

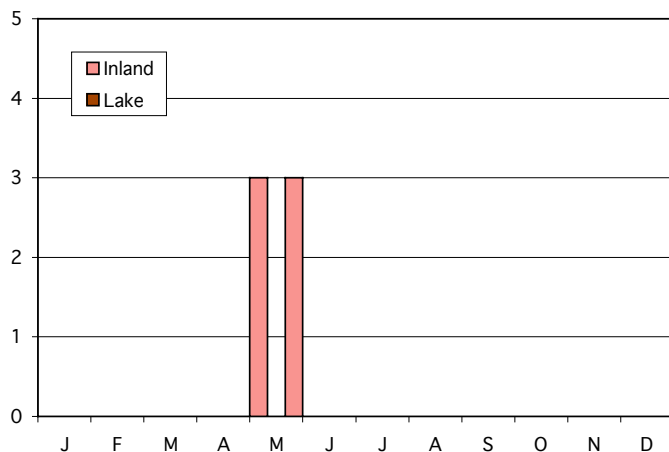
## White-faced Ibis

## *Plegadis chihi*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: S.F. Jackson discovered Indiana's first accepted White-faced Ibis in the Patoka River Bottoms, Gibson County on 10 May 1989 (Brown 1990).

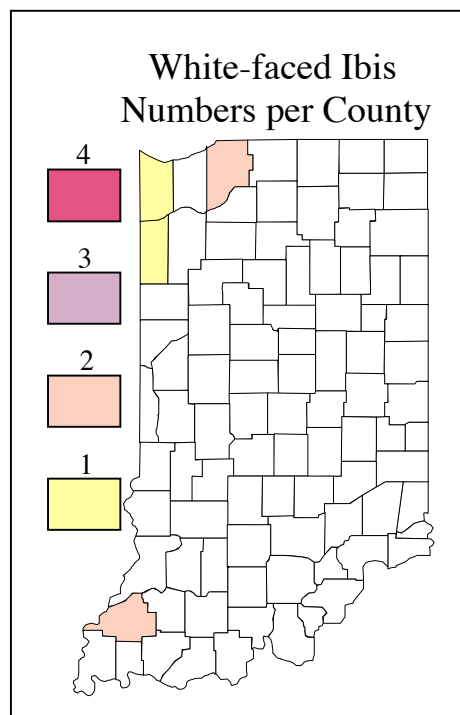
Based on a sight record both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) listed this ibis as hypothetical.



### Status

Physical Evidence: No Indiana specimens of this species are known to exist. The photo below was published in *North American Birds* 56:311 and the Kingsbury FWA bird appeared in the 1991 *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* 69:45.

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimen				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	9	n	n
Central Tier	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	10	n	n
Entire State	n	8	n	n



### Current Status

This relative newcomer to the state list is now a Very Rare (8) spring visitor.

### Occurrence

Interestingly all six White-faced Ibis records have occurred in western Indiana during the month of May.

The large number of unidentified dark ibises obscures the true number of both White-faced and Glossy Ibises that have occurred in the state. Some 20 birds have been relegated to the *Plegadis* ibis species category. A migration histogram of unidentified *Plegadis* ibis is included in the Glossy Ibis account.



Alternate plumed White-faced Ibis, TNC Kankakee Sands 24 May 2002. Photo by J.J. McCoy.

White-faced Ibis Records				
All Records				
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	10-May-1989	Gibson Co	S.F. Jackson	IAQ
1	6-May-1990	Kingsbury FWA	Bud Polk	IAQ
1	21-May-1996	Lake Gibson	C.E. Mills	IAQ
1	5-May-2002	Kankakee FWA	B.J. Grube	INB
1	24-May-2002	Kankakee Sands	R.L. Hedge	INB
1	27-May-2002	Grand Kankakee Marsh	P.&J. Kelly	INB

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