

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-necked Grebe How many? 2Location? 1 at Mahaffey bridge, 1 at Jolly Roger -- Coralville Res, Johnson Co., IAType of habitat? ReservoirWhen? date(s): 16 Nov (1 seen 15 Nov also) time: ~10 Am to 5 minWho? your name and address: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52240others with you: yesterday - Carl Bendorf, Carl Thompson, Ann Barkerothers before or after you: Jim Fuller

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

2/3 size of cormorant (or slightly smaller)long-necked grebe with large bill (almost as long as head). Bill light yellowish with dusky upper surface.Darkest on top of head. Back of neck dark brown-grey with slight rust. Face white below eye with indistinct margin with cap. Mid-neck grayer than chin and breast. Body all dark (slightly brownish) with some white in feathers posteriorly.This bird appeared to be an immature.The second bird at Jolly Roger was 1/4 mile away, but had similar shape, face & neck pattern and proportions. Bill was large and light.Similar species and how eliminated: Size of bird and bill as well as grey-brown cast exclude small grebes. Western type grebe are longer necked, bigger, and more black & white. Loons present for comparison - This bird much smaller than loon.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: 100 yds, 20x scope, sun behind me.Previous experience with species and similar ones: has seen several in Iowa & elsewhereReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Looked at field guides while viewing on 15B.How long before field notes made? during observation this form completed? 1 hr.

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