

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? IBIS (SP.) How many? 1Location? WEST SIDE OF JOHNSON CO. W6E - 2 MI. N OF ST #382Type of habitat? SHALLOW PONDWhen? date(s): 9/25/86 time: 2:40 PM 2:45 PM  
11:30 AM to 11:35 PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITYothers with you: CAL & BERNIE KNIGHT, IOWA CITYothers before or after you: MARK SNYDER - BEFORE - TOM KENT - AFTER

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.

THE GENERAL SIZE & SHAPE WAS OF A SMALLER HERON SUCH AS A LITTLE BLUE. THE MOST NOTABLE FEATURE WAS A THICK DECURVED BILL, MAYBE 2-2 1/2 TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE HEAD. THE FIRST TIME I SAW BIRD, I SAW NO COLOR OTHER THAN BROWNISH-GRAY AND GRAY BILL & LEGS COLOR. THE SECOND TIME THE LIGHT WAS BETTER AND THE BIRD HAD A BACK & WINGS (IT FLEW A SHORT DISTANCE) WHICH <sup>WERE</sup> A GREENISH SHEEN. LEGS & BILL WERE STILL DARK GRAY. NECK & HEAD WERE BROWN & APPEARED STREAKED. NO FACIAL SKIN FEATURES COULD BE DISTINGUISHED. THIS BIRD WAS PROBABLY AN IMMATURE.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
SKIES CLEAR - BIRD IN SHADE OF WILLOWS - FIRST SIGHTING & IN SUNLIGHT THE SECOND - 9x36 BINOCULARS AT 75-125 FEETPrevious experience with species and similar ones: SEEN SEVERAL TIMES, BOTH IN IOWA & UTAH.References and persons consulted before writing description: NAT'L GEOG. & PETERSONHow long before field notes made? IMMED. this form completed? 8 HOURS

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