

095-01 - 1999

RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: Glossy Ibis Date of this Observation: MAY 8, 1999

Date Found: 5/8/99 Last Date Seen: 5/8/99

Location: ESSINGTON AVE. / RTE 291

Township/City: TINICUM TOWNSHIP County: DELAWARE

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Other Observers: CHUCK HETZEL

Who found the bird first: CHUCK HETZEL

Other documentation Included: (Circle all appropriate items)(Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)

Photograph

Audio Recording

Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? _____

Description: (Attach additional pages as needed—Please do not write on back of this form)

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I would compare its overall look and size most closely with a Snowy Egret. A long slender neck and body, approximately 9" decurved bill and dark plumage distinguished the bird from all other heron/egret types. The bird was about 20" high. The plumage was dark with a greenish iridescence on the wing and some reddish feathering around the neck, breast and back.

A close examination of the head showed a dark eye and two buffy/grey featherless bands emanating from the bill to the top and bottom of the eye. The legs were greyish. I did not notice the feet. There was no opportunity to see the flight pattern. I've enclosed a crude drawing.

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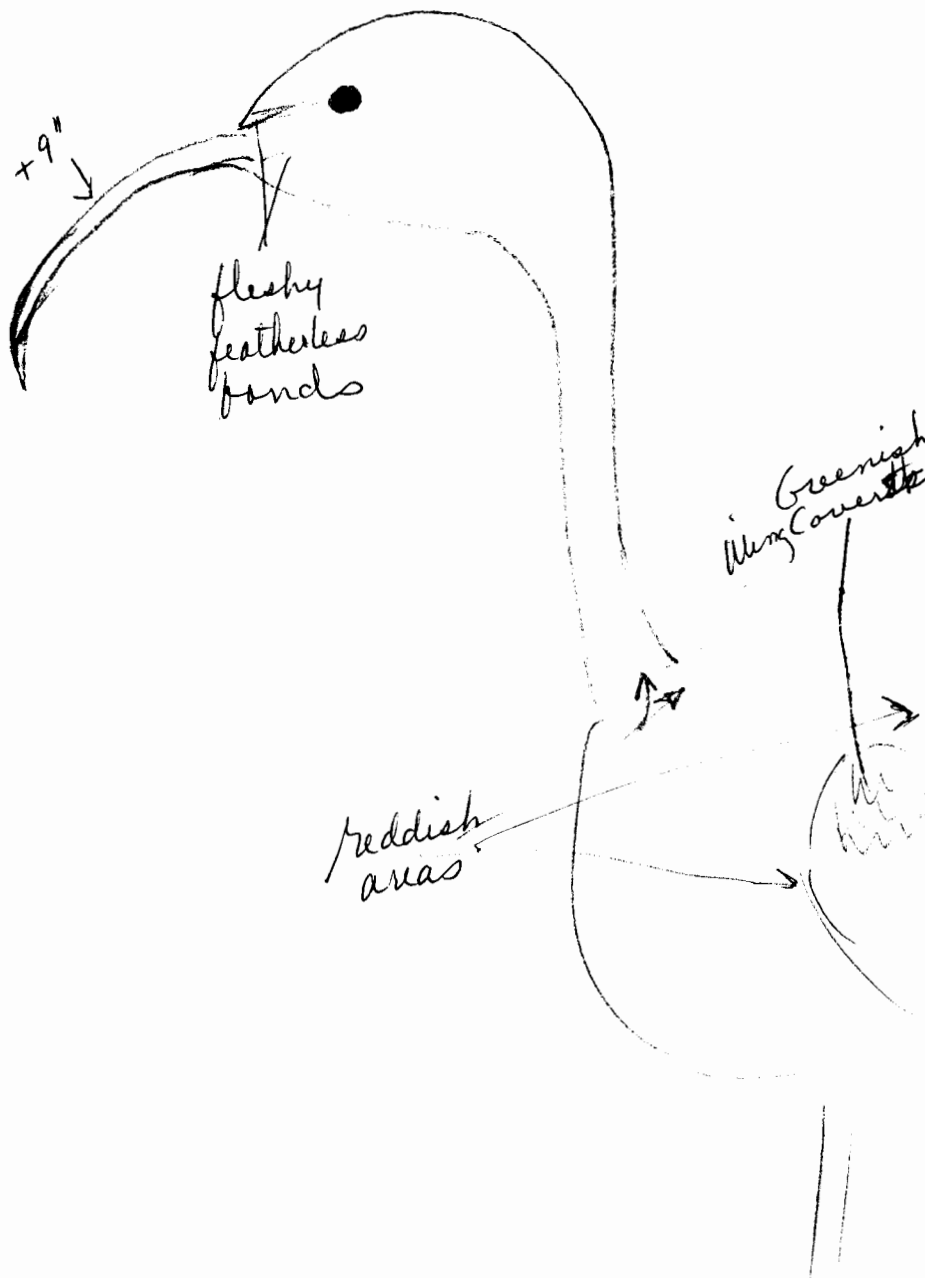
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Nick - if this is not enough - let me know or if it's too ridiculous to submit, exclude it.

Bill Buchanan saw a Glossy Ibis around 8/5 or earlier

544-5704



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

Date of Sighting: 8 May 1999 to 8 May 1999

Location: TINICUM TOWNSHIP

County: DELAWARE

Observer(s): Doris McGovern, Chuck Hetzel

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Doris McGovern

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

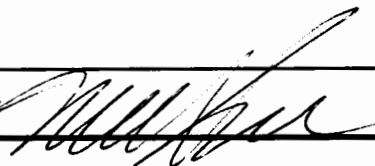
Specimen: No

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. Couchman			X					
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS		1	6					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date: 12/3/00