

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? red necked grebe How many? 2

Location? Silver Lake Worth Co Iowa

Type of Habitat? on the lake

When? date(s): May 12 - 1994 time: _____ to _____

Who? your name and address: Rita Goranson
115 Lakeview Dr.

Others with you: Mason City, IA 50401

Others before or after you: Carolyn FISCHER
Pat HANSEN

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.

- Smaller than the western which was nearby
- 2 adults as the red throat visible on both
- white patch on face sides below eye + to red throat
- rusty sides of body
- the two were displaying - swimming side by side
+ entwining their necks
also diving -

Similar species; how eliminated:

- eared grebes also in water so could eliminate
Species
- Western grebe also in water

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

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

70° out - partly cloudy - we were southwest of birds
2 - 3 pm TSN 2 KLOWA 30 Power Scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

no previous experience w/rd necked grebe

References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic - Peterson's Eastern Birds

How long before field notes made? May 12 this form completed? May 31

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