

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Red Necked Grebe How many? 1Location? STorm LAke, Buena Vista Co. IowaType of habitat? on Large LAkeWhen? date(s): April 14 time: 10:15 Am to 10:30 AmWho? your name and address: Dick Bierman 901 Harris Cherokee IA.others with you: —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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

I was looking for grebes. First I saw 5 horned grebes. Then about 50 yds away I saw another larger grebe. Its bill was as long as its head and heavier than the horned grebes. longer neck also. IT appeared to be midway into its breeding plumage. The neck was mostly rust colored. IT also had the white throat patch. The bill was pointed and light yellow in color. (not dark.) IT dove often.

Similar species and how eliminated: western grebe is much larger. Loon is also much larger.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: ~~15x60~~
15x60 Discoverer spotting scope. 300 yds.

I have observed nesting red necked grebes at our cabin in Minn. for the past 8 summers. I see them often and close up there.
Previous experience with species and similar ones: this is my first Iowa sighting.

References and persons consulted before writing description: noneHow long before field notes made? Then this form completed? 1 hr.

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