

Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
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, *Aechmophorous occidentalis*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One adult.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Caddo Parish, north shore of Cross Lake about ¾ mile west of I-220 bridge.

4. Date(s) when observed:

01/24/2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

3:30 PM

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner  
428 Hickory Hill Drive  
Boyce, LA 71409

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

Clyde Massey, Terry Davis, Charles Lyon, Van Remsen, Cham Mehaffey, and Mary Mehaffey.

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Rosemary Seidler, David Patton, Willie Matthews, Paul Connover, and others.

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

Mid-afternoon, Viewed bird in good light.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

10 x 42 Zeiss Binocular, good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

From 300 to 100 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

About 5 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Shallow reservoir inlet.

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

Bird was adjacent to shore associated with flock of Ruddy Ducks. Moved constantly from west to east, regularly diving and reappearing 10-50 yards away. Clearly disturbed by approaching boat.

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. Back black, back of neck black, and crown black. Face below eye was white and lower neck and throat white. Bill yellow.

16. Voice:

None heard.

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

Horned Grebe – too large and neck too long.

18. Photos/Recordings:

None by me but definitive photos made by Charles Lyon.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Seen a number of times on West Coast birding trips. Seen several times in Louisiana.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Sibley Field Guide, National Geographic Field Guide, and Kaufman "Birds of North America".

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_notes made during the observation (notes attached?); \_\_\_notes made after the observation; \_\_\_x\_\_\_ memory.

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

Yes.

23. Signature of reporter \_\_Jay V. Huner\_\_ 01/26/2016 8:45 AM.