WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

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Cheat lake, WV Date: April 12, 2020 Time: 1 pm 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. 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.) Grebe shaped, characteristic 'serpent' head. Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt) The bird was in full breeding plumage with the golden feathers radiating away from the eye. Overall the birdwas black in appearance although I could see a patch of white on the breast when it turned towards me. Description of any vocalizations, if heard: None Description of behavior: It was steadily swimming away from me. A cormorant had flown in, which is what alterted me to its presence. Perhaps it was moving away from it.	Species:	Eared grebe	Number: (leave blank)	WVBRC 2020-3
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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.						
across the lake.						
Previous experience with this species:						
Seen numerous times in the western states, usually in winter plumage where the challenge was to						
seaparate it from the Horned Grebe. At the time of my observation I hadn't realized that it was a 'rare' visitor to the East.						
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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.						
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How long after Following da	observing this bird did you first write ay. Submitted the report to eb	this description? ird on the day.		
Name:				
Address:				
Date:				
Signature:				

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