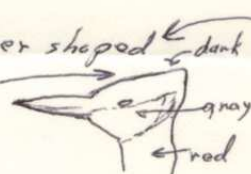


BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Red-necked Grebe 2. Number 1
3. Location Sandpit in Waterloo
4. Date: 4-12-81 5. Time Bird Seen: 11:30 A.M. to 12:00 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):

1. Size - bird appeared at least 3 to 4" longer than ruddy ducks it was resting with
2. Top of head was dark - cheeks and side of head was grayish (light) -
3. Neck and front of breast was reddish - neck was long when extended ($\frac{1}{2}$ body length?)
4. Sides were lighter gray than back.
5. bill was long (almost as long as head) and dagger shaped
6. The head shape was squared off at rear
7. eye was dark



7. Description of voice, if heard: —

8. Description of behavior: Bird was mostly at rest with neck folded back over body almost looking like a very large ruddy duck which it was with. - It would occasionally extend the neck full length and look around

9. Habitat - general: sandpit along Cedar River in Waterloo
specific: Very private area - only a few people get in

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

The ruddy looked somewhat similar but without long neck + beak -
Western grebes don't have red necks.

11. Distance (how measured)?

150 yd. (about) - guessed

12. Optical equipment:

20X spotting scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Bright overcast - sun was high - good light

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

This was my first red-necked grebe

15. Other observers: Francis Moore + my wife Betsy

Tom Stone Jr. found bird + told me

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Tom Stone Sr. found bird and reported it to us.

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

I really didn't need any books but I always check at least 1) Peterson - Field Guide to Birds
+ 2) Robbins - Birds of N. America

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 2 days

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