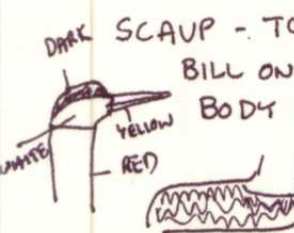


BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species RED-NECKED GREBE 2. Number: ONE
3. Location LITTLE WALL LAKE

4. Date: APRIL 12, 1984 5. Time Bird seen: 11:45 AM to 12 NOON

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): BODY SAME SIZE AS NEARBY SCAUP - TOP OF HEAD DARK - CHEEK WHITE - BILL LONG, POINTED - YELLOW AT BASE OF BILL ON BOTTOM - DARK AT END - TOP OF BILL DARK - NECK RED - BOTH FRONT AND BACK BODY DARK GRAY BROWN - BELLY WHITE - BIRD STOOD OUT LIKE SORE THUMB BECAUSE RED NECK AND HEAD HELD ERECT



7. Description of voice, if heard: NONE
8. Description of behavior: FLOATING ON WATER HEAD AND NECK ERECT, THEN WOULD DIVE AND EMERGE 30-50 FT AWAY - CAME UP WITH FISH BETWEEN BEAK
9. Habitat - general: LAKE
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

RED-NECKED GREBE NEARLY ONE THIRD BIGGER THAN NEARBY HORNED GREBE. HORNED AND EARED GREBES DO NOT HAVE WHITE CHEEK PATCH IN SUMMER PLUMAGE. WINTER PLUMAGE HORNED AND EARED GREBES DO NOT HAVE RED NECKS. - RED THROATED LOON DOES NOT HAVE WHITE CHEEK PATCH AND BACK OF NECK IS NOT RED

11. Distance (how measured)? 50 YARDS (ESTIMATE) 12. Optical equipment: BUSHNELL SPOTTING SCOPE 25x

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
OVERCAST, LIGHT FROM WEST - I WAS STANDING IN THE NORTH LOOKING SOUTH AND EAST

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
NONE

15. Other observers:

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
GOLDEN GUIDE

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? SAME DAY FROM FIELD NOTES

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