

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Red-necked Grebe/ Podiceps grisegena

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one, unknown sex, adult

3. Locality: Parish: Union

Specific Locality: Bayou D'Arbonne Lake at Boat Launch Rd off Hwy 33

4. Date(s) when observed: 11/15/2014

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30 am for about 8 minutes and again at 12:40 pm for about 5 minutes

6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey, m11mehaffey@att.net, 84305 Cobblestone Ct., Folsom, LA 70437

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Cham Mehaffey, Rosemary Seidler

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): previously reported by Jay Huner, Steve Pagans, and Terry Davis 11/14/2014

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast day bird out in open water no shade on it

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Brunton 20 x 60 scope, excellent condition

11. Distance to bird(s): about 80 - 100 yds.

12. Duration of observation: total of 13 minutes

13. Habitat: Fresh water lake

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): swimming, preening, and 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): Larger than either Pied-billed and Horned Grebes; dark head and back, white belly and white wing patch secondaries shown when stretching out wing; very long and thick dull yellow bill which angled down; pale ear patch; brownish back of neck

16. Voice: did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Larger than Horned Grebe and had dark face with pale ear patch no white cheeks; had much longer and thinner bill than Pied-billed Grebe and was a larger bird than Pied-billed

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?) Photos Mary Mehaffey, attached

19. Previous experience with this species: none

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): The Sibley Guide to Birds

a. at time of observation: The Sibley Guide to Birds

b. after observation: The Sibley Guide to Birds

21. This description is written from: x notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory.

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

23. Date: 11/18/2014 Time: 3:45 pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes

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