

RARE BIRD REPORT

Species Name: JUVENILE DARK IBIS SPECIE (PROBABLY GLOSSY)

Location: MERCER COUNTY, SHENANGO LAKE

Date and Time of Observation: 23 SEPT. 2000
8:30 A.M. to 9:15 AM

Length of Observation: 45 MINUTES

Address: 876 WILLIAMSON RD, MERCER PA
16137 - NEIL H TROYER (AMISH - NO PHONE)

Observers: NEIL, HARVEY AND JERRY TROYER
SUZZANE BUTCHER

Distance From the Bird: APPROX. 60 FT
Weather Conditions: PARTLY CLOUDY AT TIME
OF OBSERVATION

Optics Used: KOWA TSN 824 SCOPE 20-60X ZOOM

Bird's Behavior: THE BIRD WAS OBSERVED

• PREENING. IN FLIGHT IT HAD A SLOW
DIRECT FLIGHT WITH OCCASIONAL ^{circling} GLIDES

- DESCRIPTION -

We usually Bird without a Field Guide, so
The Following is what we wrote down for
I.D. When we first saw the bird we passed
it off for a small Cormorant, but several
minutes later it flew back low over our
heads and we could see the long decurved bill
and the long legs. We immediately knew it
was an Ibis species, and having been assigned
to ^{help} lead a Field Trip for BAS. Later we were

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in radio contact with the Group Leader Suzanne Butcher. We watched the bird until it landed behind an Island that was grown over with willows and with the water low enough we could walk to the island where we got within 60' of the bird. Suzanne radioed us to be sure to get the facial pattern and eye color as this is the prominent identifying feature of the Glossy and the White faced Ibis. Since this bird was a juvenile it did not have any trace of white or blue around the facial pattern and the eye was Dark. The facial Pattern was Gray.

The head and neck was dark brown tipped with white. The wings and back were ^{overall} a dark greenish glossy color.

In Flight The underparts were dark

The bird left before the group could see it and Suzanne had a digital camera but the bird was in flight ^{and at to far a distance to photograph it,} when she saw it

The non-plumage Features bill - light gray at tip darker at Base legs - gray.

The bird called several times as soon as it was in flight which in our impression sounded somewhat like a Ring-billed Gull.

In "Birds of Pennsylvania" it states that these birds have receded from Pa. by mid-Sept.

Could it possibly have been a White Faced juv. with the violent storms the Western states were having at that time?

David Sibley's "Guide to Birds" states the the juvenile Glossy's are darker on the Neck and breast than the White Faced and since the

eye didn't have a tinge of reddish, we felt this could have been a Glossy
~~Distinguished from similar species:~~ with the

exception of McWilliams/Brauning's Notes

and the violent Western Storms. Several other field guide stated the white-faced has a direct flight with occasional
Glides

Previous Experience With the Species: NONE

I would appreciate any tips on separating the two Dark Ibis species including juv. in First Fall and Basic Plumage for future sightings.

Thanks,

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 Mercer Pa. 16137

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Dark Ibis (*Plegadis species*)

Date of Sighting: 23 September 2000 to 23 September 2000

Location: SHENANGO LAKE

County: MERCER

Observer(s): Neil Troyer, Harvey Troyer, Jerry Troyer

Suzanne Butcher

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Neil Troyer

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 J. Stanley			X					
B. Reid			X					
B. Leberman P. Rodewald			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/6/0

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 10/27/01