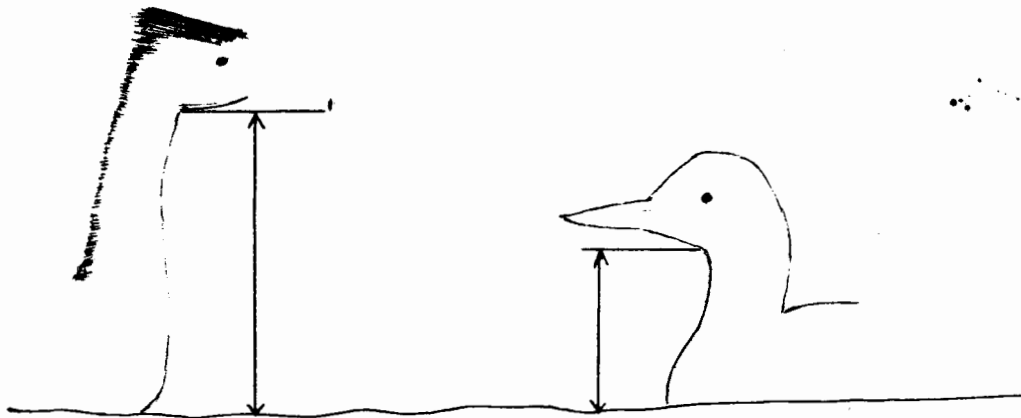


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WESTERN or CLARK'S GREBE

On Saturday October 10, 1987 I spotted a black & white grebe which was different in size, shape and posture from the Horned Grebes I'd seen earlier the same morning. It was swimming with Common Loons in Lake Erie north of Gull Point, less than one hundred yards from shore. In spite of waves that were three to four feet high, I was able to get several more looks at it, although each reappearance was of less than a minute's duration.

I was using a Zeiss 10 x 40 binocular and a Bushnell Spacemaster twenty-five power spotting scope. The grebe in question appeared in the same scope field of view with a Common Loon, about ten yards closer to my observation point than the loon. The length of the grebe's body was nearly the same as the loon's, but the grebe's neck, measuring from the throat down to the water line, appeared to be nearly twice as long as the loon's.



The grebe's neck was long, slim, and vertical, held erect in a straight line; in contrast with the curved line of the loon's neck. My side view of the neck was entirely clear white, with a very narrow black line down the back of the neck. There was a small black cap on the flat crown, and the face was otherwise white, with no brown, gray, red or any other markings.

I couldn't see the bill against the water in the background, but in spite of this missing piece of evidence, the other field marks lead me to conclude that the bird was a Clark's or Western Grebe.

This sighting was made at about 11:00 AM on a cloudy day with northerly winds up to fifteen miles per hour and the temperature in the low fifties (degrees Fahrenheit).

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Voting Tabulation - Round # / of /

Species: Western/Clark's Grebe

Date of Sighting: 10/10/87

Observer(s): Linda McWilliams

Date of Submission: 1989 *Evie*

Submitted by: Linda McWilliams

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater						X	
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas							X
R. Leberman						X	
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe						X	
TOTALS			3			3	1
DECISION			3		3	3	1

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Ben Haas

Date: 12-26-87