

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 dam on the south side _____
 4. Date(s) when observed: 11-18-14
 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:40 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, cold and windy.
 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition) 20-60x scope
 11. Distance to bird(s): 400 yards
 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
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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. Long necked grebe with white on the front and narrow black on the back of the neck. Yellowish bill. Black on top of head that came down to the eye. Dark back.

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: 9:38 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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