
A RECENT SIGHTING OF WHITE-SHOULDERED IBIS IN KALIMANTAN

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On 22 September 1992, at around noon with clear weather conditions, three White-shouldered Ibis *Pseudibis davisoni* were seen from a longboat along the Mahakam river between Data Bilang and Laham (between 115°23' and 115°30'E, 0°10' and 0°21'N). The liver at the observation site was shallow and relatively &st flowing, with exposed rocks. The birds were apparently foraging on a gravel bank (stones of 2-3 cm diameter) a few metres from the water's edge. The riverside forest was unlogged and appeared to be undisturbed.

The birds were watched at *ca.* 15m. range for about one minute. Five people including the author observed them as the boat passed slowly upstream. They stayed close together and were not at all disturbed by our very noisy engine. Boats frequently pass this site, and the birds did not appear shy, *contra* Wildash (1968) who describes the species as being very shy. All three birds were dull slate in colour. The upper hind neck and head were light blue, the legs and bill were dull but the colour was not noted. The birds were moving slowly and the white patch on the shoulders was not seen.

This site lies in the region where the species was observed by Petersen (1991), which is site L in the review by Holmes (1991).

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