

WHITE-FACED IBIS AT LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN

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On May 15, 1977, Brad Mason, conservation officer with the Department of Tourism and Renewable Resources at Fort Qu'Appelle, and his wife Jan were birding at the north end of Last Mountain Lake. They were greatly puzzled by three strange, large birds near the shore. They watched them at about 50 yards for about 15 minutes before the birds flew and landed further away. When they referred to their Robbins' Field Guide they were satisfied that they had seen White-faced Ibis, and noticed the strange impression of the white faces. On their return, they phoned me to ask if it was possible. They did not know about Lahrman's observations in the same

area in May and June, 1976 (*Blue Jay* 34:238).

COLOUR-MARKED PURPLE MARTINS

A large-scale, continent-wide Purple Martin colour-marking project was initiated in 1977. Observers are asked to look for and report any colour-marked (plastic leg bands and/or wing tags) Purple Martins. Please record the color of the bands or wing tags, which leg or wing they are on, age and/or sex (if either is known), where and when observed, and whether the bird was in a roost, staging flock, migratory flock or at a nest site (scouting or nesting?) We are especially interested in the movements of young birds and their return to the parent colony or nearby colonies. All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to Ms. Kathleen Klimkiewicz, Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland 20811. U.S.A.



A June thunderstorm

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