

BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

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825 7TH AVENUE
IOWA CITY IA 52240SPECIES: RED-NECKED GREBE NUMBER: 1
LOCATION: Little Wall Lake COUNTY: Hamilton
DATE: 14 April 1984 TIME: 7:20 TO: 7:35AMHABITAT: Good sized open lake teeming with migrating waterfowl

DESCRIPTION: Body bulk slightly larger than adjacent Lesser Scaup. Neck twice as long as scaup. Back and sides to water line dark gray. Belly appeared light when bird bounced on water. Top of head and back of neck black. Neck front was orange-red, darkest at throat and gradually lighter downward. Light gray horizontally oval patch on entire cheek with a faint lighter gray margin. Bill long, straight, yellow at base and darker at tip. Slight "helmet" or ear tuft on upper side of head when held at certain angles.

SIMILAR SPECIES--COMMENTS: Other grebes eliminated by large size. No other bird has the red throat, long neck and distinct white cheek patch.

AGREEMENT/DISAGREEMENT OF OTHERS: Bird was discovered by Hank Zaletel of Colo on 12 April. Seen by many before and after. Present with me were Tom Kent and Tom Staudt of Iowa City.

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Overcast, rainy and windy.DISTANCE: 50-150yds (Estimated) EQUIPMENT: 20 X scope, 7X binos

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES: Familiar with all other grebes and loons. First encounter with this species.

REFERENCES, PERSONS CONSULTED BEFORE WRITING DESCRIPTION: None

FIELD NOTES MADE? 5 Minutes, expanded in 24 hours, retyped on 17 May.