

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-necked Grebe How many? 1Location? Little Wall Lake, Hamilton Co., IowaType of habitat? Large, shallow natural lakeWhen? date(s): 14 April 1984 time: 7:20 to 7:30 AmWho? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City IA 52240others with you: Tom Staudt, Carl Bendorfothers before or after you: Hank Zolitel + others

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.

"Slightly larger than a scaup. Large pointed bill-- yellow at base, dusky dark toward tip. White face with dark cap above eye. White extends to neck. Back of neck, back, and sides dark. Neck reddish up to chin, paler toward breast. Belly white. Black cap puffed out at times."

Similar species and how eliminated: Larger than small grebes, large bill and red neck.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Light rain, 100+ yards (est), 8x binocs, 20x scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen about 5.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 5 min this form completed? 9 hrs

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