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SPECIES: GLOSSY IBIS | ALLEGADIS FALCINELLUS
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name) *red 9-20-9*

DATE(S): 5-27-96 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 8:45 TO 8:55

EXACT LOCATION: ALONG HWY 138, 100 YDS FROM INTERSECTION WITH HWY 113

NEAREST TOWN: STERLING COUNTY: LOGAN

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

DAVE LEATHERMAN

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BAUSCH & LOMB 8X36 BINOCULARS, SPACEMASTER SCOPE

WEATHER CONDITIONS: COOL, WINDY, OVERCAST

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: _____

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 70 FEET, APPROXIMATED

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: _____ PLUMAGE: NOT QUITE FULL BREEDING

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: STANDING IN A FLOODED FIELD ALONG HWY.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):

The top of the head, front and back of the neck were brownish-red; the border of the face was bluish-white and thin, the border went from the base of the upper mandible to the top of the eye and from the bottom of the eye to the base of the lower mandible

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): The eyes were dark brown or black; the facial skin was dark gray

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): the entire bill was grayish-brown

LEGS & FEET: the legs looked grayish-brown with very pronounced red joints

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): the upper back was brownish-red, the same color as the neck

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): the upper breast and belly

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): the wings looked dark

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):

HABITAT: wet flooded field

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

white faced ibis has the white border extend over and under bill; legs are usually reddish brown; the facial border is usually thicker and all white.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS GLOSSY IBIS IN BOTH COLORADO AND FLORIDA; I AM VERY EXPERIENCED WITH WHITE FACED IBIS.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER OBSERVATION; FROM MEMORY

NAME: JOE MAMMOSEK SIGNATURE: Joe Mammoser DATE: 6-5-96

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

Recd 9-9-96

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

Species: Glossy Ibis | Plegadis falcinellus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): 5/27/96

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Adult Plumage: Adult

Locality: Temporary pond along US 138 Elevation: ~3800'

0.45 miles west of SR 113
Hearst town: Iliff County: Logan

Time(s) observed: 8:30-8:45 AM

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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Fort Collins, CO 80526 970/223-2187

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Overcast

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 20-40x Bushnell Spacemaster Scope

Distance, and how measured: 30 yards (estimated)

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):

Standing quietly in temporary pond beside the road.
Bird was alone. Later flew off when we weren't
looking.

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 observe in the field:

Rich red-brown overall. Bill grayish-black. Eye black.
Light gray-blue lines connecting the middle of the top of the
eye with the top of the bill and the back of the bottom of the
eye with the lower throat. The lower blue line did not
connect under the chin. When the bird faced us, these two
lines looked strongly blue, more gray-blue when viewed
from the side. The legs were gray above & below the "knees,"
with the "knees" reddish-pink. The feet were under water.
The demarcation between the gray & red areas of the leg
was gradual, not sharp.

