

CFO-ORC FILE # 7-95-11
(ACCEPT 6-1)

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD | | UNUSUAL RECORD

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: GLOSSY IBIS (Vernacular Name) Plegadis falcinellus (Scientific Name)

Date(s): May 12 + 13 1995

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Breeding

Locality: Buckley Road, 1 mi. No. of E. 120th Ave Elevation: 5000'

Nearest town: Barr County: Adams

Time(s) observed: May 12 : 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm / May 13: 12:20 pm - 1:50 pm

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 Hr., 20 min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
none

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Don't know names but was reported on RIBA as seen again, May 14.

5/18/95 P.S. Learned today that Norm Entthal saw bird 5/14
Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): Bird in full sun clear sky, open field; light from overhead and/or some what back lit on first day.

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Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Swarovski Binoc. 8x56
Kowa TSN 4 Scope 90x60 zoom

Distance, and how measured: 45-50 yds - est.

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): Feeding, by probing wet field (cattle-grazed field) with bill; actively walking about among (5/12) 94 white-faced ibis, (5/13) 78 ibis. "sleeping" with bill tucked into back feathers, standing on 1 leg, eyes appeared open. Rest period lasted 13-15 min. Flushed spontaneously with other ibis, circling overhead then landing again in same area.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field: Bird appeared same size or slightly larger than wh-faced ibis nearby. Legs possibly longer, but high power on scope may have caused some distortion front to back birds.

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Description (continued): Plumage reddish-brown, green and purple iridescence. Legs grayish, with reddish accents to knee and ankle joints. Bill: gray, brown, tan mixed color, long, slender and down-curved. Head and face: neck and head same reddish-brown color as body. A definite light blue or very light gray narrow border above and below gray facial skin. This border did not extend behind the eye. Eye: dark, not red, seen as bird tilted head to look at the sky occasionally. Fed and walked about same as white-faced ibis.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: ^{wet} Open grassy field adjacent to farm and Buckley Road, grazed at times by cattle. Field annually very wet in spring and is a reliable location for ibis, etc. This year, also present in same field were: 1 long-billed curlew, 1 snowy egret, 2 pr. blue-wg teal, 5-30 cattle egret, 2 n. pintail, red-wg and yel-hd blackbirds, song sparrow and a sora calling across the road. Surrounding areas included cultivated fields and other pasture with occasional homes; Barr Lake 1 mile to the north.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? White-faced ibis have red eyes and facial skin in adult breeding plumage; white feathering on border of facial skin in varying degrees of intensity, but in all cases with adults, border was unbroken from forehead to behind eye continuing to lower bill. Most of the wh-faced ibis lacked high breeding reddish color to bill and legs, so I.D. was made based mostly on face/eye color, border.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Have seen hundreds of white-faced ibis over several years in Texas and Colorado. This is first breeding glossy ibis.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

- a) at time of observation: Nat. Geo. Guide & Ken Kaufmann Advanced Birding } confirm original
b) after observation: Audubon Master Guide to Birding }
and Encyclopedia NA Birds } = 8

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: 5.17.95 10:45 pm

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