

White-faced Ibis

Before leaving town*** on my almost daily birdwatching tour I stopped at the local airport which has a couple of acres of wet land. Date; May 29, 1986. 60 degs., on and off *** light rain. I had the spotting scope clamped to the car window, observing a pair of hooded mergansers and a lone wilson phalarope.

From out of nowhere an ibis dropped into ~~v~~ view, a night-heron sized bird, long decured bill, rusty red front half of the bird, dark back half with a little irredesent green, rusty legs, and a dirty white that was over the forehead around the eye and to the lower manible. That told me I had seen a white-faced Ibis.

This was just before 3:00 and I hurried out to Dick Biermans work place to inform him of the bird. We returned to the airport. As Dick walked toward the long grass, (last spot it was seen) the ibis flushed out to the edge of the water, giving us a 10 min. good look at ~~89~~ 80 to 100 yards. It being a life lister for both of us. Shortly before 4:00 the bird headed north out of site.

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