

Indiana Audubon Society

Rare Bird Species Documentation Form

Species: White Ibis _____ Number: __One_____ Age/sex: _Immature
or Juvenile_____

Location: _Dillin Unit of Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge & Management
Area _____

Date: _9/4/2009_____ Time: __9:08 AM_____

Description of bird(s):

Body (size, shape, coloration, upperparts, underparts, wings, tail):

Obvious heronlike, long-legged bird with long curving bill. Unmistakably an Ibis. White underbody. White areas at shoulder on an otherwise dark upperbody.

Head and bill (size, shape coloration, eye color, eye ring, eye stripe, color of lores

Long slender downward curving bill. Dingy gray/white head and neck.

Legs, feet (length, color): Long-legged. Yellowish orange bill and leg.

In flight (profile, color patterns, wing and tail length, wingbeats): Did not see in flight.

Voice: N/A

Behavior: Typical one-legged stance, standing in a tree among a flock of Great Egrets and a Green Heron.

Description of habitat: Wetland

Explain why the above descriptions are not that of other, similar-appearing species, and why similar species were eliminated from consideration:

Other Ibis, Glossy and White-faced, were eliminated because of the gray and white areas on the bird.

Previous experience with this species and similar-appearing species:

Have seen hundreds of White Ibis, adult and juvenile, during several yearly trips to Florida in winter.

Distance to bird: 50 yards more or less _____ Optical equipment used:
Binoculars. Nikon 10x50 and Audubon Equinox 10x42.

Viewing conditions (weather, sky/light conditions, position of sun relative
to bird and observer): Backlit

Were photos or videos taken? _Yes _____

Names of others observing bird: Richard Vernier

Did others agree with your identification? ___Yes _____

List books, illustrations, recordings consulted. How did these influence
your identification?

National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America (Fifth Edition)
and Sibley Guide to Birds.

How long after seeing this bird did you first write this description? _Same
day email to Refuge Manager _____

Observer's name: Sue Vernier _____
Signature: _____

Address:
_580N 350E _____

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