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I'd like to retract one of my entries to the Iowa Bird Life for a Red-Necked Grebe. It was submitted for an observation on 6-14-94 At Louisa County's Nigel Flaming Prairie Park.

I initially observed a sole bird that resembled a 1st winter plumage. I don't know if this is both unusual or impossible. I spoke with Pete Petersen on several occasions about the bird and when I mentioned seeing 7 of them several weeks later he speculated on them being a brood of immature Hooded Mergensers. The sole bird initially seen was entered as the red-necked grebe. Although on 8-16-94 I observed a female Hooded Merganser at Princeton marsh, and at that time was no longer confident I had seen the Red-Necked Grebe.

I hope this has not caused any problems with any deadlines for the Iowa Bird Life publications. If the entry was to be noted please respectfully retract it.

Sincerely

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