

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? White Faced Ibis

How many? 1

Location? South Blue Lake in Monona County

Type of Habitat? marshy

When? date(s) May 5, May 6

1994

time: over noon hour

Who? your name and address: Peter Ernzen 401 Taylor Ida Grove
IA 51445

Others with you: none

Others before or after you: Jerry Probst and Bob Livermore of
Sioux City IA.

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. Bird was readily identifiable as an Ibis, the bird was about the size of a night heron with a long down curved sickle like bill. The white encircling the eye, the reddish pink facial skin around the eye and the pinkish red legs, made identification of the bird relatively simple.

Similar species; how eliminated: The above field marks mentioned in documentation eliminated all similar species.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Partly cloudy, estimated closest approach at 100 ft., Bushnell 7 x 35

Previous experience with species and similar ones: none

References and persons consulted before writing description:
National Geographic Society Field Guide to Birds of North America

How long before notes completed? immediately