

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? White-faced Ibis How many? 2Location? Forney L., Fremont Co., IowaType of habitat? marshWhen? date(s): 13 May 1982 time: 4:10 to 4:20 pmWho? your name and address: Thomas H. Kentothers with you: Ross Silcock, Tom Standtothers before or after you: none

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.

"Two dark Ibises. Long legs, dark rusty sheen to body, neck + back. Green iridescence to wings.

Bill long, decurved, uniformly dark gray-brown.

White feathers on face around eye. Eye red.

Legs dark reddish purple."

Tarsus and tibia as well as knee red.

No red seen in bill.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Glossy Ibis - white on face, red eye, and red legs eliminate
this species

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

Overcast, 20x scope, 15x Celestron lens, 40-75 yds (est)

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Photographed White-faced at L. Hancock last year. Have seen Glossy in past.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? 2 1/2 hours

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