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Documentation for Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) -- first-year immature

DATE: 24 August 2001 TIME: 0730-0830

LOCATION: Small cove at Yellow Creek Lake, Yellow Creek State Park, Indiana County

OBSERVER: Paul Hess, 1412 Hawthorne St., Natrona Heights, PA 15065
(Sam Sinderson with me; dozens of others Aug. 19-27)

CONDITIONS: thinly cloudy but bright.

OPTICS AND DISTANCE: 8x32 Leica binoculars and Kowa TSN-822 scope at 20X from about 30 yards away.

DESCRIPTION: Overall, obviously an ibis; about 2 feet tall; bill long, heavy-looking, prominently downcurved, and pink; upperparts (i.e. flight feathers and coverts) dark brown; head, neck, and back streaked with paler muddy-looking brown; underparts entirely white; legs pale dull pinkish. I saw the bird standing only, and not in flight.

SEPARATION FROM OTHER SPECIES: No other Western Hemisphere, European, or African ibis, and as far as I am aware no other world species, has a combination of pink bill, brown upperparts, and white underparts in any plumage.

COMMENTS: The identification was straightforward. I have seen literally thousands of White Ibises during the last 40 years in Florida and elsewhere in the southeastern states.

This report is written August 28 at the request of Margaret Higbee, Indiana County compiler for *Pennsylvania Birds*. My time lag of four days in writing the report is longer after the sighting than would be satisfactory for anything but such an obvious bird. I hope others will submit documentation too, along with photographs.

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White Ibis

Eudocimus albus

Yellow Creek State Park, Indiana Co., PA

19 August 2001

photos by Mark A. McConaughy



A juvenile White Ibis was found by Mike and Evelyn Fowles on Sunday, 19 August 2001 at Yellow Creek State Park in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. This specimen has a pinkish to orangish-colored bill, a mottled brown head and muddy brown wing and back. White outlined the front of the wing and was the breast and belly-color. The legs were orange in color. The bird was observed feeding on crayfish and picked up a snake and released it.

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This picture is not the best, but it does provide a comparison between the juvenile White Ibis, a Green Heron and a Killdeer.



This shot shows the pinkish-orange bill better than the first picture.

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Another view of the White Ibis with a Killdeer above it.



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Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)

Date of Sighting: 19 August 2001 to 27 August 2001

Location: YELLOW CREEK STATE PARK

County: INDIANA

Observer(s): Mark McConaughy, Paul Hess

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Mark McConaughy, Paul Hess

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead	X							
D. Heathcote D. Couchman		X						
P. Hess	X							
J. Stanley	X							
B. Reid	X							
B. Leberman	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6	1						
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):

Date: 6/30/02