

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Ibis Sp. How many? 1

Location? About 1 mile west of Huxley in Story County, Iowa

Type of Habitat? Shallow pond

When? date(s): Sept. 9, 1990 time: 8:45Am to 9:15 AM

Who? your name and address: Robert Cecil 1315 41st St. Des Moines, IA 50311

Others with you: Nope

Others before or after you: Many observers

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

The first bird I saw was the Ibis, standing and feeding in shallow water near the side of the road. Overall, the plumage was dark brown all over. Wings were tinged with iridescent green overtones. Head and neck had moderate whitish streaking/flecking to about half way down neck. Other features noted on head included:

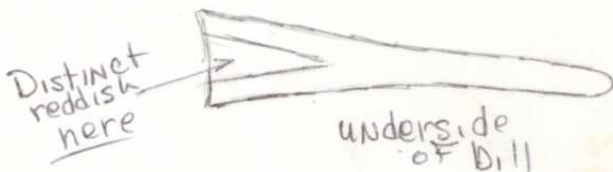
--brown eye.

--long, fairly stout decurved bill which was used for constant probing in the shallow water. Bill was blue-gray in color

--No noticeable white or blue around bill or eye.

--skin of the gular region was reddish (see sketch).

Legs were uniform brownish, including knee joints.



Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No.
If yes, explain:

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

Minimum viewing distance about 40'. Most viewing at about 60'. Sky clear, but slightly hazy. Sun was over my left shoulder. - about 50'

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Seen several here and there.

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? At time this form completed? 24 hours

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