

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa ✓

What species? Red-necked Grebe How many? 1Location? McHaffey Bridge area Johnson Co.Type of habitat? large open water area, bend in riverWhen? date(s): Nov. 15 1986 time: 11:20 to 11:40 amWho? your name and address: Thomas J. Strout 517 Dearborn I.C.others with you: noneothers 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.

long necked, short bodied bird

flat black cap. white facial area with 2-3 dark streaks

throat foreneck gray hind neck as body color dark brown

breast slightly darker than foreneck. body dark brown with a ~~light~~ gray flank area.

long bill, almost as long as head. bill thick, much more so at base. bill a dark gray color with the lower mandible showing a yellowish-orange base.

underparts gray

Similar species and how eliminated: bill and neck longer/thicker than Horned or Eared Grebe  
larger size overall. Horned has more white in face, Eared less.  
Clark's, western grebes have longer white necks.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
sunny to partial overcast 60-100 yds est. 20X scopePrevious experience with species and similar ones:  
one previous red-necked grebe sighting - numerous sightings of other grebes.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? immediately after observation this form completed? same day

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