

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
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):

1, apparent adult.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Area away from dam at Kincaid Lake, Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

4. Date(s) when observed:

Jan. 7, 9, and 13, 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

4:00 PM, 7 January 21/4:00 PM, 9 January 21/9:30 AM, 13 Jan. 2021.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner, 428 Hickory Hill Drive, Boyce, Louisiana 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Various – Charles Lyon, David Booth, Michael Musumeche and others.

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Marky Melcher, Rosemary Seidler, Steve Shively, and Andrew Fromm.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Overcast – Subdued light on Jan. 7, 2021; Clear – Subdued light on January 9, 2021; Clear – bright morning on Jan. 13, 2021.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Swarovski EL 10 x 42 Binoculars – good condition and Nikon Coolpix 1000 camera on Jan. 7, 2021; Same binoculars and Charles Lyon's Swarovski scope on Jan. 9, 2021; and Same binoculars and Michael Musumeche's Swarovski scope on Jan. 13, 2021.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 50 yards on Jan. 7, 2021, and 500+ yards on Jan. 9 and 13, 2021.

12. Duration of Observation:

10-15 minutes on all three occasions.

13. Habitat:

Main pool of large reservoir in all cases.

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was near dam associated with a small flock of Ruddy Ducks on Jan. 7, 2021; Bird was far from shore near duck blinds and loafing, for the most part, on the surface on Jan. 9 and 13, 2021.

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):

Winter plumage, long sharp, yellowish, dagger-shaped bill, dark crown, light cheeks, dark neck, and dark body.

16. Voice:

Not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Horned and Eared grebes – larger than these species and bill very different.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?):

Submitted with e-mail submission.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have recorded this species in past winters in Cotile Lake – Rapides Parish, Lake D’Arbonne, Union Parish, and Morganza Forebay, Pointe Coupee Parish.

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

- a. at time of observation: None.
- b. after observation: National Geographic field guide and Peterson’s field guide.

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

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

Yes.

23. Signature of reporter ___Jay V. Huner___ date___Jan. 15, 2021___ time ___9:20 PM___



