

# 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):  
Two by me, Jay Huner and Joan Brown
  3. Locality: : (parish) \_\_\_\_\_ Union \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Locality: \_\_D'Arbonne Lake as seen from Pleasure Island  
Road \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Date(s) when observed: 11-14-14
  5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30 am
  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): Hubert Hervey,  
Terry Davis, Joan Brown and Jay Huner
  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 light wind.
  10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition) 20-60x scope
  11. Distance to bird(s): 300 yards
  12. Duration of observation: 20 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 and feeding
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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): Largish grebe- well over 2x size of HOG in immediate vicinity. Dark grayish back. Long neck with crisp delineation between white fore neck and blackish hind neck, also between white face and blackish cap. Too distant for detailed facial analysis but bill seen well but again distant in good light.

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. Next one was on 10-30-14 on D'Arbonne Lake north of Highway 33.

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: \_9:34 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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