

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 winter adult.
3. Locality: Parish: Caddo
Specific Locality: Cross Lake
4. Date(s) when observed: 12-30-15, 1-1-16, 1-6-16, 1-13-16, 1-24-16
5. Time(s) of day when observed: I first found the bird around 8:30 am on 12-30-15 while doing a bird survey by boat. I saw it again on 1-1-16 by myself, and then relocated it on 1-1-16 for Jean and Jeff Trahan and Rosemary Seidler. I relocated it again on 1-13-16 and on 1-24-16 and multiple observers saw on these latter two occasions. Photos are included from the 12-30-15, 1-6-16, and 1-24-16 observations.
6. Reporting observer and address: Charles Lyon Shreveport, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): multiple observers on the 1-6-16, 1-13-16, and 1-24-16 observations.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): multiple other observers
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): multiple observations with differing light conditions
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): binoculars See multiple photos.
11. Distance to bird(s): The bird was wary and did not allow close approach. Probably no closer than 0.25 mile.
12. Duration of observation: multiple observations over many minutes
13. Habitat: open water
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): On water swimming and diving.
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): Large long necked grebe with long

yellow-green bill.

Black-white contrast from back of neck to front with darkish face extending around eye.

16. Voice: silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The above description and photo eliminate Clark's Grebe.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See multiple photos I took from three different dates of observation.

19. Previous experience with this species: extensive

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: various field guides

21. This description is written from: ☒ review of my eBird records and photos ☐ notes made during the observation (☐ notes attached?); ☐ notes made after the observation (date:); ☐ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: yes

23. Date: 2-24-18 Time: 6:35 pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ☐ yes ☐ no

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