

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: Western Grebe - *Aechmophorus occidentalis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 in basic plumage
3. Parish: Union Par.

Specific Locality: Bayou D'arbonne Lake
4. Date(s) when observed: 11/16/2014 @ 07:35: 11/29/2014 @ 15:32: 12/07/2014 @ 12:05.
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Morning; Afternoon; Approx noon respectively.
6. Reporting observer and address: William Matthews, 3308 Deborah Dr., Monroe, LA 71201. willie_lilly@bellsouth.net 318-801-5034
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Steve Pagans and Casey Wright on 11/29/2014
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Gerry Click and others
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear on all 3 occasions.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x42 binocs; B&L Elite 20-60x 80mm scope.

11. Distance to bird(s): ~300m; 30m; ~300m respectively.

12. Duration of observation:

~30 min each occasion.

13. Habitat: Open lake.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Swimming.

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

Bird seen swimming and responding to playback including calling. Large grebe (larger than HOGGR seen on same days as observation. Long neck white ventrally/tblack dorsally. Long bill orangish yellow. Whitish between bill and eye but less so above and behind eye should exclude CLGR although hybrid poss. I understand that images of this individual from Steve Pagans were sent to Dr. Remsen who reportedly shared them with Steve Mlodinow who felt WEGR is most likely.

16. Voice: Responded to and gave "creek, creek" call. (Two syllables repeated.)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): See above.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by me enclosed on flash drive.

19. Previous experience with this species:None.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):Lowery's Louisiana Birds and Sibley Guide.

a. at time of observation:As above

b. after observation:Same

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation.N Are notes attached?N

notes made after the observation. N At what date?12/12/2014

memoryY

study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? YES If not, explain:

23. Date: 12/12/2014

Time:15:54

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

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