

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Ibis Sp How many? 1Location? Dan Green Slough, Clay Co.Type of habitat? Marsh, shallow water, mud edgeWhen? date(s): Oct 5, 1988 time: 1:15 PM to 2:00 PMWho? your name and address: Marion M Brewer RR 2 Box 25, Cherokee, Ia 51012

others with you: _____

others before or after you: _____

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.

cattle egret size or a little larger, dark overall color with some purple sheen on back. Dark legs. No white was seen around bill. Very long dark down curved bill, thick at the head. Was watched wading and preening. Was observed ~~from~~ from 2 different directions. Head was even dark brown color. No streaking. Dark eye, no red was seen.

Similar species and how eliminated:

I could not tell whether glossy or white-faced Ibis

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

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

Clear, viewed with ~~wide~~ window mounted 15X45 scope, from 2 directions. 75 yds & 110 yds estimated distance.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

A White-faced Ibis at local airport in 1986

References and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson, Audubon, & National Geographic

How long before field notes made? no this form completed? 10-5-88 PM

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