

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Red-necked Grebe

How Many?1

Location?Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co.

Habitat?large lake

Date?8 Nov 1986

Time?11:15-12:20 P.M.

Observers Name and address:Steve Dinsmore, Ames

Others who saw bird:none

Description of bird:I first noticed the bird as it swam near numerous Mallards. The bird was slightly larger than the Mallards with a proportionately larger head and a stockier appearance. The bird was an overall gray color with a lighter throat, sides, and breast. The bird also showed the light crescent across the cheek. The bill was long, thick, and dull yellow in color.

Similar species and how eliminated:The yellow bill, size, and light crescent on the cheek eliminates all other grebes.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were o.k. Estimated viewing distance was 300+ yards. I used a Bushnell 20-45x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species:I have seen several Red-necked Grebes in Iowa in the last two years.

References consulted:NGS Field Guide to the Birds of North America

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?2 weeks