

# 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 as seen from Pleasure Island  
Road \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Date(s) when observed: 11-17-14
  5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:30 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): Charlie Lyon  
and Jeff Trahan
  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, cold and windy.
  10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition) 20-60x scope
  11. Distance to bird(s): 300 yards or more
  12. Duration of observation: 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 and feeding in the company of 8 Horned Grebes.
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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. It was much larger than the Horned Grebes, having a crisp contrast between the white chin, neck and breast from the dark blackish head and back, and had a long slender neck and long thin yellowish bill

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16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Clark's Grebe. The dark line on the side of the bird's face came down to the eye.

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, numerous times on D'Arbonne Lake.

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

a. at time of observation: nothing

b. after observation: Really nothing because of being very familiar with the species.

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: 1-12-15\_\_\_Time:\_\_\_7:44 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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