

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: Western Grebe, *Aechmophorus occidentalis*
 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One
 3. Locality: : (parish) _____ Union _____
Specific Locality: __D'Arbonne Lake at boat launch road north of Highway
33 _____
 4. Date(s) when observed: 10-30-14
 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:20 pm and at 2:57 pm
 6. Reporting observer and address: Steve Pagans, 128 Honeysuckle Drive, West Monroe,
La 71291
 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): Weather was clear and cool with no wind.
 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition) 20-60x scope
 11. Distance to bird(s): 300 to 500 yards
 12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes & 10 minutes.
 13. Habitat: lake
 14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Resting
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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): I could see black on the back of a very long neck and top of head. The neck was white on the front. At least twice it turned which allowed the sun to reflect off its bill that looked yellowish. I also saw it lay its head and neck backward onto its back while apparently resting.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Clark's Grebe. The bird was not close enough to determine that it was a Clark's, and the Clark's would be a rarer bird to see.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none

19. Previous experience with this species: First one seen was on 4-12-10 on Claiborne Lake with John Dillon.

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

a. at time of observation: Bird books.

b. after observation: Bird books.

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. Signature of reporter: ___Stephen L. Pagans_____Date: 1-11-15___Time: 7:14 pm.

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____x_____Yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____x_____Yes_____

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