

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	122 Linsdale Drive Butler PA 16001 United States
Names of additional observers	Mary Alice Koeneke
Species (Common Name)	Eared Grebe
Species (Scientific Name)	Podiceps nigricollis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Going from non-breeding to breeding. Possibly adult
Observation Date and Time	03-02-2019 12:40 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S53293927
County	Butler
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Worth Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Nealy's Point, Moraine State Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.953264,-80.0822098
Habitat	Open Lake
Distance to bird	500 yards
Viewing conditions	Clear, overcast
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 8.5x44 Binoculars, Nikon D-7200 with 300mm with 1.4x extender.

Description

small dark grebe, prominent "straight" (vertical) forehead from crown to bill. Thin dark bill, back of head more pointed than horned grebe. Plumage appeared dark overall, some light feathering on side of head.

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

Actively swimming

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Small and more "delicate" featured than Horned Grebe based on thin pointed bill and shape of head which was less "blocky" and more angular. Plumage was dark overall. Size of bird and length of bill (short) and plumage pattern on the face negated Red-necked Grebe. Although roughly the same size as Pied-billed Grebe, the Eared Grebe did not have the blunt bill and overall stubby look of the Pied-billed Grebe.

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

See photos attached.

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

Yes, previous observations of the species.

After

Peterson Field Guide, Sibley Field Guide, National Geographic Field Guide.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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