

What species? WHITE FACED IBIS How many? 1Location? CHEROKEE AIRPORT, CHEROKEE COUNTY IOWAType of habitat? SHALLOW CATTAIL AND SEDGE MARSHWhen? date(s): MAY 29, 1986 time: 3:40pm to 3:50 PMWho? your name and address: DICK BIERMAN 901 HARRIS CHEROKEE IAothers with you: MARION BREWERothers 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.

THIS BIRD WAS ABOUT HALF THE SIZE OF A BLUE HERON, IT HAD A LONG CURVED DARK BILL. THE HEAD, NECK AND CHEST WAS DARK RUST COLORED. THE WINGS WERE GLOSSY GREENISH BLUE. THE LEGS WERE RUSTY-RED COLORED. IT HAD A DISTINCT WHITE STRIP THAT WENT OVER THE TOP OF THE BILL, AROUND THE EYE, AND DOWN UNDER THE CHIN.

THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY AN ADULT IN BREEDING PLUMAGE WHICH MADE IDENTIFICATION EASY.

Similar species and how eliminated: GLOSSY IBIS, THIS BIRD HAD THE WHITE STRIP AT THE BASE OF THE BILL WHICH EXTENDED BEHIND THE EYE. ALSO IT HAD REDDISH LEGS.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

BRIGHT OVERCAST, 80-100 YARDS, 15*60 POWER BAUSCH & LOMB SPOTTING SCOPE.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I'VE SEEN THE ~~WHITE FACED~~ ^{GLOSSY} IBIS AT CHINCOTEAGUE VIRGINIA

References and persons consulted before writing description: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDEHow long before field notes made? ~~1 HOUR~~ ^{WHILE LOOKING AT BIRD} 1 HOUR this form completed?

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