

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*) How many? 1 ad.Location? East side of Little Wall Lake, South of Jewell, Hamilton Co., IAType of habitat? Open Lake, no cover present close by.When? date(s): April 14, 1984 time: 8:15 am. to 8:45 a.m.Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703others with you: Bob Myersothers before or after you: Hank Zaletel, Carl Bendorf, Tom Kent, Tom Staudt, others

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.

The bird was a large grebe like bird with a dark back and throat was a rufous red colored foreneck that extended into the breast area. The bird had a large white cheek patch that extended into the throat. The bill was large and dagger like and was a yellowish color. The side of the bird was a light color, maybe light gray or whitish. The undertail coverts were the same color as the sides. No voice was heard.

Similar species and how eliminated: Much larger and radically different in coloration from the Horned Grebe nearby.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Overcast, light rain falling. Distance approx. 100 yards, seen through Bushnell Spacemaster 20x60 and 25x60 telescope.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen one other Red-necked Grebe on 4-12-81 at Waterloo in breeding plumage. Lots of experience with Horned Grebe and have seen several Eared Grebe.References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? At sighting this form completed? 12 hours

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