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SHORT NOTE

A Glossy Ibis in the Chatham Islands

On 31 December 1984, we were in a party from the 1984-1985 Taiko Expedition visiting several sites at the north-eastern end of Chatham Island. At the side of a small lagoon near the causeway of the Taia-Hapupu Road (176°21'E, 43°47'S), we saw a Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) wading at the water's edge. From about 50 m away, as we studied it through binoculars for 30 min. and photographed it, we could see well its purplish-bronze plumage and long, downcurved bill. This seems to be the first record of the species at the Chathams.

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