



**ILLINOIS DOCUMENTATION FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS**

**Species:** Neotropic Corm    **Date seen:** July 1, 2016    **Documenter:** Frank Holmes

**7. Description of behavior:**    Sitting on old duck blind with Doualde-crested Cormorants. Sleeping and preening most of the time.

**8. Description of vocalizations:**    None.

**9. Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):**    Horseshoe Lake is a large oxbow lake mostly surrounded by farm land.

**10. Viewing conditions:**

**Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):** Pentax spotting scope with 60x zoom lens.

**Distance/how measured?** Estimated 200 - 250 yards.

**Time(s) of observation:** 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM    **Total time of observation:** 45 minutes

**Weather (including regional or national weather patterns if relevant)/ sky conditions/ relative position of the sun:** Viewing was from the East side of Horseshoe Lake, looking towards the West.  
Mostly cloudy conditions.

**11. Previous experience with this species and similar species:**    I have seen Neotropic Cormorants four other times at Horseshoe Lake and a total of five times in Madison County, Illinois.

**12. Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids (use additional paper, if necessary):**

Eliminated Double-crested Cormorant because of smaller size.    See number 6.

**13. Where photos obtained?** Yes    **If so, by whom?** Frank Holmes    **Attached?** Yes

**14. Books & illustrations consulted, and advice received. How did these influence this description?**

N/A

**15. How long after the observation were field notes recorded?** 1 Hour

**16. How long after observation was this form completed?** 1 Day

**17. Additional remarks:**

**Signed:** Frank Holmes    **Date:** 7/2/2016