

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD _____ UNUSUAL RECORD X**Species:** Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)**Date:** 1 May 2001**Number seen:** one**Sex:** unknown**Plumage:** adult alternate**Locality:** Beebee Draw near intersection of Rd 45 and Rd 42**Elevation:** ~4700 feet**Nearest town:** Greeley**County:** Weld**Time observed:** I don't recall**Duration of observation:** about 10 minutes total**Description:**

A Glossy Ibis had been reported from this location earlier and, since it was a lifer for Rich, we went looking for it. While scanning the flock of White-faced Ibis (*P. chihi*) I found the Glossy mixed in with the crowd. The most obvious difference between this bird and the rest of the flock was the bright blue facial skin that extended from the eye to the bill, bordered by thin, white lines on the top and bottom. These lines did not wrap around the eye as it does in White-faced. We studied it for several minutes, going back and forth between it and several White-faced that were close by to make sure the light was not playing any tricks on us. In the White-faced, we noted red eyes and legs in all of the individuals in close proximity to the Glossy, but always dark for both on the Glossy. The facial skin color on the White-faced were always pinkish, but was blue for the Glossy. I do not recall looking at any other features.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none heard

What is your prior experience with this and similarly-appearing species? I have seen this species in the east, but never really studied them until I came out here to Colorado. Since moving here, I have seen (with other observers) at least 2 other individuals.

Light conditions: I don't recall

Optical equipment used: Kowa 20x60 zoom scope

Distance, and how estimated: about 80 meters

Other observers who saw the bird with you: Rich Levad

Other observers who saw the bird independently: several reported seeing this bird, but I don't remember any names

If photographed, type of equipment and film: none

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

Reporting observer: Doug Faulkner

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