

identified as a Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*). We studied it for half an hour or more from various angles with $8 \times$ binoculars at a distance of 250 to 300 feet and could see the maroon chestnut of the neck and body and the greenish black wings while the decurved bill was always in evidence. The sky was overcast so that the colors did not show up as conspicuously as they would had the sun been shining, and sometimes the bird appeared entirely black.

It walked about slowly or stood still probing in the mud or pluming itself and once flew a few feet showing the black under surface of the wings. Mr. Henry Troth was with us and several members of the West Chester Bird Club, who had come to see the Gallinules, saw the Ibis but had not been able to identify it.

So far as we can ascertain this is the first record of the Glossy Ibis in this vicinity since one was killed on the marshes below Philadelphia by John Krider, in 1866.

After the above was written, we learned that two other parties had seen the bird, Messrs. Emlen and Hiatt being the first to discover it, and Mr. Baily's party coming upon it shortly after we had left. Their notes follow and they contain additional observations.—WITMER STONE AND RICHARD ERSKINE, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia*.

Glossy Ibis in Delaware.—Late in the afternoon of May 30, 1927, a single Glossy Ibis was seen on an open marsh near Wilmington, Del. It was feeding in the shallow water gracefully probing the mire with its long down-curved bill and occasionally taking wing for a few feet as if some tasty titbit a little farther away had caught its eye.

After watching this unusual bird for fully half an hour it suddenly arose and flew away stretching its neck forward, slightly curved but not bunched up like a Heron's, and carrying its legs straight out behind.

The bird was picked out by Mr. N. J. McDonald and was identified by Mr. William Yoder both of whom together with Messrs. Philip A. Livingston and T. C. Benton accompanied me, as we were returning from an excursion to Milford, Del. Mr. Livingston adds that the Ibis in flight seemed to shear up on one side for several flaps of the wings and then on the other side, somewhat like a Woodcock. Mr. McDonald reports the bird back again on the afternoon of May 31.—WILLIAM L. BAILY, *Ardmore, Pa.*

Glossy Ibis at Wilmington Delaware.—On May 27, 1927 while exploring some marshes a short distance below Wilmington Del., we saw a bird about the size of a Green Heron wading about in the water. It was actively engaged in feeding and as it stalked about would thrust its long decurved bill into the soft mud bottom. After wading through mud and water up to our waists we got within twenty-five yards of the bird and had an excellent opportunity to study it at close range with the glasses and to convince ourselves that it was a Glossy Ibis. Its head and neck