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White-faced Ibis

Record Number: 81-IT

Apr 1891

Classification: A-S

Rippey, Greene Co., IA

B. F. Osborn

P-0487, Kent and Schrimper 1996; Nutting 1892, Anderson 1907, DuMont 1933

SPECIMEN

Univ. of Iowa #04839, photo of specimen P-0487

REFERENCES

Nutting, C.C. 1892. Report of the committee on state fauna. Proc. Iowa Acad. Sci. 1(3):39-42.

Anderson 1907

DuMont 1933

Kent, T. H., and G. D. Schrimper. 1996. The University of Iowa bird collection. Iowa Bird Life 66:86-94. P-0487.

VOTE (1981): for sp. 2-I-S, 2-III, 1-IV; for White-faced 3-I-S, 1-I, 1-I-S or V, 1-V; for Glossy 2-V, 3-VI

I-S, assuming it is still available.

We didn't find specimen at UI.

I, specimen.

I-S if identifiable, otherwise V.

Examined by DuMont.

Specimen at UI -- needs cking.

Glossy VI based on DuMont's ability as an observer; White-faced I-S (do we have specimen? If not IV). Sp. III based on DuMont's ability as an observer.

RECONSIDERED (at meeting, 5 Sep 1981): Plegadis sp III.

RE-VOTE (by mail 1996 with photo of specimen): 5 A-S, 2 A-P

A-P, Photo shows diagnostic facial markings (white feathering surrounding eye).



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White-faced Glossy Ibis

The White-faced Glossy Ibis is also a rare straggler in Iowa, from the southwestern United States. This species was first reported from Iowa by Prof. C. C. Nutting (Proc. Iowa Acad. Sci., 1892, 40), a specimen in the University museum, No. 4839, having been taken near Rippey (Calhoun county) in April, 1891, by B. F. Osborn, reported that there was a flock of thirteen near Rippey, but only one was secured.

Anderson 1907
pp 193-194

At Heron Lake, Minn., a short distance north of the Iowa line, Rev. P. B. Peabody saw six Ibises in a rookery of Black-crowned Night Herons on the south side of the lake, June 26, 1894, and found two nests, one of four, the other of two eggs, on broken-down rushes. Two birds had been shot at Heron Lake in November, 1893 (reported by Dr. Roberts). Rev. Peabody learned from Iowa pot-hunters that two or three had been taken during each of the two autumns previous (Nidologist, ii, 9, 1895, 116-117). In 1895, Mr. Peabody reports: "June 22, I took at Heron Lake my third and fourth sets of White-faced Glossy Ibis, with a magnificent male, the first mature bird of this species ever taken, to my knowledge, in the state of Minnesota" (Oölogist, xii, 8, 1895, 126).

"Two specimens recorded from Omaha by I. S. Tröstler and L. Skow, one killed near Florence Lake, Aug. 19, 1893, and a second near Cut-off Lake, April 6, 1897" (Rev. Bds. Neb, 31).

Plegadis guarauna (Linnaeus). White-faced Glossy Ibis

A rare straggler. Records of this species in the Mississippi Valley, based on specimens of birds in juvenal plumage, have frequently been recorded as *P. autumnalis* = *falcinellus*. It seems evident now that there are no substantiated records of the Eastern Glossy Ibis for this area. Anderson (1907) lists the following records under *P. autumnalis*: "Kumlien and Hollister record it from Wisconsin . . . 'We have positively seen this bird on the Mississippi near Prairie du Chien in August some twenty years ago' (Bds. Wis., 1903, 32-3). 'A specimen taken near Omaha, Bruner thinks at Cut-off Lake, is in the University museum' (Rev. Bds. Neb., 1904, 31). County records: Boone—'Accidental visitor. Only one Ibis was ever taken in this county that I know of. It was identified as the Glossy Ibis, but it may have been *Plegadis guarauna*' (Henning); Woodbury—Recorded from Sioux City by Dr. Guy C. Rich (Iowa Orn., i, 2, 1895, 49). In a letter he says: 'I have an immature specimen mounted; shot in Nebraska just across the river, Oct. 1, 1893. It is an immature bird, *i.e.*, the head and neck are speckled; no white shows on forehead.'" This specimen is now in the collection of the Sioux City Academy of Science.

Under *P. guarauna* Anderson recorded a specimen in the University of Iowa Museum, No. 4839, taken by B. F. Osborn near Rippey, Calhoun County, in April, 1891. Osborn reported that there was a flock of thirteen but only one was secured. The specimen, a fully plumaged adult, remains in the University of Iowa Museum. In addition Anderson cited the 1894 and 1895 breeding records of this species at Heron Lake, Minnesota, a short distance north of the Iowa line.

An immature specimen in the collection of Oscar P. Allert at Giard, was taken at McGregor during September, 1905, and probably is of this species. Another specimen in juvenal plumage is in the collection of Harry Tennant of Arnold's Park, and was secured at Lake Okoboji about 1917.