

White-faced Ibis
14 May 1995
NW, Warren Co., IA
*Sinclair
IBL 65:70; 66:95

Record Number: 95-07
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Jim Sinclair, 810 N. 13 St., Indianola [8/14/95]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 65:70

Records Committee: IBL 66:95

VOTE: 7 A-D

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

95-07

What species? White-faced Ibis How many? 1

Location? North-west Warren Co.

Type of Habitat? wet spot in corn stubble adjacent to North

When? date(s): 5/14 time: 1:30 pm to 1:40 pm.

Who? your name and address: Jim Sinclair, 810 N. RSt, Indianapolis

Others with you: Taylor Sinclair

Others before or after you: _____

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Bird was foraging in small, temporary pool in corn stubble located adjacent to North River, Warren Co. Bird was heron shaped and approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ the size of the Canada Geese which were present. The bill was 6-8 inches long, strongly decurved and a dull reddish color. The face, including the eye, were separated from the rest of the head by a prominent white border. The face and eye were a purer red than the bill. The head, neck and back were a dark red with brown-purple highlights. The wings appeared darker than the body and dominated by browns and greens. The legs, although difficult to see, appeared to be the same color as the bill.

Similar species; how eliminated:

It was definitely an ibis. Glossy eliminated by the bill and leg coloration and the white facial border.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No.
If yes, explain:

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

Good to, excellent lighting at approximately 100 yards with 10x field glasses and 30x scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have experience with both Glossy and white-faced.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Pointed out bird to Taylor in N.G.F.G.

How long before field notes made? 5 min this form completed? 48 hours

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).