

EARED GREBE

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Dear Bob,

It was nice meeting you again. We want to thank you for all your efforts in making the PSO meeting a success and our first PSO meeting a pleasure.

On the morning of Friday, April 15, 1994 at about 8:00 AM while birding at the south east end of Jacobs Creek watershed / Bridgeport resv. (which I believe that Mike and Evaleen Watko call Greenlick resv.) near Mount Pleasant, Sarah and I saw a blackish grebe that we identified as an EARED GREBE. We were at the end near Rt 982 where the creek comes under the road from the north. We saw this grebe coming around the far southeastern corner, coming west staying near the edge, past where the sticks protrude from the water. As we were in the car with the windows down it continued to stay close to shore and at the closest approach it was directly opposite us about 45 to 60 feet away. It was swimming slowly without diving. We were both using Swift Audubon 8.5 X 44 binoculars.

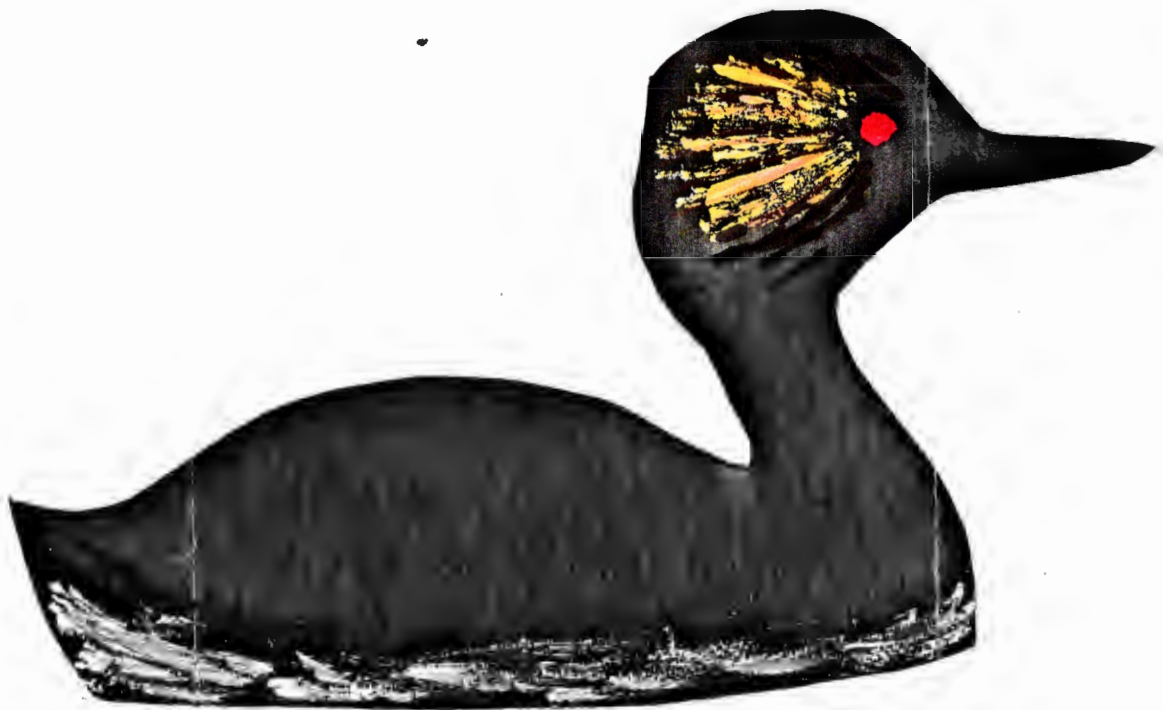
The grebe was mostly all black with a bright red eye and a moderate sized dark golden/red triangle or fan centered at and behind the eye. There was a little black showing behind it. The forehead, chin, throat, breast were all black. It was a little lighter gray at the water line. Unfortunately we did not pay attention to the shape of the bill. A sketch or drawing is attached. The shape and colors of this grebe were very different than that of the HORNED GREBES we saw about an hour later at Donegal lake. Those had the crimson/rust throats and breasts with the larger yellowish ear patch that were above the eye line and protruded slightly above and behind the head.

I hope that this information is useful.

The only other bird of possible interest that day was a Broad-winged Hawk at the little park north of Donegal lake by Rt 130 and Fourmile Run.

Sincerely,

*Randi and Sarah*



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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of**

Species: **Eared Grebe (Podiceps nigricollis)**

Date of Sighting: **15 April 1994 to 15 April 1994**

Location: **BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR**

County: **WESTMORELAND**

Observer(s): **Randolph & Sarah Gerrish**

Date of Submission: **1994**

Submitted by: **Randolph & Sarah Gerrish**

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>			7					
<b>DECISION</b>			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. Haas*

Date:

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