

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species: Number: (leave blank)
Location: Date: Time:
Bird Seen: To: Age/Sex:

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

Description of behavior:

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Aquatic

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)
The bird was observed from the board walk in Cheat Lake Park. It was initially about half way across the lake.

Previous experience with this species:

Seen numerous times in the western states, usually in winter plumage where the challenge was to separate it from the Horned Grebe. At the time of my observation I hadn't realized that it was a 'rare' visitor to the East.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

The head markings, as well as my previous sightings, made it appear obvious at the time.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

None, except to confirm that it was an Eared grebe as only the Horned grebe was listed for Cheat Lake.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

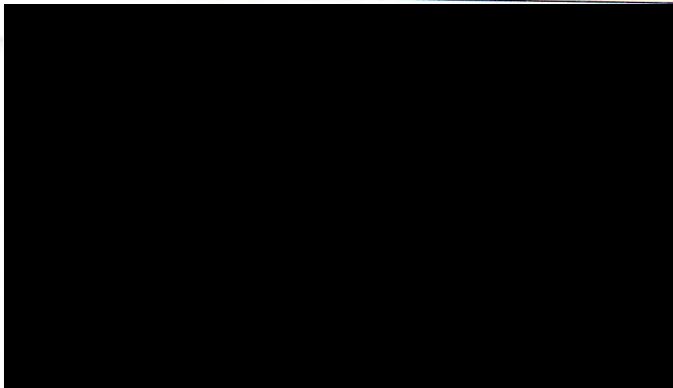
Following day. Submitted the report to ebird on the day.

Name:

Address:

Date:

Signature:



Four horizontal input lines corresponding to the labels: Name, Address, Date, and Signature.

Mail to: WV Bird Records Committee
Attn: Wil Hershberger
170 Stallion Ct.
Hedgesville, WV 25427
Or E-mail to:
wilhershberger@mac.com