

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2015-12-11 21:30:42
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Elora Grahame, Joseph Bellehumeur
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	White Ibis
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Eudocimus albus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Juvenile, sex unknown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	07-08-2015 5:40 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S24198242">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S24198242</a>
<b>County</b>	Dauphin
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Harrisburg
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Wildwood Lake Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.313341, -76.883857
<b>Habitat</b>	Permanent wetland with cattails, american lotus, and swamp rose mallow emerging in shallower areas.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	200 meters
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Very clear afternoon with some heat shimmer at a distance
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leupold 10X50 Binoculars and Vortex Razor HD 20-60X85 Spotting Scope
<b>Description</b>	Medium-sized wading bird. Long dark yellow/gray decurved bill, dark iris, dark brown mantle and wings, pale gray head and neck, white belly, and grayish legs. Roughly 2 feet tall. Was wading with Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets. The ibis looked fairly small in comparison.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Seen wading through shallow water and probing into the mud with long bill. Occasionally the bird would catch a crayfish and eat it whole. Was seen in close proximity to Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	The medium size and long decurved bill eliminated all wading birds except for ibises. The pale gray head and neck, white belly, and dark brown mantle and wings eliminated Glossy and White-faced Ibis. This plumage is indicative of a juvenile White Ibis.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Seen from July 8-26, 2015 by 37 people according to eBird.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, I am positive of this sighting. I have seen several hundred White Ibises in Florida and even a few others in Pennsylvania. I had excellent views of the bird for close to an hour. It matches every description and picture of juvenile White Ibis I have seen in any field guide.
During	Sibley Guide App
After	None
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Video         </div>

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