

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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White-faced Ibis

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DU Marsh, Clay Co., IA

\*Lee A. Schoenewe

2; IBL 66:131; 67:81

Record Number: 96-32

Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Lee A. Schoenewe, 518 W. 4th St., Spencer 51301 [4/6/97]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 66:131

Records Committee: IBL 67:81

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Facial pattern described.

A-D, Description eliminates other likely possibilities.

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## DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? WHITE-FACED IBIS - 2

Location? DU MARSH, CLAY CO.

Type of habitat? OPEN MARSH

When? date(s): 6/3/96 Time: . 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Who? your name and address

LEE A. SCHOENEWE 518 W. 4<sup>th</sup> ST. SPENCER, IA. 51301

Others with you NANCY P. SCHOENEWE, HAROLD WHITE

Others before and after you -

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior. I HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF A GLOSSY IBIS SEEN SUNDAY AM, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>. UPON ARRIVING AT THE MARSH, WE OBSERVED A LARGE DARK BIRD THE SIZE OF A NIGHT HERON FLY ACROSS THE MARSH AND LAND AT THE WATERS EDGE. THE LARGE DECURVED BILL AND CHESTNUT COLOR CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS A DARK IBIS. AFTER A SHORT TIME THE BIRD FLEW BACK AND LANDED NEXT TO ANOTHER IBIS. BOTH BIRDS WERE OBSERVED BY SCOPE AS THEY FED IN THE SHALLOW WATER. PALE WHITE EDGING EXTENDED AROUND THE FACE AND BEHIND THE EYE. THE FACIAL PATCH WAS REDDISH AND THE EYE APPEARED DARK.

Similar species and how eliminated:

GLOSSY IBIS - WHITE FACIAL BORDER AND FACIAL SKIN COLOR

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: EVENING SUN LOOKING SOUTH AND EAST

70-100 YDS. 8X40 BINOCULARS AND 20X60 POWER SPOTTING SCOPE

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:

PREVIOUSLY SEEN YEARS AGO IN TEXAS

References and persons consulted before writing description:

AUDUBON MASTER GUIDE; PETERSON ADVANCED BIRDING GUIDE; IBL 64: 83-84

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY

this form completed? 2 DAYS

Mail original form to field editor for this season.