

White-faced Ibis
28 Apr 1984
Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co., IA
*Thomas J. Staudt
IBL 54:42; 55:56

Record Number: 84-04
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Thomas J. Staudt

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 54:42
Records Committee: IBL 55:56

VOTE: 7-III

III, Face and leg color OK, eye color not mentioned.
III, key features seen.

Summary of Review of an Ornithologic Observation

by the Records Committee
of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

SPECIES: WHITE-FACED IBIS

DATE SEEN: April 28, 1984

SITE OF OBSERVATION: Otter Creek Marsh, Tama County

OBSERVERS: Thomas J. Staudt

DATE OF REVIEW: 1984

METHOD OF REVIEW: Circulation by mail to Records Committee

CLASSIFICATION OF RECORD: III

COMMENTS:

Other than the lack of mention of eye color, all other diagnostic features were seen and described.
Overall, a good documentation which was accepted without problems by the Committee.

The opinions expressed here are based on the information available to the Committee and should not necessarily preclude an alternate interpretation by those who observed the bird firsthand.

Any action may be re-reviewed upon submission of additional evidence.

Explanation of Classification:

- I = labeled, diagnostic specimen, photograph, or recording available for review by the Committee
- II = acceptable sight record documented independently by 3 or more observers
- III = acceptable sight record documented by 1 or 2 observers
- IV = probably correct record, but not beyond doubt
- V = record with insufficient evidence to judge
- VI = probably incorrect identification, escapee, or otherwise unacceptable record

Classification is based on the highest category agreed upon by six of seven committee members.

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? White-Faced Ibis How many? 1

Location? Otter Creek Marsh TAMA Co.

Type of habitat? shallow marshy to dry cattail beds.

When? date(s): April 28 1984 time: 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Who? your name and address: Thomas J. Stumpf 931 N. Summit Iowa City, Ia.

others with you: Jim Fuller

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Chestnut head, neck, back and underparts.

Remaining upperparts and wings purple and iridescent green.

Flashes of green on wings in flight.

Legs and feet pinkish throughout.

Bill long, decurved blue-gray in color.

Face adjacent to bill appeared to be the same color as bill.

White to off white on the face extended in an unbroken curve

from the base of the upper mandible, completely surrounded the eye and met under the lower mandible.

Neck and head extended in flight.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Glossy Ibis has a very thin white border above and below the eye. This border is broken and doesn't surround the eye. Leg color on Glossy is brownish

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

Clear uncloudy, sun to our backs 50 yrd. (estimate) 20X scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

one previous sighting of two white-faced in Iowa, limited look at Glossy in Florida

References and persons consulted before writing description: National Geographic Birds of North America

How long before field notes made? immediately after sighting this form completed? 10 days after sighting