

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Ibis sp. How many? 1  
 Location? East of Jewell and south of Anderson Lake - (Hamilton Co.)  
 Type of habitat? Small pond in a corn field  
 When? date(s): May 8, 1991 time: 6:20 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.  
 Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Box 65, Liscomb, Iowa 50148  
 others with you: Ramona Sommerlot, Beth Proescholdt  
 others before or after you: Ann Johnson, Tim Schantz, Beth Brown

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.

We stopped at this small pond to look at a few ducks when we spotted this ibis feeding along the edge. It was a big bird, the size of a Snowy Egret or Little Blue Heron. It had a big long decurved bill. It had a brilliant greenish-cinnamon color, a red eye, reddish legs, and a grayish bill. There was no white coloration at all around the base of the bill. The ibis shared this pond with 3 Blue-winged Teal and a gorgeous  $\rightarrow$  Cinnamon Teal. It was a lovely surprise!

Similar species and how eliminated: This was a white-faced Ibis or a Glossy Ibis. A first spring white Ibis would show lots of white in its plumage colorations.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain: :

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

It was sunny and at our side. It was an estimated 25 yards away. 8X30 Binocs and 22x scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen many white-faced Ibises and a few Glossy and white Ibises.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Natl. Geog. Birds of N. America, R.T. Peterson's Field Guide to the Birds.

How long before field notes made? while viewing this form completed? May 27, 1991

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