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## EARED GREBE

*Podiceps nigricollis*

**Location:** Presque Isle State Park

**Date:** November 11, 1997

**Time:** 4:30 PM

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy very little wind. Visibility good

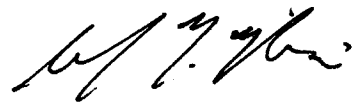
**Observer:** Jerry McWilliams

**Optics:** TSN 4 Kowa scope at 30 X

**Viewing distance:** about 250 yards

**Details of sighting and description of bird:** In Presque Isle Bay off the parking lot between Leo's landing and the park office, has consistently been the best place on the park to find Eared Grebes as well as numerous Horned Grebes. Today there were about thirty or so Horned Grebes scattered throughout and after scanning the bay in this area for about ten minutes 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. 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 have seen 19 or 20, 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 One

Species: Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

Date of Sighting: 11 November 1997 to 11 November 1997

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Jerry McWilliams

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

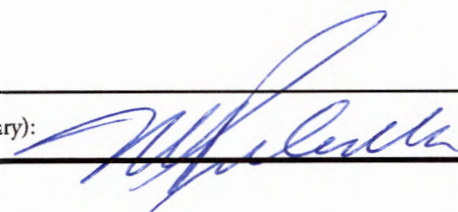
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd			<del>X</del>					X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

**Comments:**

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 9/19/00