

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

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Species: Plegadis ibis Number: (leave blank) 1
Location: Superior Hardwood, Parkersburg Date: 14 Dec. 2016 Time: 1:20 PM
Bird Seen: 7 Dec. 2016 To: 14 Dec. 2016 Age/Sex:

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

Long-legged; long-bill decurved; brown striping on head; dark overall; same general size as mallard (see photo¹); definite ibis.

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

Dark under cloudy skies. Did not see color contrast on gray body; head with brown and pale stripes; did not detect red eye or pale lines on face.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

None.

Description of behavior:

Foraging at edge of small impoundment. Mostly hunched, actively feeding in shallow water.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Small stream impoundment next to log yard, edged by weeds, grass, and some aquatic vegetation. Pond about 1/2 acre, apparently shallow. 1 ibis stuck to pond edge.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

Heavy equipment operator Charlie Hatfield observed the bird 7 Dec., and called Bird Watcher's Digest. I drove to see it, but it was not visible. I left, and the bird returned for the afternoon. It disappeared for a week, then Hatfield spotted it again in the same spot, and again called BWD. I drove down again and saw it. Used March 8x30 bins; photographed and videoed w/ ~~the~~ iPhone 5s. I was approx 30 feet from bird.

Previous experience with this species:

Cloudy skies, no direct sunlight. I have seen countless white ibises in Florida, and a few glossies. This bird was an ibis. I have seen white-faced ibis in California on one occasion.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

No other species has that bill, posture, and legs. It was an ibis.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Additional observer signature:

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Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

Used Sibley book and app, and I realized that I could not call this bird a glossy or a white-faced.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

15 days

Name:

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Date:

Signature:

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Please use the space below to add any appropriate details you feel were missing from the above form or to expand on any answers whose allotted space was insufficient for a complete response:

I have a Facebook live video. Have emailed link to Wil Hershberger.

