

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

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Species: Red-necked Grebe Podiceps grisegena
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: May 2, 2002Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: adult-breedingExact location: Large pond 1/3 mile ESE of Pueblo Nature CenterCounty: Pueblo Nearest town: Pueblo Elevation: 4700 FeetLength of observation: 10 minutes Times(s) of observation: 4:50-5PMOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): NoneLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): Bird NE of observer - sun SW of observer - good lightOptical equipment used: 10x40 Zeiss BinocularDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 20-25 yardsWas bird photographed?: No If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Large pond surrounded by riparian habitat of variable density.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Bird Fed close to shore and occasionally dived completely under water.I watched it devour a small fish.Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes): This bird had blackish upperparts and grayish flanks.Bold white face contrasted sharply with black crown and nape. Breast & front of neck was deep bright rufous. Head was squared off to rear of crown. Bill was long, dagger-shaped with slight droop and dull yellow especially lower mandible. Bird was slightly smaller than nearby Western Grebe and much larger than nearby Pied-billed Grebe.Describe bird's call or song: None heard.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Western Grebe has white foreneck and slightly upturned beak lacking droop of Red-necked Grebe.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I have seen many Western & Red-necked Grebes.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

National Geographic Field Guide, 3rd editionThis report was made from notes made during ✓ or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____.Date of written report: 5-4-02Reporting observer: David Silverman Signature: David SilvermanObserver's address: P.O. Box 342 Rye CO 81069

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