

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? RED-NECKED GREBE - 1
Location? NORTH END OF BIG SPIRIT LAKE, DICKINSON CO. MINI WAKAN PARK BOAT RAMP

Type of habitat? OPEN WATER

When? date(s): 4/21/93 Time: . 7:25 PM TO 7:40 PM

Who? your name and address

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Others with you LAVONNE FOOTE, SPIRIT LAKE, IA.

Others before and after you UNKNOWN

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.

WITH A LONG NECK
A LARGE DIVING BIRD WAS SEEN FROM THE BOAT RAMP AMONG A FLOCK OF AM. COOTS. THE BIRD HAD A HEAVY YELLOW BILL AND A LARGE WHITE TOWL PATCH WHICH CONTRASTED WITH A DARK CROWN, BACK AND NECK. AS THE BIRD SURFACED AND TURNED INTO THE SUN, THE REDDISH NECK AND THROAT WERE VISIBLE. THE BIRD DIVED REPEATEDLY AND STAYED SUBMERGED FOR UP TO 1 MINUTE.

Similar species and how eliminated:

WESTERN GREBE - LACKED WHITE THROAT + HAD DARK EYE

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: EVENING SUN FROM THE SIDE, DISTANCE RANGED FROM 50 YDS TO 200 YDS OVER OPEN WATER, 8X40 BINOCULARS

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:

SAW 6 INDIVIDUALS + NUMEROUS WESTERN GREBES AT WAUBAY NWR IN S. DAKOTA 6/92

References and persons consulted before writing description:

PETERSON FIELD GUIDE, NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE, IOWA BIRDS

How long before field notes made?

this form completed? 2 HOURS

Mail original form to field editor for this season.