

OBRC Rare Bird Report

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Report Details

Species,select one: not selected

or other species not on list: Plegadis Sp.

Number 5

Age 3 adult 2 young

Sex not selected

Date you saw it using this format: 25 January 2010

September 9 2011

Time of day seen 1200

Duration of observation (give times) 1200 to 1205

First and last dates bird(s) known to be in area Sept 9 2011

Exact location seen Bird Studies Canada Headquarters - Port Rowan, Ontario

GPS if available 17 T 544430 4718230

Habitat

Weather conditions overcast

Kind of lighting on bird

Observer's distance from bird 2-500m

Optics used Swarovski EL 8.5X42

Photographs taken?

Video taken?

Illustration made?

Date this report written 12 January 2012

General Observations

1) Circumstances of the observation I was sitting in the office facing south when I noticed a group of 5 large waterbirds appear over the tree line and continue NW past the BSC HQ. With the naked eye I could identify them as Plegadis Ibis, and after a bit of scrambling I was able to get my binoculars on them for a brief moment before they dissapeared behind the building. By the time I got outside I could no longer see them and a quick investigation of the Port Rowan Sewage Lagoons and nearby wetlands came up empty.

2) Description. The birds were about cormorant size and had a similar flight patter, short quick wing beats with periodic glides. They had long legs extending past their body, long neck, and a long down-curved bill. Their overall plumage was a very dark brown-maroon with dark irredescent back and wings. There appeared to be three adults with the dark colouration extending onto the neck and head, and two young with mottled neck and head and a darker bill.

3) How were similar species eliminated? I could not get a good enough

look at any diagnostic features to identify these ibis as either White-faced or Glossy. From the brief looks I had at one of the adult faces, I think they were probably Glossy, but I cannot be sure.

4) Experience with claimed species Observed thousands of both species throughout the southern United States and Central America.

5) Field guides/references consulted none

6) Any additional commentary/analysis

Description made from Notes made after observation