

APPENDIX II

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

1998-14

ACCEPTED 7-0

Species: r Glossy Ibis; Plegadis Falcinellus
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

red 4-29-98 ✓

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): 4-22-98 Time Bird Seen: 4:45 PM to 6:30 PMLocality: "Metro Lake"Colorado City Pueblo County, Colorado

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: SWIFT Scope - 15-60X Zoom

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: AdultLight conditions: Excellent - I was directly west of bird in afternoon sunDistance from bird, and how measured: 50 yards estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Loafed, preened, & fed with 31 white-faced Ibis

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

FootHills prairie lake with few nearby trees

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

None

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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. Long-legged wading bird had large down-curved bill, Chestnut brown face, neck, back, and breast with purple-green wings and crown.

I could not distinguish any size difference with nearby white-faced Ibis. But its legs were solid olive brown showing no traces of red or pink at various observed angles. There was no red in knees. Bill was medium gray with darker facial patch. I could not see any bluish color on facial patch, but it showed no traces of red. Two white stripes ran from bill to eye. Top stripe crossed bridge of bill & was widest between eye & bill. Bottom white stripe ran from chin to eye. These white stripes did not join behind the eye. They were white, but had a bluish-white shade to them. Eye was solid dark and showed no traces of red.
Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--
i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

No call heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

All white-faced Ibis with this bird showed traces of red or pink throughout legs, in the eye and facial patch. All white-faced Ibis showed ~~white~~ solid white line running behind eye to the bill. Even duller white-faced Ibis, perhaps first spring birds, showed reddish colors in legs, eye, & facial patch, though more subdued than adult birds.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I have seen many Glossy Ibis in Florida and one in Colorado.

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

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