





Pennsylvania Rare Bird Report Form

Species (common & scientific): Glossy Ibis *Plegadis chihi*

Number of Individuals: 1 **Sex(es):** Unknown

Age(s) & Plumage(s): Adult breeding

Date Seen: 4/29/2007 **Time:** 11:00am

Where Seen (Doylestown/ Bucks County):

Exact Location: Pine Run

Observer Reporting:

Name: Thomas Ford-Hutchinson

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Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you):

Laura Van Curen (girlfriend, otherwise uninterested in what I was doing)

Distance to Bird: 50ft

Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you):

Excellent, Conditions were partly cloudy and the sun was bright.

Optical Equipment Used:

Pentax 10X14 binoculars, Lumix DMC-FZ30

Habitat: Muddy area along the side of the reservoir.

Description (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage; bill, eye, & leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

I immediately identified the bird as a *Plegadis* species based on the overall size of the bird at a distance and the long curved beak. As I approached the bird to further identify it I featured prominently on the facial pattern of the bird. As I got closer to it I could easily notice the dark face (appears as though it is blue) and the dark eye. This is also distinguishable in the photo. The bird also had darker legs and based on other sightings of both of the *Plegadis* species I could conclude the bird was a Glossy Ibis.

Behavior The Bird was foraging in the mud along the side of the lake. It was very cautious and must have left soon afterwards because it was not there a couple of hours later when my dad went to look for it.

Vocalizations: None

Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report):

Photo: (Enhanced Image Clearly shows facial region, better quality picture can be obtained using the link below which I'm sure most people already looked at. I have other pictures if you are interested but Word won't let me import them into this document.)

(NOTE:Imbedded image did not open. Thus I deleted it and printed the picture from the link-Compiler-AM)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/77523243@N00/>

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Video Recording: None **Audio Recording:** None **Drawing:** None
Name, Address, e-mail, telephone (optional) of photographer, etc. Same as above

Separation from Similar Species (How you eliminated others):

Only Similar species is White-faced Ibis, I quickly eliminated this species when I approached the bird.

Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it):

I saw the bird from the opposite side of the lake and immediately phone August Mirabella about the sighting who soon posted it on PA birds. I then approached the bird to evaluate which species of Ibis it was. As I got closer to the bird and obtained these photos I discovered it was a Glossy Ibis based on the observation of the Eye Color and Facial pattern around the eye and extending towards the beak.

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species:

Seen many Glossy Ibis all over North America including one at Green Pond. I have also seen White-faced Ibis in both their native habitat and in NJ.

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not):

VERY, it was easy to identify it as an Ibis and I quickly eliminated the much more rare White-faced Ibis.

References:

During Observation: A phone call to August Mirabella and Tony Ford-Hutchinson

After Observation: Sibley Guide to North America

Date of report: June 15th 2007.

Signature of Observer: Thomas Ford-Hutchinson

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Glossy Ibis (Plegadis falcinellus)

Date of Sighting: 29 April 2007 to 29 April 2007

Location: BUCKS

County: PINE RUN

Observer(s): Thomas Ford-Hutchinson

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Thomas Ford-Hutchinson

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

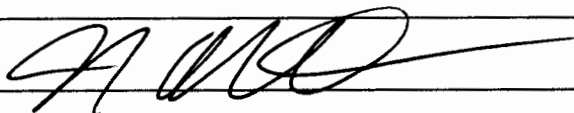
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

12/6/07