

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-necked Grebe How many? 1
Location? Lake Cona-Toma, Mason City
Type of Habitat? Small lake with homes around it -
When? date(s): 4/16/99 time: _____ to _____
Who? your name and address: Carolyn Fischer
Others with you: Rita Goranson, Jan Walter -
Others before or after you: _____

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

larger Grebe, heavy long bill, breeding adult -
had white throat + cheeks, neck reddish color
dark back, light along side + bottom.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Horned Grebe - ^{smaller size} ~~smaller~~ bird, no horns,
Eared Grebe - smaller size, too dark all over

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

Good light, 30X Spatting Scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen on Clear Lake + Minnesota

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? same day this form completed? 5/27/99

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).