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RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Glossy Ibis

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

Marty Collar

DATE REPORT PREPARED:

June 13, 2005

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

June 11, 2005

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

Camas NWR, Jefferson County, ID.
On the north end of the refuge in a flooded field just north of the trees.

HABITAT:

Flooded Field

CONDITIONS:

Partly Cloudy, winds ca. 15 mph. Bird was between 50 and 150 yards away. Seen with Nikon 20x60 spotting scope.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

after the observation?

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

during the observation?

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

Sibley guide to birds of north america

DESCRIPTION:

This was an obvious plegadis ibis. Overall dark appearance, long bill etc. On closer inspection it was glossy reddish with some iridescent green in the feathers. The facial skin was grayish with a thin light bluish line (not feathering) outlining the face, the line did not go behind the eye. The eye was all dark, no red was visible. In flight the bird showed grayish blue legs with redder skin at the knee.

BEHAVIOR:

The bird was in a field with several hundred other ibis and didn't act that much different than the White-faced Ibis. One thing that set the bird apart is that it always seemed to keep to itself. Other birds would mingle with it, but it would never follow or join them.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

Marty Collar called and told me about the bird. When I saw the bird, the combination of grayish facial skin, light bluish outline to the face, and the dark iris clinched the ID. Afterwards, viewing the photographs helped solidify the identification.

HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

Breeding White-faced Ibis would have white feathering around the face. Non-breeding birds would have a reddish eye and wouldn't have the thin sharp bluish white line around the face. etc..

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

I've seen several dozen Glossy in Louisiana, and tens of thousands of White-faced Ibis in Idaho, Utah, and Louisiana

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

Experienced

WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

Photo