

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Red-necked Grebe

How Many?1-winter adult

Location?Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co.-above dam

Habitat?swimming on large reservoir

Date?10 Nov 1987

Time?late afternoon

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Others who saw bird:none

Description of bird:Bird was swimming with several Horned Grebes and other ducks. Bird was about twice as large as the Horned Grebes and was much bigger-headed. The bill was yellowish and quite long and thick. The head was gray except for a light crescent across the cheek. The throat and chest were light gray. The rest of the bird, including the upperparts and back of the neck, was dark.

Similar species and how eliminated:Other grebes eliminated by the large size and light crescent on the cheek.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were good with the sun mostly to one side. Estimated viewing distance was about 300 yards. I used a Bushnell 20-45x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species:I have seen several Red-necked Grebes in Iowa and many in Massachusetts.

References consulted:none

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?2 days