

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: Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1-prob adult-basic plumage
3. Parish: Union

Specific Locality: Bayou D'arbonne Lake, Boat launch spur W of Hwy 33 (Hwy 15)

4. Date(s) when observed: 11/02/2014

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

13:30

6. Reporting observer and address:

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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

Doug Liles

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Gerry Click, Steve Pagans

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear and bright.

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

11. Distance to bird(s): 30-200m

12. Duration of observation: ~30min

13. Habitat: open water (lake)

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

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*): Large grebe bigger than HOGGR. Long stiletto-like bill dull yellow mainly at base. Gray neck. Body dark dorsally and lighter below. Light cheek with hint of crescent. Slight crest on head.

16. Voice: Silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None during observation. Subsequent HOGGR and EAGR seen at this location were smaller with much shorter bills. WEGGR seen subsequently had definite white neck, longer.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Included on accompanying flash drive.

19. Previous experience with this species: None

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley guide. Louisiana Birds by Lowey

a. at time of observation: Sibley

b. after observation: Both

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?-NA

memory-Y

study of images-Y

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

23. Date: 12/13/2014

Time: 17:18

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 _____