

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

7-96-8
 rec'd 12-15-96
 Accepted 6-1

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

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

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

Date(s): May 3&4, 1996

Number of birds seen: one(1) Sex: Unk Plumage: Alternate

Latilong: _____ Distribution Code: _____ Habitat Code: _____

Locality: Near 124th Avenue & Buckley Rd Elevation: 5,000 feet

Nearest town: Barr Lake County: Adams

Time(s) observed: 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M., may 3. 10 min. May 4th

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 mins & 10 min.

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

Many others updated Rare bird Alert Names unknown to me

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

See above (or above)

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

Very good. Morning Sun at my back

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Swift 8.5X.44 Binocular Bushnell 12-36 Zoom Scope

Distance and how measured: Nearest -15 yards golfer estimate

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird: unknown

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Feeding with about 20 White-faced

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:

As large or larger than the biggest White-faced present. Body much the same reddish-purple.. The duller bill and facial marking made the bird stand out strikingly from the White-faced. Also the duller legs, blue facial skin and less white border.

Description (continued): The white border extended from the bill to the eye. Not around the back of the eye as the White-face

7-96-8

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

None heard

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Flooded field

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

As stated above, dull bill and legs, the blue(not red) facial skin - it's white thin border which was slightly wedged shaped above served to differentiate from White-faced.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?
I have seen this species twice. Both times in company with excellent birders; Thompson Marsh and the Prathers

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

a) At time of observation: National Geographic Field Guide.

b) After observation: Master Guide, Kaufman's Advanced Birding.

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

Date and time report was written: May 10, 1996

Reporting observer: Joe TenBrink

Signature: Joe TenBrink

Address: 6801 E Miss A302-Denver, CO 80224 Ph(303)320 4858

All reports will be maintained permanently at the address below:

Return to: CURATOR, DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS
DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
CITY PARK
DENVER, CO 80205