

009-03-1993

Eared Grebe
Podiceps nigricollis

Location: Presque Isle State Park

Date: November 14, 1993

Time: 8:15 to 8:30 AM

Weather: Cloudy, light wind, moderate rain showers

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Optics: Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular and TSN 4 Kowa scope at 30 X

Details of sighting and description of bird: While observing about 5 or 6 basic plumaged Horned Grebes (*Podiceps auritus*) another grebe in basic plumage was seen swimming towards the Horned Grebes, which I immediately recognized as an Eared Grebe. At a distance of about 100 yards away the following field characteristics were seen that identified the grebe as an Eared: The bill was thin and all black and the lower mandible angled upwards about mid-way giving the bill an upturned look. The forehead was steep forming a point near the middle of the crown. The face and neck were dusky except for a small patch of white behind the ear and a bit of white on the chin and upper throat. Some white was also present near the lower part of the neck near the water line. The upper body was dark gray with smudges of white present along the flanks. Compared to the nearby Horned Grebes, the body appeared to be shorter, the back was humped more, the neck appeared slimmer, and the head was shorter and not bulbous looking. See photograph. The Eared Grebe was seen periodically until Nov. 30, but was never closer to shore than when I found the bird on the 14th.

Eared Grebe has become an annual bird in Erie County the past few years especially in the fall. I have seen about 17 birds in this plumage in Erie Co.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

Date of Sighting: 14 November 1993 to 30 November 1993

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams

Date of Submission: 1994

Submitted by: Jerry McWilliams

Written Description: YES Photo: ~~NO~~^{YES} Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
J. Skinner			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

J. Clark

Date:

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