

# WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species:  Number: (leave blank)

Location:  Date:  Time:

Bird Seen:  To:  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.)  
**Medium to large wading bird with long, light-colored decurved bill.  
Pinkish eye and skin around the eye. Pinkish legs.**

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)  
**Overall chestnut color. Iridescent bluish-green wing coverts and lower back feathers. Narrow white feathering around eye and bill (see photos).**

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:  
**None**

Description of behavior:  
**Actively feeding.**

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Temporary pond in farm field.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)  
Closest distance - 40 yds. Light overcast. Binoculars and 20-60x spotting scope. Photos with cell phone and scope.

Previous experience with this species:

Have seen this species in western U.S. <sup>and</sup> twice previously in West Virginia (Cabell Co. - 2011 and 2020).

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

White Ibis is eliminated by overall plumage and eye and bill color. The color of the leg, eye, skin around the eye, and feathering around the eye eliminates Glossy 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

Additional observer signature.

Additional observer signature:

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

Sibley Guide to Birds

Since this was an adult plumaged bird, it was immediately identifiable at first sight.

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

Day of the observation

Name:

Mike Griffith

Address:

[Redacted]

Date:

April 17, 2021

Signature:

[Redacted]

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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:

Large empty rectangular area for providing additional details or expanding on previous answers.











