

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

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- nonbreeding plumage

3. Parish: **Rapides Parish**

Specific Locality: **Kincaid Lake**

4. Date(s) when observed: **February 9, 2021**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **09:15 to 09:21, again at 10:20**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Dave Patton
City: Lafayette
State: LA

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

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Found by Jay Huner on January 8 (I think), and many others reported seeing it since.**

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Excellent. Early morning light from the left. Bright sun, clear sky, no wind, dead calm water.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **30X Nikon Scope**

11. Distance to bird(s): **200 yards slowly swimming away.**

12. Duration of observation: **about 10 minutes when I first arrived. Then again for a minute**

as I left but at a greater distance as the bird had moved further out on the lake.

13. Habitat: **Large lake with a large open area near the dam. Open area approximately 1 square mile. Many fingers leading away from the main lake with wooded shoreline.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Swimming slowly and diving as it moved further from the dam and out into the middle of the lake. Staying up for 10 to 30 seconds between dives and giving excellent looks, but the distance made it difficult for a good photo due to limitations of the lens. It was alone and not associating with any of the other water fowl on the lake.**

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*): **Posture of a grebe sitting high in the water without a stiff upward pointing tail. Body looked bigger and bulkier than the many Horned and Pied-billed Grebes on the lake. Neck long and held high on occasions with a pale cheek and darker neck. Body was dark with a white blaze on the back under the folded wing. Bill looked to have some yellow to it and was straight and as long as the head.**

16. Voice: **None**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Horned Grebe is smaller in bulk, shorter neck with more white, and the bill is shorter and not as thick.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Dave Patton, attached. 400 mm lens.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **None**

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

a. at time of observation:

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: March 12, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM

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** _____





