

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):
2 individuals. Unknown age/sex, nonbreeding plumage
3. Parish: Jackson
Specific Locality: Caney Creek Reservoir
4. Date(s) when observed: March 9, 2025
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
13:00-14:00pm – camera photos by kayak on March 9, 2025 (attaching these)
6. Reporting observer and address: Katie B. Barnes, 114 Indian Mound Road, Lafayette, LA 70501
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Kenneth Eyster
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
Kenneth Eyster
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast, showers in area with light fog that lifted once we got on the water. The water was relatively calm, no shade preventing optimal views. Birds viewed by kayak.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski ATC 17-40x56 spotting scope (used before going on kayak from the pier and could see the birds in the fog faintly), Leica Trinovid 8x42 binoculars, photos with Canon 60D and Canon 400mm 5.6 lens
11. Distance to bird(s): 10-35 meters

12. Duration of observation: 60 mins

13. Habitat: freshwater lake, reservoir

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): swimming, pair of grebes sticking together and would dive and disappear and pop up in other areas of 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*): large bodied with long neck, long yellow bill, dark head/cap contrasting with pale gray cheeks and long brownish-rufous neck. They remind me of Neapolitan ice cream with their three contrasting colors that separate their body parts.

16. Voice: silent.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): RNGR are large bodied and long necked, with contrasting plumage colors and a long yellow bill which rules out PBGR. RNGR larger than HOGR with darker plumage overall and yellow bill which rules out HOGR.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Some.

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

a. at time of observation: N/A

b. after observation: Sibley Birds, eBird

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 3/29/2025

Time: 14:57pm

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



