

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTING

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Species: **Red-necked Grebe**

Date(s): Oct. 26-27, 2001

Time seen: Oct. 26: 2-2:15 p.m. Oct. 27: 10:00-10:30 a.m.

2001-96

Locality: Plum Creek Delta, Chatfield S.R.A.

Latilong: 39105 Optical equipment: Binoculars, scope

Number of birds seen: One

Sex: ?

Plumage: Winter

Light conditions: Excellent

Distance from bird: 50-300 feet

Weather at time of observation: clear

Prior weather & number of days since change: Clear for over a week.

Describe habitat: Reservoir; in shallow bay near Plum Creek delta

Describe behavior: Sleeping, feeding, watching.

Field marks observed: size, color, pattern, shape, bill, etc.: About twice size of Pied-billed Grebe(s) nearby. Body bigger, in proportion, than Eared/Horned. General color, black and white.

Black cap; black or dark line down back of neck; whitish face and cheek, divided by a dusky vertical line from a white patch on the back side of the head, which may have lapped across the nape. Head had angular shape.

Bill yellow at base, dark at end; longer than Horned/Eared, shorter than Western/Clark's. Held bill angled down.

Neck longer than Pied-billed, perhaps equal in proportion to Eared/Horned, not as long as Western/Clark's. Front of neck and chest whitish to water line; back of neck grayish or darker.

Back grayish or darker, lower neck (front) and chest whitish to water line.

Bird's call or song: Silent

Field marks not seen:

Similar species: **Horned/Eared**: different shape, smaller bills, smaller birds.

Western: different shape, longer bill, longer neck, strong contrast between black and white on head and neck.

Prior experience: Have seen one or two at Chatfield in the fall.

Description from: Memory

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*Report submitted purely for reinforcement.
JB Hays found bird, dozens saw it.*