

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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White-faced Ibis

27 Jun 1996

Sheldon Basin, Fremont Co., IA

*Mark Proescholdt

12; IBL 66:131; 67:81

Record Number: 96-33

Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Mark Proescholdt, Box 65, Liscomb 50148 [4/6/97]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 66:131

Records Committee: IBL 67:81

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Good description.

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What species? White-faced Ibis How many? 12Location? Sheldon Basin - east of Percival - Fremont CountyType of habitat? A shallow, marshy pond areaWhen? date(s): June 27, 1996 time: 5:20pm. to 5:40pm.Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Box 65, Liscomb, Iowa 50148others with you: Beth Proescholdtothers before or after you: after - others, probably Ross Silcock at least

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.

We were quite surprised to see these large wading birds at this time of year. They were ^{dark} chestnut-colored birds that looked dark if the light didn't show chestnut color. They were around the size of an immature Little Blue Heron with them. They had large decurved bills and a vivid white band around the eye and the edge of the bill. Ten of these were very white around their eyes and two had* reddish eyes and no vivid white around the eye. we had excellent looks at them. A wonderful surprise!

Similar species and how eliminated:

Glossy Ibis do not have the vivid white band around the eyes and do not have red eyes.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

Bright sun behind us, 100 yards estimated, 8X30 Binocs and 22x Scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen many in Iowa and out West in Utah.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? while viewing this form completed? July 14, 1996