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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

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

Date(s) of observation: May 22, 2000

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

Exact location: CO 37 and CR 60 1/2

County: Weld Nearest town: Kersey Elevation: 4617'

Length of observation: 10 min. Times(s) of observation: 0910 - 0920

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): ??

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): partly cloudy - back lit and side lit mostly

Optical equipment used: Kowa scope TSN-4, 20-60 zoom one good frontal sunlit view.

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 50 yds.

Was bird photographed?: no If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: MAN-MADE POND AND FRESHWATER MARSH, ADJACENT to cultivated fields. CR 60 1/2 to the north with water ditches paralleling the road and nearby wetland.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): Feeding alone in shallow water along edge of cattails. Assorted waterfowl nearby; no other waders present.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) 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. 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): Large, dark wader with long legs and long broad-based down-curved bill. Body chestnut-burgundy colored with greenish sheen. Wings extend to near tail tip. Blue-gray facial skin bordered above, below and overtop of bill with narrow blue edge but does not extend behind eye. Eye dark. Legs grayish, not strikingly colored at knees. Bill

Describe bird's call or song: bone colored.

none

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Adult breeding White-faced Ibis has whitish edge bordering entire area of reddish-pink facial skin, including behind the eye. Eye is red. Legs usually bright reddish color.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Have seen many hundreds of White-faced Ibis and perhaps a dozen or more Glossy Ibis in Colorado and Australia.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

none

This report was made from notes made during x or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____.

Date of written report: May 22, 2000

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