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**Fwd: Neotropic Cormorant at Horseshoe Lake**

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**Geoffrey Williamson** [REDACTED]  
To: iorcommittee@gmail.com

Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 5:03 PM

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**From: Hommert Central** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 4:47 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Neotropic Cormorant at Horseshoe Lake  
**To:** Geoffrey Williamson [REDACTED]

Please add it to the record. The only reason I think this may be a different bird is that this one appears to be an adult, and this one has the remnants of white feathers on the side of its face, which suggests it is coming out of breeding plumage. However, I am not an expert on this species. I will file a report on ebird for today also, but feel free to add it to the current record. Thanks for your prompt response.

Sent from my iPad

Douglas Hommert

<http://hommert-central-nature-photography.redframe.com>

On Jul 11, 2016, at 4:39 PM, Geoffrey Williamson [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Doug:

I think this is a Neotropic Cormorant. The points you raise are all valid. The shape of the gular pouch is also indicative of Neotropic over Double-crested (rear border angling back from the eye and then cutting forward, rather than going more or less down from the eye as in D-C).

It is not as clear whether or not this is the same individual as the one you photographed earlier. However, I think there is nothing in these photos that would contradict its being the same bird, so that is what I would assume.

May I add these two photos to the record (2016-050)?

Sincerely,  
Geoff

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On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 3:51 PM, Doug Hommert [REDACTED] wrote:  
Geoffrey

Attached are two photos that I took today of a cormorant at Horseshoe Lake State Park. This bird lacks a large orange/yellow gular pouch and supraloral stripe that I would expect to see in a Double-crested Cormorant. Rather, it seems to me that the bird has a small,

inconspicuous yellowish gular patch. The rest of its face and head are dark. The "V" of the gular patch appears to me to be bordered by a thin line of white feathers. It also appears to me that there are the remnants of a thin white plume on the side of its face. The bill also appears to me to be pale to dusky. I did not have another cormorant to compare sizes, nor do I have a good photograph of its tail. In any event, I think this may be the [a?] Neotropic Cormorant at Horseshoe Lake. I would appreciate your thoughts. Also, do you think the photos are sufficient to form a basis for reporting on ebirds as a Neotropic Cormorant? I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2016 1:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Neotropic Cormorant at Horseshoe Lake

Thanks so much for these, Doug.

Regarding the age of this bird, my thinking is that it is a "second calendar year" bird, i.e. one born sometime in 2015. It has signs of immaturity (pale upper breast, neck), but also seems to have some blackish body feathers, which I think would be early for a bird born this year.

You will get a formal acknowledgement of receipt from the IORC email address.

Best,  
Geoff

On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 7:09 AM, Hommert Central <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Geoffrey

Per your email yesterday, enclosed are my two photographs that you may use as part of the record for the Neotropic Cormorant that has been down at Horseshoe Lake State Park. My question that I have is do you know the approximate age of this bird? Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

Douglas Hommert  
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