

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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 in what appears to (me, anyway) adult non-breeding plumage. I am not familiar with ageing this species or its plumage.
3. Parish: Orleans
Specific Locality: Manmade lake on Lake Willow
4. Date(s) when observed: 26 December 2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 1130
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: Louisiana
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Tommy Harold, Tommy Walker Jr. and Linda Kingsland
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): many – David Muth, John Nelson, Dan Purrington, Cathy DiSalvo, Rosemary Seidler, Mark Meunier, Joan Garvey, Peter Yaukey, Van Remsen, Paul Conover
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Sun was directly overhead with no clouds. Bird was viewed unobstructed on open water. No shade.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 8x42, Vortex 10x50, Swarovski 10x42, older model Swift scope. Unsure of what Tommy Harold has.
11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 300 yards
12. Duration of observation: ca. 25-30 minutes
13. Habitat: Open water – manmade lake in subdivision
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was swimming north-south, disappeared for several minutes into a cove to the north, then reappeared, swimming again to the south side.

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): Large(r) grebe, dark gray back with lighter flanks, white chinstrap extending around nape, dark forehead and pointed, yellow bill.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Pied-billed Grebe – size, bill shape, facial pattern. Eared/Horned Grebes – size, bill color, head shape.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by all – photos from Linda Kingsland and me are attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Sibley

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 27 December 2020

Time: 1231

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? _____ Yes _____

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

