

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Red-necked Grebe

How Many?1 winter ad.

Location?Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co.

Habitat?large lake

Date?24 Nov 1986

Time?2:35-2:50 P.M.

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Others who saw bird:none

Description of bird:The bird was swimming with several Common Goldeneyes and was a larger and stockier bird and had a longer neck. The back, back of neck, crown, and cheek were grayish. The sides and throat were a dull white, lighter than the back. The large head and large bill gave the bird a large-headed appearance. The bill was about as long as the head, quite thick, and dull yellow. The dark cheek had a conspicuous white crescent that angled up from the throat behind the cheek.

Similar species and how eliminated:Western Grebe eliminated by its longer neck, thinner bill, and lack of a white crescent on the cheek.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were good with the sun mostly behind me. Estimated viewing distance was 150-175 yards. I used a Bushnell 20-45x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species:I saw several Red-necked Grebes last fall at Saylorville and two this spring at Little Wall L.

References consulted:none

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?1 day