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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

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

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

Date(s): May 14, 1998

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: adult alternate (breeding)

Locality: Rd GG, west of Rd 27, east of Holbrook Res Elevation: 4200'

Nearest town: Rocky Ford County: Otero

Time(s) observed: 0600-0610 DST

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

Brandon Percival saw one in same general area that morning, I believe.

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

early morning sun, calm wind.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Kowa TSN-4, 20-60 zoom

Distance, and how measured: 40-50 yds, est.

If photographed, type of equipment and film: na

Who else photographed the bird? ?

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

feeding on outer edge of a flock of 100 White-faced Ibis, all feeding busily in the same manner, walking about, probing the earth with their bills, tossing food morsels somewhat, rearranging in bill before swallowing.

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:

(over)

Description (continued): Dark, large burgundy-colored body with irridescent purple and green sheen. Tail appeared the same length as primaries on folded wing. Long, decurved bone-colored bill, dark eye posterior to distinct blue-gray facial skin bordered above and below with pale narrow edge, which does not extend around back of eye, as it does in White-faced Ibis. Long legs a greenish-gray color, clearly observed in comparison to pink/maroon legs of nearby White-faces 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, grassy field with worn dirt spots scattered. Cows grazing at west end of field.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Distinguished from White-faced Ibis, breeding adult, which has light edging along border of entire facial patch including behind eye; facial skin reddish pink, eye- red; legs pink color.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Have seen many hundreds of White-faced Ibis yearly since 1991. Saw adult breeding Glossy Ibis 5/13/95 and 5/4/96 on Buckley Rd, no. of 120th Ave., Adams Co.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

This report was written from ^{notes} ~~report~~ made during x, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: May 20, 1998

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