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| Submission Date | 2012-10-28 18:38:38 |
| Observer's Name | Jarrold Derr |
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| Phone | 717-269-6774 |
| Observer's Address | Street Address: 108 Davids Ct City: Jonestown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17038 Country: United States |
| Names of additional observers | Tim Becker, Jonathan Heller |
| Species (Common Name) | Eared Grebe |
| Species (Scientific Name) | Podiceps nigricollis |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Have you submitted this to eBird? | Yes |
| Observation Date and Time | 10-28-2012 2:10 PM |
| County | Lebanon |
| Location (City, Borough, Township) | Fort Indiantown Gap, East Hanover Township |
| Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) | Memorial Lake State Park |
| Habitat | Lake |
| Distance to bird | 30 meters |
| Viewing conditions | Overcast with occasional light rain |
| Optical equipment used | 10X42 Vortex Binocular, 20-60X 80mm ED Celestron Spotting Scope, Canon 7D with 100-400mm zoom lens |
| Description | Small dark grebe, small white cheek patch just under the eye. Head was crested towards the forehead. Thin bill with a slight upturn. Neck was mostly dark with a little gray. Similar in size to the present Horned Grebe but not nearly as much white in the face. |
| Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird | Seen swimming and diving often. Stayed under for decent periods of time compared to other grebes. |

was doing)

Generally on its own but in the vicinity of the many Pied-billed Grebes and the single Horned Grebe present.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Too small to be a Red-necked Grebe, not enough white in the face and neck to be a Horned Grebe or Western. Very different looking from a Pied-billed - taller stature in the water and a small thin bill.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Also seen by Tim Becker and Jonathan Heller who are well known local birders. Bird seen on the verge of a historic storm front. Unusual things are bound to drop in.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, just doesn't seem to fit any other ID in my experience.

During

Sibley's Guide to Birds Eastern, Audubon Guide to Birds iPhone App, IBird Explorer Pro iPhone App

After

The Crossley ID Guide - Eastern Birds

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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| Submission ID | 218228399452162426 |
| Submission Date | 2012-11-08 18:59:59 |
| Observer's Name | Al Guarente |
| E-mail | owlguarente@yahoo.com |
| Phone | 6105668266 |
| Observer's Address | Street Address: 421 S Old Middletown Rd City: Media State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19063 Country: United States |
| Names of additional observers | |
| Species (Common Name) | Eared Grebe |
| Species (Scientific Name) | Podiceps nigricollis |
| Subspecies (if known) | |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Have you submitted this to eBird? | Yes |
| Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known) | Definitive Plumage |
| Observation Date and Time | 11-06-2012 11:30 AM |
| County | Lebanon |
| Location (City, Borough, Township) | Memorial Lake State Park |
| Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) | Memorial Lake State Park |
| GPS coordinates of sighting | |
| Habitat | Lake |
| Distance to bird | 80 yards |
| Viewing conditions | Clear sunny day |
| Optical equipment used | Zeiss 8x10 and leica scope |
| Description | Small grebe with upturn bill. Bird had dark crown and |

the dark extending down to the auriculars. The front of the neck was dusky and versus whitish on Horned Grebe. The head had a peak over the eye versus flat headed look of Horned Grebe.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Bird was actively diving.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

During

None

After

None

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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| Submission Date | 2012-12-11 11:15:51 |
| Observer's Name | David McNaughton |
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| Phone | 717-861-8408 |
| Observer's Address | Street Address: Fort Indiantown Gap Street Address Line 2: Bldg. 11-19 Utility Rd. City: Annville State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17003 Country: United States |
| Names of additional observers | Jarrod Derr, Randy Miller, Tim Becker, Rosemary Spreha, Chuck Chalfant (and many many more over the next month) |
| Species (Common Name) | Eared Grebe |
| Species (Scientific Name) | Podiceps nigricollis |
| Number of individuals | 1 |
| Have you submitted this to eBird? | Yes |
| Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known) | Adult non-breeding |
| Observation Date and Time | 10-29-2012 8:10 AM |
| County | Lebanon |
| Location (City, Borough, Township) | East Hanover Twp. |
| Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road) | Memorial Lake State Park |
| GPS | |

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| coordinates of sighting | 40.4190669,-76.5964973 |
| Habitat | Lake |
| Distance to bird | Varied, some views less than 100m |
| Viewing conditions | Clear day |
| Optical equipment used | Nikon Fieldscope 80 |
| Description | First reported by Jarrod Derr on 10/28. Slightly crested head, small upturned bill, dark overall with a dull white cheek patch, dusky overall appearance. Contrasted with both Horned and Pied-billed Grebes in the immediate area. Cheek patch extended above the eye. Later seen with Western Grebe and Red-necked Grebe for comparison, and smaller and darker/dingier than both. |
| Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) | Feeding, diving, and resting. Generally stays within the vicinity of American Coots and other Grebes. Diving for extremely long periods of time when first found. Stayed underwater for much longer than the other present Grebes. |
| Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others) | Cheek patch extended much higher towards the ear than the other thin-billed species. All 5 Grebe species known to occur in PA were found on the water with this bird for much of November and provided great opportunities for comparison. Obvious jizz differences when seen side by side with Horned, Pied-billed, and Red-necked Grebes. Horned Grebes were much brighter with more white and crisper features. Red-necked Grebe was much larger. |
| Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: | Re-observed on 4 November and 10 December 2012 in same location. Continuously observed through these dates by other state birders. Photographs taken by Jarrod Derr and others http://www.flickr.com/photos/60992758@N05/8155473256/in/photostream . |
| Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not) | Yes, multiple great views with side-by-side comparisons of all the other possible Grebes and tons of additional state observers to confirm leave me very confident. |
| During | Sibley's Eastern Guide, other birders |
| After | Same |
| Supporting evidence | |

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that apply)**

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