

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
210 Welcome Ave. Norwood, PA 19074

29 January 2002

Keith Bildstein  
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary  
Kempton, PA 19529

Dear Keith,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Glossy Ibis near Eckville on 1 May 1999. After careful review, the Committee regrets that it could not accept the record.

The vote was unanimous against acceptance, which may seem inappropriate, considering your extensive experience with the ibises. However, all of the members felt that more details would have been advisable for us to eliminate White-faced independently and conclusively.

As you know, non-acceptance does not mean we believe the bird was not a Glossy. One member's comment on his ballot summed up the Committee's feeling: "I'm sure he knows. He just didn't tell *us*."

We trust that this will not discourage you from submitting reports on any future rarities you find.

Sincerely,



For the Committee:  
Paul Hess, Chairman

P.S. I've been impressed with the the recent articles in *American Hawkwatcher* by the Hawk Mountain young people, especially the Red-tailed migration analysis in the last issue. It's good to see how closely Dan is working with you.

Record No. 095-02-1999

RARE SPECIES REPORT

095-02-1999

SPECIES: GLOSSY IBIS		NUMBER SEEN: 1
SIGHTING DATE: 1 MAY 1999		SIGHTING TIME:
LOCATION: NEDH'S POND	COUNTY & STATE- BERKS PA DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN- 2 MILES SE OF ECKVILLE DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE- FROM ECKVILLE E ON H M ROAD TO MTN ROAD 2 MILES EAST ON MTH ROAD TO SECOND PAIR OF PONDS ON LEFT	
HABITAT: POND SIDE		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING- GOOD DISTANCE- 50 M EQUIP. USED- 10 X 40 BINOC S LENGTH OF SIGHTING- 10 MIN	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE- none SIZE- PLUMAGE- FULL BREEDING PLUMAGE 50% SKIN COLOR ON HEAD (WHITE BEHIND EYES) & LEGS (RED AT HOLES) ANATOMY (BILL LENGTH, LEG COLOR, ETC.)- AS IN FIELD GUIDE BEHAVIOR- FEEDING ON INSECTS OTHER FEATURES-	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: STUDIED FOR 15 YEARS IN SOUTH CAROLINA & VENEZUELA		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: NONE SIMILAR		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? NO		
HAS ANY ADDITIONAL OBSERVER(S) FILLED OUT A RARE SPECIES REPORT? IF SO WHO? no		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: A GOOD LOOK AT A GREAT BIRD		
SIGHTING & REPORT BY: KATH L BILDSPERIN		
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SIGNATURE: <i>Kath Bildsperin</i>		DATE: 8-5-99

Mark + Mary Bailey reported first.

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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Ballot - Round One**

Species: Glossy Ibis ( Plegadis falcinellus )

Date of Sighting: 1 May 1999 to 1 May 1999

Location: BERKS

County: ECKVILLE

Observer(s): Keith Bildstein

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Keith Bildstein

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			
M. Sharp					X			
B. Reid				X				
P. Rodewald					X			
TOTALS				1	5			1
DECISION					X			

Comments: 0/6/1

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 12/3/00