

What species? red-billed grebe How many? oneLocation? Iowa River at City Park, Ia. City.Type of habitat? open water : riverWhen? date(s): 12/17/83 time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PMWho? your name and address: Ruth Williams 830 Normandy Dr. Iowa City, IA 52240others with you: Robert Dechner 926 C, Washington Coralville, Ia 52241others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Small bird observed with 2 mallards &amp; 31 Canadian geese

Observed on 2 separate occasions:

white patch under bill

rusty neck: brown neck &amp; head brown was a bit rusty.

diving behavior: repeated dives of varying duration

stubby, blunt shaped bill, dark

tail upturned + pale underneath

Smaller than other grebes

Similar species and how eliminated: Horned or Eared grebeSmaller ~~size~~  
bill shape - shorter & pieced  
white only under chinDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Clear, sunny  
50 yards distance with no obstructionsfield glasses: 7X35  
Spotting scope: 25XPrevious experience with species and similar ones: have seen all grebes common in the area often, red-billed, horned & eared, also have often seenReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Coats & Gallinles.How long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? notes made on form