

Clark's Grebe
22 Nov 1998
Lost Island L., Palo Alto Co., IA
Lee A. Schoenewe
IBL 69:31

Record Number: 98-21
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Lee A. Schoenewe, 518 W 4th St, Spencer 51301 [2/28/99]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 69:31
Records Committee: IBL 68:89

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Description of the three best field marks (black and white in face, bill color, flanks and back) all indicate Clark's. Diagram of face pattern helpful.

A-D, The yellow (not greenish) bill and pattern of the cap are strong indicators for Clark's Grebe.

A-D, Yellow bill and white over and behind eye are diagnostic, although observer expressed slight doubt.

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? CLARK'S GREBE - 1
Location?_ COST ISLAND LAKE, PALO ALTO COUNTY
Type of habitat? OPEN WATER
When? date(s): 11/22/98 Time: . 3:15 PM - 4:20 PM
Who? your name and address LEE A. SCHOENEWE
518 W. 4th ST. SPENCER, IA 51301

Others with you NANCY A. SCHOENEWE

Others before and after you NONE

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior.

* SCANNING THE LAKE, I NOTICED A LONG-NECKED GREBE SWIMMING APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS OFF SHORE. IN THE SCOPE I COULD SEE THE WHITE OF THE NECK AND FACE EXTENDED BEHIND AND OVER THE EYE. GRAY COLORING EXTENDED FROM THE EYE FORWARD AND UP TO THE BLACK CROWN AND FOREHEAD. THE LORES APPEARED LIGHTER BUT NOT WHITE-WHITE. THE BILL APPEARED QUITE YELLOW WITHOUT DARK SHADING ON THE UPPER MANDIBLE BUT THE SUN ANGLE MADE THIS A QUESTIONABLE JUDGEMENT. THE BACK AND SIDES SHOWED LIGHT GRAY WITH WHITE SPLOTTING

Similar species and how eliminated: WESTERN GREBE - FACE PATTERN WITH WHITE BEHIND AND OVER THE EYE; OVERALL LIGHT GRAY BODY COLOR WITH WHITE SPLOTTING ON SIDES AND BACK.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: AFTERNOON SUN; 70-150 YDS
FX40 BINOCULARS + 20X-BOX SCOPE

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:
MANY WESTERN GREBE SIGHTINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS

References and persons consulted before writing description:
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE; ADVANCED BIRDING BY KAUFMAN WHEN HOME

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY
this form completed? 4 HOURS

Mail original form to field editor for this season.

* SEE SKETCH OF FACIAL PATTERN

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