

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1
3. Parish:  
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:  
Cross Lake
5. Date(s) when observed: 12/2/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 3pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Charlie Lyons, Melissa Weaver, Shannon Jantz, Becky Amadee, Michelle Giroir, Darlene Eschete
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
None
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Bright, nice day
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 Camera, Nikon Prostaff 3s 10x42 binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 150 yards
13. Duration of observation: 10-15 minutes
14. Habitat: lake, bird was working the shoreline near a large group of Ruddy Ducks
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Swimming and Diving

16. 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 black cap that goes below a red eye.

17. Voice: Did not hear

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

Horned Grebe. This grebe has much longer neck.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

by Me

20. Previous experience with this species: First saw this bird in August 2023 at Balmorhea Lake near Fort Davis, TX

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

Charlie Lyons

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

12/3/2023

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes





