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093-01-1997

Exact Location of White Ibis sighting, 5/26/97

by Bill Reddinger, Sandra and Greg Nolf:

They were parked at the Cook Forest State Park restroom located about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles upriver from the Park Headquarters at Cooksburg. The Clarion River runs close to the road here. They were actually in Forest County, not Clarion County.

Margaret Buckwalter

6/10/97

I'll be interested to hear what you think about this documentation. After all, they are high school students, but extremely interested in birds after taking John Fedak's course.

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Parts of bird that couldn't be seen

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SPECIES

White Ibis

DATE SIGHTED

5/26/97

SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

Much larger than a robin - quite a bit smaller than a Great Blue Heron. The shape was like an Ibis or Heron, but didn't have the same bill as a Heron. The head was quite small, white with a red face. The eye wasn't very noticable. The bill was slender and long, slightly down curved. It was orangish or red. The legs were red and dangling in flight. THE TOES WERE NOT WEBBED. It was white on the upper parts. There was virtually no tail I could barely see the underparts - I believe them to be white. The wings were white with slight black tips.

NOTE ON BIRDING EXPERIENCE:
- TOP STUDENT IN JOHN FAAB'S
ORNITHOLOGY CLASS

BEHAVIOR: It was flying, I didn't have rapid wing beats - like a duck would have. The wing beats weren't full. There were no other birds near it. It flew speedily upstream - alone.

NUMBER, SEX, AND AGE: There was one. I don't know what sex. By its excess of white, I assume it was an adult in breeding plumage.

LOCATION:

Cook Forest State Park

- Clarion County, PA \Rightarrow flying over river/creek upstream in a forest

CONDITIONS, TIME, WEATHER, OPTICS, EXPERIENCE:

It was approx. 4:45 p.m. It was approx. 70-75°F.

It was partly cloudy. There was no precipitation. There was the river or creek that it was flying over (of unknown depth). Approx. 5 mph wind.

I don't recall where the sun was. I was approx. 70 yds. away, sitting in a jeep. I used my 10x42 Celestron RANGERS. I've had ZERO experience with this species. I've been a birder for 2 to 3 years. (A

relatively good birder for slightly over 1/2 year). A possible Muscovy Duck was eliminated by the lack of both webbed feet and rapid wing beats. Field guide used after sighting. Description is from notes made after observation and memory.

Other Observers: Sandra Nolf / Ben Nolf (Also reporting)
NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, DATE OF WRITE-UP:

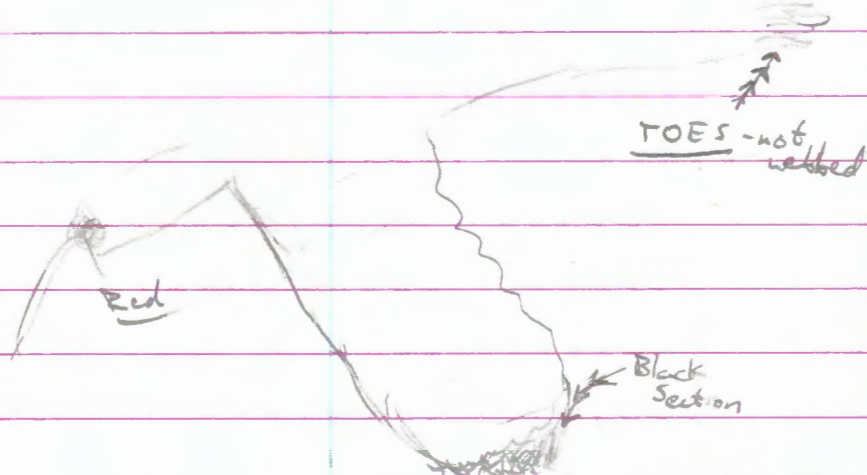
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6/2/97



Sorry - I'm not an artist

Red danger

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SPECIES

Unit 10

DATE SIGHTED

5/26/77

SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

This bird was about twice as big as I. The head
 was white. The body was not really white but a
 pale yellow. The legs were yellow and the feet were
 orange. The long wings were stuck to the back side
 while it was flying. From what I saw the bird was all
 white. I don't know where it was - I don't know if it
 I don't really see the wings, because the only it
 was flying over the water. The wings were
 very long and wide. The wings looked to be black on
 the tips. Parts of the I didn't see were the under side and
 the rear. I don't know if it was a duck or a wild H.

were located and the bird was seen. ② I did not see many other birds around the white class. I only saw one bird in the area. ③ Location is East Forest State Park, Elbert County VA. The white class was flying over a river/creek in the middle of the forest. About 4:45 PM it was about 60° to 70° F. It was partly cloudy and sunny, and there was no precipitation. It was a river/creek I do not know the depth. The wind was 0 to 12 mph. The bird was about 5 to 6' above the water.

