

What species? White-faced Ibis How many? 1Location? Port Neal - Iowa Public Service, Woodbury CountyType of habitat? shallow lake with sandbars & sandy shoresWhen? date(s): 4-26-90 time: 7:00 to 7:45 AMWho? your name and address: Bill Huser 401 E. 14th St. S. Sioux City NE
68776others with you: noneothers ~~before~~ or after you: Jerry Probst

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.

A smaller bird standing with G. White-fronted Geese on submerged sand flat. Its smaller body, longer legs & long decurved bill distinguished it from the many geese. The limited indirect lighting made color distinction difficult but the following was visible.

- 1) dark head, neck & bill contrasting w/ a white border to bill's base. Appeared to entirely encircle the bill.
- 2) The bird's plumage was dark w/ reddish shoulders
- 3) Bill & leg color not determined but legs appeared uniformly colored.
- 4) Foraged w/ head underwater.

Photos taken!

Similar species and how eliminated:

decurved bill eliminates all waders, & shorebirds except curlews, limpkin & whimbrel. Dark plumage - blackish wings, back & dark reddish (reddish) head & shoulders, neck - eliminated these.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no.

If yes, explain:

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

early morning with overcast skies provided weak, indirect light - estimated 110 M. 32X Celestron Scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Seen glossy ibis in Virginia in '87. White ibis in 4/90 in GA.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Nat'l Geo. Field GuideHow long before field notes made? while viewing this form completed? on 5/9/90

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