

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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White-faced Ibis

25 May 1996

Errington M., Polk Co., IA

*Bery Engebretsen

IBL 66:101; 67:81

Record Number: 96-12

Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Bery Engebretsen, 12825 NW 127th Ct, Des Moines 50325 [4/6/97]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 66:101

Records Committee: IBL 67:81

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, White facial border described eliminating Glossy Ibis.

A-D, Identifying characteristics were noted.

A-D, Diagnostic features seen, eliminating Glossy Ibis.

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

96-12

What species? W. F. Ibis How many? 1

Location? Ervington Marsh, Polk County

Type of Habitat? small pool in meadow at north edge of Ervington

When? date(s): 5/25/96 time: 11:00 to 11:05 AM

Who? your name and address: Benny Engebretsen
12825 NW 127th Ct, DSM, IA 50325

Others with you: _____

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.

Typical Glossy/W.F. Ibis, close to road standing in pool. Bright white facial bander easily visible to naked eye. Upon study white bander went behind eye, under chin, above bill; distinct. Bill was long, curved and dull red. Could not clearly decide on eye color. Legs were about same color as bill throughout entire length.

Rest of body was reddish-chestnut, except for wings that were darker, more iridescent purple/green/black.

Similar species; how eliminated: Breeding plumage Ibis with above features describes white-faced, rather than Glossy

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
10x50 Binoc, 20 yds, bright overcast

Previous experience with species and similar ones: observed recent flock at Snake^{crk} Marsh

References and persons consulted before writing description: NGS Guide only

How long before field notes made? in field this form completed? 6 hrs

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