

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-necked Grebe \* How many? 1Location? Swan Lake, NE Dickinson Co.Type of habitat? shallow prairie lakeWhen? date(s): 8/9/87 time: 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.Who? your name and address: Harold White, W802 N 74th St.,  
Estherville, Iowa 51334others with you: Sally Whiteothers before or after you: \* I believe bird is 1st  
year rather than basic  
plumage adult

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.

bird was swimming with wind, remained upright during entire observation and did not dive. Overall shape and appearance like smaller western Grebe. Bill was generally dark w/ distinctive yellowish at base. Color was grayish overall with light areas at throat and sides of head - not white but a lighter gray. Neck was held upright. Eye was dark. No hint of red at throat - Did not observe bird in flight. Did not hear any call.

Similar species and how eliminated: <sup>①</sup> Western Grebe - smaller size, have seen western Grebe recently in Emmet County, lack of white on head and throat <sup>②</sup> Eared & Horned Grebe - larger size, longer neck, not breeding plumage, not basic plumage  
Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO -

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
full sun / 100 yd (est.) / Bushnell 20X60 scopePrevious experience with species and similar ones: have seen all locally occurring grebes, first Iowa observation for red-necked, have  
References and persons consulted before writing description: see breeding plumage immediately red-necked in Siberia.How long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? 8/12/87

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