

1. English and Scientific names: Red-necked Grebe; *Podiceps grisegena*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 in basic plumage.
3. Locality: Parish: Union
Specific Locality: Bayou D'Arbonne Lake, Hwy 33 bridge
4. Date(s) when observed: Nov. 2, 2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: approx. 11:00am til noon.
6. Reporting observer and address: 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Steve Pagans
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Gerry Click, Willie Matthews, Doug Liles
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sunny; bird in open water in sunlight.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Alpen Rainier 8x42 bins, good condition; Alpen 20-60X scope, good condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 40 feet or so.
12. Duration of observation: about an hour
13. Habitat: open water near HWY 33 bridge
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): swimming and feeding/diving.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): Medium-sized, long-billed grebe. Upper side of body mostly all dark. Neck long (about half the length of the body), not short like PBGR. Neck not uniformly colored but mostly a warm garnet sort of tone but faded; not the same overall dark coloration as the body. Face paler but dingy with large white cheek patch showing in direct sunlight (seen in photo). Top of head dark. Bill long, sharp, and pointed; mostly yellow but dark on top of upper mandible.

16. Voice: Did not vocalize.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): HOGGR and EAGR both much smaller, with basically black and white plumage by November and much shorter bill. Loon species have much shorter necks and generally much dark bills. Ducks don't have sharp, pointed bills.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos and video obtained by myself.

19. Previous experience with this species: None. Life bird.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: Sibley. Nat Geo 6th ed.

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes.

23. Date: Jan 11, 2015 Time: 12:50pm.





