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## **Eared Grebe**

*Podiceps nigricollis*

Location: Presque Isle State Park

Date: April 14, 1994

Time: 5:30 to 6:00 PM

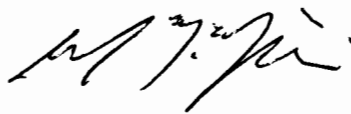
Weather: Clear, no wind, water like glass

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

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

Details of sighting and description of bird: The grebe was by itself, however I estimated several hundred Horned Grebes in Presque Isle Bay about 45 minutes before spotting this bird. Unlike all of the Horned Grebes, the Eared Grebe was in complete basic plumage. 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.

Eared Grebe has become an annual bird in Erie County the past few years especially in the fall. I have seen about 18 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 April 1994 to 14 April 1994**

Location: **PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK**

County: **ERIE**

Observer(s): **Jerry McWilliams**

Date of Submission: **1994**

Submitted by: **Jerry McWilliams**

Written Description: **YES**      Photo: **NO**      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					
<b>TOTALS</b>	1		6					
<b>DECISION</b>	1		<del>6</del>					

Comments:

Photo ?

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

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