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DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTING
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

Species: Glossy Ibis ; Plegadis falcinellus
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

Date (s): May 25, 1988 Time Bird Seen: 6:00 to 6:35 AM
Locality: South of Weld County Road 46, between Weld County Road 43 and 47.
Optical Equipment: Bushnell Audubon 10 by 40 binoculars and Bushnell
Spacemaster Spotting scope with 15 by 45 power zoom lens.
I did not photograph this bird.

Number of birds seen: one Sex: ? Plumage: Adult, Breeding plumage.
Light conditions: When we first saw the ibis, it was about 15 minutes after
sunrise, and the light was poor, but it rapidly improved until it was bright
and good light by the time we left.
Distance from bird, and how measured: 50 to 100 yards, estimated.
Describe the bird's overall behavior: Foraging with White-faced Ibis in field.
Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: Flooded field.
Other observers who independently identified this bird (please list name and
address):

Virginia Bleck
548 Columbine
Denver, CO 80206
** (303)-320-6130 **

Evan & Ives Hannay
3841 S. Juniper Cr.
Evergreen, CO 80439
** (303)-674-8725 **

Dr. Thompson Marsh
199 Ash Street
Denver, CO 80220
** (303)-377-5380 **

Duane Nelson
31428 Burke Road
Golden, CO 80403
** (303)-642-7109 **

Duane Nelson and Jean Richmond found
this bird on May 24, 1988, and reported
it to the Colorado Bird Community. Duane
Was with me when I saw it on May 25, 1988.

Jean Richmond
125 Via Serena
Alamo, California

Joe Tenbrink
10201 Riverdale #19
Thornton, CO 80229
** (303)-452-6546 **

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details of shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. Describe what you actually saw in the field.

An adult Ibis, with burgandy plumage glossed with green, it had green legs with conspicuous red knees. The eyes were dark, perhaps brown, in contrast to the red eyes of the surrounding White-faced birds. Its face was dark, with no white border seen, and its bill was dark and grayish at the base, as opposed to the red based bills seen on the adults in the rest of the flock.

This bird was silent.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

The only similar species was the White-faced Ibis. This bird was conveniently foraging with over a dozen White-faced Ibis, and differed from the similar breeding plumaged adults by its greenish legs with bright red knee knobs, in comparison the red legs of the White-faced. Its face and bill differed from the White-faced in the following characteristics: Dark face with no white, dark or brown eye, and grayish base of bill. The White-faced had a white border around the bill, and eyes. the White-face had a red eye, and a red bill, especially at the base.

Prior experience with this and similar species: I have never seen a Glossy Ibis before. I see White-faced Ibis every spring and summer in Colorado, for the last 8 years.

This Report was written from notes made after the observation;

David E. Martin
9330 West 90th Drive
Westminster, CO 80020

Signature: 

Send Form to:

CFO Records Committee
c/o Curator-- Zoological Collections
Denver Museum of Natural History
City Park
Denver, CO 80205

APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
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If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 5-29-88 Time Bird Seen: 8:30 AM to 8:45 A.M

Locality: Approximately 1/4 mi E. and N. of intersection Co. Rds 42+43
La Salle, Weld, Colorado
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Swift (Audubon) Binoculars - Bushnell (Trophy) scope

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: None

Number of birds seen: one Sex: _____ Plumage: Breeding

Light conditions: Sunny

Distance from bird, and how measured: 75 yards - Estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior: Feeding with some 27 White-Faced Ibises.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
wet meadow

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Thompson Marsh - 181 Ash St. Denver, Co.

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

This bird distinguished itself from the White-faced Ibises with whom it was feeding by its brownish legs and bill and lack of white at base of bill. Red joints. Bright brown overall with greenish sheen on wings.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

None heard.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

White-faced Ibis. No prominent white at bill base
Brownish-not red-bill and legs
Plumage that of adult-not first-fall,
i.e. Bright brown with green sheen.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

First sighting. White-faced Ibis sighted and scoped for two migrations. - the extent of my birding experience,

This report was written from notes made during _____ after _____ observation;
from memory .

Name (print) :

Joe Tenbrink

Mailing address:

10201 Riverdale[#] 19, Thornton, CO, 80229

Signature:

Joe TenBrink

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