

White-faced Ibis  
18 May 1977  
Dan Green Slough, Clay Co., IA  
M. R. Ryan  
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Record Number: 81-JI  
Classification: A-D

REFERENCE

Ryan, M.R. 1977. Spring and summer observations of herons in northwest Iowa 1977. IBL 47:96-98

VOTE (1981): for sp. 5-III, for White-faced 6-III, I-V; for Glossy 2-V, 3-VI

Description does not say whether white facial border was on the skin or the adjacent feathering. Color facial skin not noted.

description plausible-single observer.

sufficient detail; aware of possibility of 2 species.

RECONSIDERED (at meeting, 5 Sep 1981): White-faced Ibis III.

## Ibis

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On 18 May at Dan Greene Slough, Clay Co. I watched three White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) for 15 minutes using a 15-60x spotting scope. The white facial bordering was quite distinct, even in the fading light of dusk. Palmer (1962:515-516) considers the White-faced and Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) as conspecific (*P. f. chihi* and *P. f. falcinellus* respectively). Brown (1971) treats them accordingly and classed the abundance of this species in Iowa as "casual." The White-faced Ibis is included on the National Audubon Society Blue List (Arbib, 1976). The most recent published sighting for Iowa is 9 May 1975 when two Glossy or White-faced Ibis (two accounts differ as to species) were seen near Black Hawk State Park, Sac Co. (Brown, 1976:56).