

1. Species White-faced Ibis 2. Number 14

3. Location Lake Manawa, Pottawattamie Co, IA

4. Date: 13 May 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: 1:25 to 1:45

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

"Obvious Ibis feeding in flock with a few Ring-billed Gulls. Overall dark color, long decurved bill. All have white facial marking separating reddish facial patch. White marking uniform and extends all around the facial patch. Larger than Ring-billed Gull. Legs dark orangish-yellowish. Bill bluish. Red-facial patch includes eye. White goes behind eye. Upper neck, head and upper back reddish shaven. More distal wing coverts and primaries and secondaries have greenish shaven. All birds have ~~facial~~ facial patch. Bird feeding in shallow water with weeds."

7. Description of voice, if heard: NA

8. Description of behavior: Busy feeding

9. Habitat - general: large round lake

specific: South west corner of L. Manawa near point with parking area

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

Glossy Ibis - all had red face patch and complete white outline of white-faced

11. Distance (how measured)?

50 yards (guess)

12. Optical equipment:

250x Quattro 750 mm Celestron with 2x extender

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): Photos taken

Overcast

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Seen in Texas in winter

15. Other observers:

Ross Silcock

16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Rose from Omaha saw bird about 1/2 hour early (we learned this later that evening)

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

none

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

dictated immediately.

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