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Dear Tom-

I saw a most interesting bird at Lakin Slough last evening. The bird was feeding with 50-60 Great Blues and 11 Gr. Egrets and appeared to be a Snowy Egret. The bird gave me fits, however, as 1. it did not have all black bill, 2. it had black legs but they showed some yellow (especially on back of leg), 3. the bird had black feet. The bill had some yellow toward the base - maybe I was just seeing the lores. The leg pattern fits that for imm. Snowy's but even they are supposed to have yellowish feet. Maybe the feet were just muddy. The bird was not a cattle egret and the bill, legs and overall white ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> wrong for an imm. Little Blue so I guess

I'm left with my original I.O. -  
Snowy.

On the far out side the bill was  
not two-tone like - white - Reddish Eget  
and even little Egeta have yellow feet.

Do you have any thoughts that  
might ease my mind - or disturb  
me further?

Thanks,

Bob

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