

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: 11-15-14
 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30 am and at 3:15 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): Rosemary
Seidler, Mary and Cham Mehaffey
 8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Gerry Click (3:15 pm)
 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of
light): Weather was cloudy and cold with light wind.
 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition) 20-60x scope
 11. Distance to bird(s): 300 yards
 12. Duration of observation: 20 and 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
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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. Black cap came down to the eye.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Clark's Grebe. Black cap 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. Then seen again on 10-30-14 on D'Arbonne Lake north of Highway 33 and on 11-14-14.

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:
1-16-15__Time:_10:34 am.

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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