

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Glossy Ibis - Plegadis falcinellis
Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): adult breeding plumage

DATE OF OBSERVATION 5-11-02 TIME 6:15 - 6:45 pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Jenks Township, Forest County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Buzzard Swamp

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

Jim McGuire

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) grassy shore of impoundment

DISTANCE TO BIRD ~500'

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) The sky was bright but overcast - sun not visible. Temperature 62°, no wind.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Swarovski high-definition ST 80 scope at 60 power

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): I saw it fly in, noted the long decurved bill, the flying posture with neck and legs extended. It was uniformly dark gray, with dark legs and a grayish bill. The eyes were dark. No white was visible on the face. It was about half the size of a great blue heron that was feeding nearby. The general size and shape - long legs and extremely long decurved bill - matched the description of an ibis. We could see that the eyes were dark. It was not completely visible for the entire 30 minutes because of the grass and its habit of bending over to feed, but it was in the open for several minutes, allowing excellent views.

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BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) The bird was walking in the grassy weeds on the shore, feeding by poking its beak into the mud. Occasionally it would lift one of its legs high while stepping, and we could see that the legs were entirely dark.

VOCALIZATIONS

none

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) It was similar to a 1st winter White-faced Ibis, but, according to Sibley, a White-faced Ibis' iris would be red by February. This is May. Also, the first-winter or non-breeding White-faced Ibis would have a streaked plumage on head and neck, while this bird was entirely dark. A White-faced in May would show a white border around a reddish face, but this bird's face looked entirely dark.

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

Glossy Ibis - several sightings in Florida in Jan. 2001. Also previously at Pea Island, N.C.
White-faced Ibis - several sightings from New Mexico, Texas, California, Louisiana

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) Yes - the 'jizz' identified it as an ibis, and since we could definitely see a dark face with dark eyes, we eliminated White-faced. (Dark plumage eliminated White or Scarlet Ibis)

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation _____
After observation Peterson "Eastern Birds" & "Sibley Guide to Birds"

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 5-13-02

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Thomas D. McGuire

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellis*)

Date of Sighting: 11 May 2002 to 11 May 2002

Location: BUZZARD SWAMP

County: FOREST

Observer(s): Florence McGuire

Date of Submission: 2002

Submitted by: Florence McGuire

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

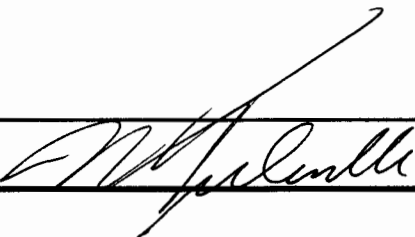
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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