





**PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM**

**SPECIES:** White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS:** 1      **SEX:** Unknown

**AGE AND PLUMAGE:** Juvenile

**DATE & TIME OF OBSERVATION:** Aug. 3, 2011 (8:10 - 8:30 AM).

**LOCATION:** Middletown Twp., Bucks Co, PA

**EXACT SITE:** Core Creek County Park, east of the Woodbourne Rd. causeway over Lake Luxembourg.

**OBSERVER REPORTING:**

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**OTHER OBSERVERS:** None; despite searching by others after receiving calls, the bird was not seen after 8:30 AM.

**HABITAT:** The shallow end of Lake Luxembourg develops mudflats in August, and the bird was wading and feeding right at the muddy shoreline.

**DISTANCE TO BIRD:** 500 feet.

**VIEWING CONDITIONS:** Partly cloudy, 75 degrees, nearly facing the sun, making photography challenging. No significant wind.

**OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:** Swarovski EL 8.5 x 42 binoculars; Nikon Fieldscope ED III A with 40-75 x zoom; Nikon Coolpix P5100 camera.

**DESCRIPTION:** Brown upperparts, white belly, white underwings, brownish neck and head, legs and decurved bill brownish-orange.

**BEHAVIOR:** Wading and feeding in shallow water at the edge of the muddy shoreline.

**VOCALIZATIONS:** None noted.

**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:** I am attaching 2 photographs taken through my spotting scope.

**SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES:** Decurved bill is exclusive to ibises; white belly and underwings eliminate both Glossy Ibis and White-faced Ibis.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:** I have observed all 3 ibises of various ages on numerous occasions in New Jersey, Delaware and Texas.

**ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION?** Yes, I can see no other reasonable candidate.

**REFERENCES CONSULTED:** After observation: Sibley Guide to Birds; The Crossley ID Guide.

**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** Aug. 3, 2011.

**SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER:** William J. Keim

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: White Ibis      Eudocimus albus

Date of Sighting: 3 August 2011 to 3 August 2011

County : BUCKS

Location : CORE CREEK PARK

Observer(s): William Keim

Date of Submission: 2011

Submitted by: William Keim

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. DeReamus	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
R. Koury	X							
D. Weber	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)      Nick Pulcinella

Date:

11/17/11