

Ibis species

Sep 1905

McGregor, Clayton Co., IA

Oscar P. Alert

DuMont 1933

Record Number: 81-IU

Classification: A-S

SPECIMEN

Iowa State University

REFERENCE

DuMont 1933

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

I-S for sp, VI, VI, I have this skin and will bring it to fall meeting-JD.

I for White-faced if specimen available and identifiable (otherwise I-S for ibis sp.), V for White-face, Glossy.

I sp., Specimen's whereabouts? no description.

V for Glossy-chance DuMont might be incorrect, but highly unlikely this species. IV for White-faced - DuMont suggests probably this species, but no details. III sp.-based on DuMont's ability.

RECONSIDERATION (at meeting, 5 Sep 1981, with specimen examined):

I-S for Plegadis sp.

Plegadis guarauna (Linnaeus). White-faced Glossy Ibis

A rare straggler. Records of this species in the Mississippi Valley, based on specimens of birds in juvenal plumage, have frequently been recorded as *P. autumnalis* = *falcinellus*. It seems evident now that there are no substantiated records of the Eastern Glossy Ibis for this area. Anderson (1907) lists the following records under *P. autumnalis*: "Kumlien and Hollister record it from Wisconsin . . . 'We have positively seen this bird on the Mississippi near Prairie du Chien in August some twenty years ago' (Bds. Wis., 1903, 32-3). 'A specimen taken near Omaha, Bruner thinks at Cut-off Lake, is in the University museum' (Rev. Bds. Neb., 1904, 31). County records: Boone—'Accidental visitor. Only one Ibis was ever taken in this county that I know of. It was identified as the Glossy Ibis, but it may have been *Plegadis guarauna*' (Henning); Woodbury—Recorded from Sioux City by Dr. Guy C. Rich (Iowa Orn., i, 2, 1895, 49). In a letter he says: 'I have an immature specimen mounted; shot in Nebraska just across the river, Oct. 1, 1893. It is an immature bird, *i.e.*, the head and neck are speckled; no white shows on forehead.'" This specimen is now in the collection of the Sioux City Academy of Science.

Under *P. guarauna* Anderson recorded a specimen in the University of Iowa Museum, No. 4839, taken by B. F. Osborn near Rippey, Calhoun County, in April, 1891. Osborn reported that there was a flock of thirteen but only one was secured. The specimen, a fully plumaged adult, remains in the University of Iowa Museum. In addition Anderson cited the 1894 and 1895 breeding records of this species at Heron Lake, Minnesota, a short distance north of the Iowa line. 1

An immature specimen in the collection of Oscar P. Allert at Giard, was taken at McGregor during September, 1905, and probably is of this species. Another specimen in juvenal plumage is in the collection of Harry Tennant of Arnold's Park, and was secured at Lake Okoboji about 1917. 2
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