BEHAVIOR:

NUMBER, SEX, AND AGE:

LOCATION:

(SKETCH)

CONDITIONS, TIME, WEATHER, OPTICS, EXPERIENCE:

I thought the bird was about 20 to 30 yds away from our location. I filled this paper out by memory of the sighting. There were two other observers Sandra Malt and Ed Redinger, and they both are participating.

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, DATE OF WRITE-UP:

Gregg, 10120 ... 30-5687-
6/2/07

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SPECIES WHITE IBIS DATE SIGHTED 5/26/97

SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

THE SIZE OF THE WHITE IBIS WAS CO. TO A LITTLE SMALLER THAN A GREEN BELL HERON, BUT LARGER THAN A CUCK. THE SHAPE OF THE BIRD WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF A HERON. THE COLOR OF THE BIRD WAS WHITE, EXCEPT FOR THE TAIL, WHICH WAS DARK. THE TAIL WAS LONG AND POINTED. I GOT A GOOD VIEW OF THE TWO FEATHERS. THE BILL OF THE WHITE IBIS WAS FAIRLY LONG, SLIGHTLY CURVED DOWN, AND RED. THE LEGS OF THE BIRD WERE LONG AND HELD BEHIND THE IT AS IT WALKED. THERE WERE ALSO RED. ALMOST ALL OF THE BIRD WAS WHITE, INCLUDING THE BACK, NECK, AND THROAT. I DON'T RECALL THERE BEING MUCH OF A TAIL BUT PROBABLY HAD TO SAY THAT IT WAS WHITE. THE WINGS WERE WHITE WITH DARK BARS. THE LENGTH FAIRLY LONG. I. LENGTH.

DURING THE AFTER THE SIGNING, I COULD THIS BY MEMORY ONLY. THE FIELD GUIDE WAS ONLY USED FOR ASSURANCE. OTHER OBSERVERS INCLUDE MY BROTHER GREG AND BILL REDINGER (FELDER ISLAND WISCONSIN) THEY WERE BOTH FILLING OUT FORMS.

RED

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BEHAVIOR: THE BIRD WAS JUST SIMPLY FLYING AT A MODERATE TO FAST RATE OF SPEED. I DID NOT NOTICE ANY OTHER BIRDS PRESENT AT THE TIME.

NUMBER, SEX, AND AGE: THE NUMBER OF THIS SPECIES SEEN WAS ONE. THE AGE OF BIRD, I ASSUME, IS AN ADULT WHICH IS IN BREEDING PLUMAGE. THE COULD NOT DETERMINE THE SEX.

LOCATION:

COOK FOREST STATE PARK, CLARION COUNTY, PA.
THE BIRD WAS FLYING OVER RIVER/CREEK

CONDITIONS, TIME, WEATHER, OPTICS, EXPERIENCE:

THE TIME OF DAY WAS APPROXIMATELY A QUARTER OF TEN TIL FIVE. THE TEMPERATURE WAS RIGHT AROUND 75°F. THE CLOUD COVER WAS PARTLY CLOUDY AND THE WIND WAS A BREEZE WITH A RIVER/CREEK OF ABOUT ANYWHERE 3 TO 5 FEET DEEP. I DID NOT NOTICE THE POSITION OF THE SUN. IT DID NOT INTERFERE WITH MY VISION. I ONLY SAW THE BIRD FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS BECAUSE OF THE RATE IT WAS MOVING. THE RIVER WAS ABOUT 30 TO 35 YARDS AWAY. THE OPTICS I USED WERE BINOCULARS OF 7X35 POWER. I HAVE TAKEN INTEREST IN BIRDS FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS BUT ONLY REALLY STARTED SERIOUSLY FOR ABOUT ONE HALF YEAR. I ELIMINATED OTHER SPECIES BY THE BIRD'S RED BILL AND MOUTH LEGS. I USED MY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, DATE OF WRITE-UP:

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

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Date of Sighting: 26 May 1997 to 26 May 1997

Location: COOK FOREST STATE PARK

County: FOREST

Observer(s): Bill Reddinger; Sandra & Greg Nolf

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Bill Reddinger; Sandra & Greg Nolf

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas		X						
P. Schwalbe			X					
K. Parkes		X						
R. Ickes		X						
P. Hess		X						
J. McWilliams				X				
T. Floyd		X						
TOTALS		5	1	1				
DECISION		X						

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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