

# 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):  
Two adult winter plumage.
3. Locality: Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Rapides \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Locality: \_\_\_\_\_ Kincaid Lake, seen from near spillway of dam \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date(s) when observed:  
1/21/2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed:  
1145 hrs.
6. Reporting observer and address:  
Steve Shively, 350 Castor Plunge Road, Woodworth, LA 71485
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
none
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):  
none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Overcast.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
Bushnell Spacemaster 15-30X spotting scope, good condition.
11. Distance to bird(s):  
100-200 yards.
12. Duration of observation:  
Maybe one minute, off and on as birds dove.
13. Habitat:  
Open water of lake out from dam.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):  
Birds were diving near each other, sometimes surfacing with 5-10 feet of each other.
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):

Appeared to be size of a duck, maybe a scaup; larger than a ruddy duck. Dark color, longer neck than duck, relatively long, thin, pointed beak (longer than horned or eared grebe), neck darker than those grebes' necks, light area on rear portion of side of head.

16. Voice:

not heard

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

Other grebes; larger than pied-billed grebe with longer, pointed beak; longer-bodied than eared or horned grebes; did not hold head/neck as erect as eared/horned grebe; neck darker than eared/horned grebes.

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

no

19. Previous experience with this species:

Saw a single individual of this species for the first time earlier in the week at closer range (50 yards?) and got prolonged good looks.

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

a. at time of observation:

none

b. after observation:

Sibley's field guide.

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

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

Yes.

23. Date: \_\_1/27/2021\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 1445 hrs\_\_

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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