn E. Jones

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 45:56

VOTE (1981): for sp 4-III, 1-IV; for White-faced 3-III, 2-IV, 2-V; for Glossy 3-V, 2-VI

Glossy ibis has white border to facial skin in alt. plumage, does not go around back of eye. Am not sure documentation described this adequately. Color of facial skin not noted.

White-faced III, OK description. Single observation with 3 observers.

Glossy V, not eliminated, but unlikely-see Cramp et al. plates. White-faced III, 'white line around eye' seen.

Brown, W. H., 1975, Field reports. Iowa Bird Life 45:55-59.

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"Two independent reports of 2 Plegadis sp could refer to
the same individuals. Glenn E. Jones, WL Biologist at
Rockwell City, saw the Glossy Ibis 2 miles south of Lake View
on 9 May and Dick Weiner, Conservation Officer at Black Hawk
Lake S. P. told of 2 White-faced Ibis on the same date (fide EM)."

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BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species White-Faced Ibis 2. Number: 2

3. Location 3 mi. S. of west edge of Lake View, Sac. Co. Iowa

4. Date: 5-9-'75 and 5. Time Bird seen: 10 AM to 4 PM
*4-19-'76

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

About the size of a Black-crowned Night Heron. Dark brown plumage which appeared bronzy. Decurved bill, dark legs. White line around eye quite visible. (I have not seen enough of the birds to say that it was definitely that it was a White-faced. According to the range map in Zim it fits it most closely than it does the Glossy Ibis.

7. Description of voice, if heard: No I heard - the two made light chirping calls but may not have called at all.

8. Description of behavior: Hopping around picking in mud with beak

9. Habitat - general: marsh
specific: grazed wet prairie - wet at this time - usually grazed in June & July

Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

Little green heron

11. Distance (how measured)? 300 feet approximated 12. Optical equipment: 20X spotting scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): light behind me

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: I saw one of these in NW Okla. 95 years ago.

15. Other observers: Mark Bakenmayer, Ed Meiner

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Birds of N. America (A Guide to Field Identification) by Robbins, Brown, Zim, Singl
*I did not see the birds in 1976 - Bakenmayer & Meiner did. (2 birds seen in 1976)

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However, they saw the 2 in 1975 as well as in 1976 so they should know the bird.