

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORMrec'd 9-25-98 v ACCEPTED 6-1

RESULTS: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: 4-18-98NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: one SEX: ? PLUMAGE: AdultEXACT LOCATION: flooded pasture on West side of Buckley Road at Approx 124th Ave N.COUNTY: Adams NEAREST TOWN: Brighton ELEVATION: 5000'LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 15 mins TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 1209 - 1224OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S): NONE

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

Clear, Lt Southerly winds I WAS FACING west, Directly EAST and ABOVE
the Bird. Sun WAS high in sky AND off my Left shoulder

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

ZIESS 10x40DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 25 feet. guessWAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: NO IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

Flooded PASTURE - slight RAISE mounds of grass with standing WATER
around mounds.DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING
THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):This Bird WAS OBSERVED with APPROXIMATELY 45 other White FACED
IBISES feeding in the PASTURE. the Birds USED A RANDOM individual
DIRECTION but As A group first HEADED south^(20 feet) then North
(30 feet) then west until spooked By ~~Farmer~~^{Rancher} (Dale) AND his son.
Each individual Bird would probe the flooded AREAS between the
grass mounds. In Amongst the Ibis were numerous Yellow-headed
Bikbirds, REDwing Bikbirds AND E. STARLINGS.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS, AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

The bird was A stocky, long billed long legged ~~large~~ MEDIUM SIZED WADING BIRD. Overall color was chestnut brown but often appeared dark brown or black. At times a bright iridescent green showed on the primaries and on the top of the head
Bill → decurved (1/4 turn) broad base & blunt point, pale toward base ~~more~~ dark at tip (? stained or dirty).

HEAD → fleshy part a base of Bill - gray - bluish gray surrounded by very thin white border extending from upper mandible to eye and below the eye terminating at lower mandible. EYE - DARK - (I looked at every angle, 1/4 left 1/4 right facing me facing away looking back and could not find any red).

REST of BIRD FEATHERING WAS BASICALLY chestnut brown except for iridescent described above.

LEGS - blackish gray except for pinkish red knees (feet did not appear to be holding globs of mud)

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

White faced - Ibis - Adult - Eye - Red, flesh in front of eye - pink
LEGS - will be red in breeding plumage but should show some red color other than knees at this time

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

W.F. Ibis - common migrant in spring/fall in Colorado

Glossy Ibis - I just observed - 100's in March in Florida and past 10 years

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

consulted Birds of N.A. NBS 2nd Edition for scientific name only

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM ^{TAPED} NOTES MADE DURING X OR AFTER _____ OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY _____.

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