

Brown

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-necked Grebe How many? 1 (One)

Location? Just south of county road, north of Elk Lake Clay Co, IA T95N R35W Sec 36

Type of habitat? Farm Pond

When? date(s): 21 May 1984 time: 14:15 to 14:30

Who? your name and address: Mike Brown 1180 11th St Apt #11 WDM, IA 50065

others with you: _____

others before or after you: observed again at 1645 same day with Fred Herz R.R. Ruthven

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Long-necked, heavy-billed grebe. large body (duck sized).

Black cap, white cheek & chin areas, red neck, dark body.

Dove frequently.

Similar species and how eliminated: Only other grebe with red neck is Horned Grebe.

Horned Grebe is much smaller, has smaller bill, and has 'ear' tufts.

Only other long-necked grebe - Western - has white neck and longer, narrower bill.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Clear. 350 yards (estimated)

8x40 binoculars + 20-40x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have frequently observed Horned, Eared +

Red-billed Grebe. Observed Least Grebe in Texas.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? On the spot this form completed? 5 days

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