

009-04-1996

## EARED GREBE

*Podiceps nigricollis*

Location: Presque Isle State Park

Date: November 2, 1996

Time: 11:30 AM

Weather: Mostly cloudy, wind westerly to less than 15 mph. Visibility good

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Optics: TSN 4 Kowa scope at 30 X

Details of sighting and description of bird: While searching through loose groups of Horned Grebe at the first parking lot past Leo's, I picked out an Eared Grebe in basic plumage. 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 with a tinge of buff to the neck. The patch of white behind the ear was a rather indistinct vertical bar that seemed attached to the dingy white 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 nearby Horned Grebes, the body appeared to be slightly shorter, the back was humped more, the neck appeared slimmer, and the head was shorter and not broad, and did not bulge in the back.

I saw what was probably the same bird again and in the same area on November 24, 1996. I have seen 18 or 19, of the now regular, Eared Grebe in this plumage on Presque Isle State Park, all in the last sixteen years.



**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of 1

Species: Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

Date of Sighting: 2 November 1996 to 2 November 1996

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams

Date of Submission: 1996

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					
S. Feldstein			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

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