

Shorebird rarities

SCENES FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS

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First-year White Ibis

(*Eudocimus albus*), Carlyle Lake, Fayette County. 11 August 2003. Notice the white underbelly and white at bend of wing, two characteristics that help separate it from the Glossy and White-faced Ibises. The underbelly and bend of wings would be dark in the two *Plegadis* species. This White Ibis represents the 26th record for Illinois and the first since 1998 in the state.



White-faced Ibis

(*Plegadis chihi*).
Carlyle Lake,
Fayette County.
20 September 2003.



Ruff

(*Philomachus pugnax*), Quiver Lake,
Mason County. 12 October 2003.



Piping Plover

(*Charadrius melodus*), Carlyle Lake,
Fayette County. 24 August 2003.