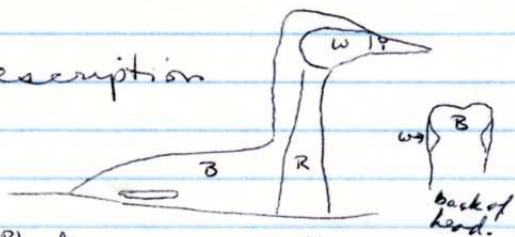


Red-necked Grebe - 1

April 14, 1988 Lake Monona, Pottawattomie County, Iowa
Seen by the UNO ornithology class - Mark Hartman, Joe Cassidy,
Mary Johnson, Don McDonnell. Also Babs Padelford and
Bruce Wettenoth. Also me, Barb Wilson.

Description



B = Black
R = rusty
W = white
Y = yellow.

Head squarish. Bill yellow with dark culmen, + straight. Head black but face white (cheeks a bit darker). Throat + breast rusty, mostly a bit light but darkest on throat below head. Body dark but has a lighter, brownish streak on the sides that I believe is the tips of the feathers on the side of the wide ventral feather tract. The bird swims, holding neck upright, + dives.

Good-sized grebe, much longer than near-by Pied-billed. Swimming, the body was a little shorter than that of a Common Merganser.

Viewing conditions: 7:45 am. We saw it for 15 minutes or so - we left finally but bird was still there. Bird swam as close as 200 yds + closer. 20 + 25x telescopes, plus 7x + 8x binoculars. We took notes + I drew the picture traced above while bird still visible. Bird straight west of us. Sunny, light wind. Perfect viewing conditions. Babs + I knew right off what it was but we consulted the ~~to~~ field guides for the class. I ~~had~~ had students write the enclosed field notes. (each wrote their own).

Bird seen by Loren Padelford that evening but could not be relocated by several observers the next day.

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