

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Glossy Ibis or White-Faced Ibis How many? 1

Location? Cove Marsh, Louisa Co. Flying above marsh. Viewed from dike.

Type of habitat? Marsh

When? date(s): May 11, 1986 time: 9:10 A.M. to 9:13 A.M.

Who? your name and address: Timothy L. Dwyer 814 Woodlawn, Muscatine, Ia. 52761

others with you: none

others 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.

A dark bird about the size of a medium-size heron. Long out-stretched legs, long out-stretched neck, long sickle-shaped bill. The bird was flying. I could not see any color on any part of the bird, it just appeared dark. It flew toward me from the southwest made a half circle over the northwest water area and flew out of sight going northwesterly. Seen from below and sides, front and back.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Not speciated

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain:

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

Slightly hazy. 200 yds. at closest. 8X40 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: none

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

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

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