

# 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](mailto: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):  
3 birds, presumably adults
3. Parish: Jackson Parish  
Specific Locality: Caney Lake Reservoir; at dam.
4. Date(s) when observed: 14 February, 2025
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:00am to 9:50am
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Steve Pagan, Arthur Liles, Roger Kinnison, Fran Beach, and Jody Shugart
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Steve Pagans found all three 13 Feb in early afternoon; many other came from around the state over the next couple days and saw them.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Mostly cloudy and lightly overcast most of the time. Sun broke through for about 10-15 minutes.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 12x50 EL binoculars; excellent condition. Zeiss T85 scope; 20-60x; good condition. Canon P900 camera, excellent condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): About 80-90 yards or so.

12. Duration of observation: Nearly an hour; see above.

13. Habitat: Open water; cove at dam end of the lake; residences all around cove as well as boathouses, piers, and boat launch.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Mostly just swimming, some diving, and occasionally looking into the water like COLO often do.

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*):

Copied from my eBird report: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S213232982>

Several photos. Found by Steve Pagans yesterday afternoon. All three closely associating on far shore of cove at SE corner of lake. About 250 ft out. Some diving but mostly swimming around. Longish necked grebes with long fairly heavy bill with bright yellow basal end, more so along lower mandible; dark at distal end. Black crown to rear of head; white to light gray auriculars and throat. Front of neck paler but sides and back pale rusty colored; variably darker red on one bird. Dorsal side dark gray with white mottling above flanks. Voice not heard. J. D. Flores had reported 4 with one pair close and another pair about 100 yds away at 7:30am, but in nearly 90 minutes and with more light to see by, I never saw a fourth bird. HOGF present and loosely associating with RNGR for a little while. Pagans, Arthur Liles, Roger Kinnison, Fran Beach, and Jody Shugart all showed up before I left.

16. Voice: Not heard by me despite use of playback; Pagans recording calls and bill clack in response to playback on previous day; also heard by other after I left.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
Cormorants do not show the neck color as well as other differences. One birder mistook a nearby Horned Grebe for RNGR when he showed up, and I believe that may have happened with at least one other birder. I took one photo with all three birds and the HOGR together to show the similarities and differences; HOGR smaller with shorter, dark bill and no red in neck.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos at eBird:  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S213232982>

19. Previous experience with this species: Have seen only one prior, also found by Steve Pagans in winter, 2019, on Lake D'Arbonne (about an hour away).

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

a. at time of observation: None.

b. after observation: Sibley just to look for any differences between adults and immatures.

21. This description is written from:  
notes made during the observation.  
memory

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

23. Date: 19 February, 2025  
Time: 2:55pm

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 \_\_\_\_\_