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Documentation of Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*)

Date of Sighting: April 14, 1988 Time: 7:45-8:00 a.m.

Number Seen: One adult

Description: A large, long-necked grebe with a long, sharp bill. Much larger than Pied-billed Grebe and a little smaller than Common Merganser. Observed in close proximity in direct comparison with those two species. The bird had a dark cap, black on the hind neck, red on the front of the neck. Bill was mostly yellow, but darker on top. Dark back.

Behavior: Swimming and diving.

Location: Lake Manawa. Stayed in the southeastern section of the lake. Later, at 6 p.m. it was seen by Loren and I nearer to the western side of the lake.

Light conditions: Excellent. Sun was behind us.

Approx. Distance from Bird: 200-250 yards.

Optics Used: Bushnell 25x Spotting Scope

Field Guides used: none

Other observers: Barb Wilson and her ornithology class. In the evening, Loren Padelford. We observed it at that time from approximately 300 yards for about 5 minutes.

This report written from notes taken at time of sighting.

April 30, 1988
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