

<b>Submission ID</b>	218141558142718676
<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-11-07 18:52:38
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Tim Becker, Randy Miller, Chuck Chalfant, Jan Getgood
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Western Grebe
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult in Breeding
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-04-2012 2:00 PM
<b>County</b>	Lebanon
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Annville, East Hanover
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Memorial Lake State Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	20 meters
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Overcast and clear
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Vortex 10X42 binocular, Celestron 20-60x 80mm Spotting Scope, Canon 7D DSLR with 100-400mm zoom lens.
<b>Description</b>	Large grebe when compared to Horned or Pied-billed grebes. Long neck, all white through extending to

	body with black nape and dark head and cap. Black extends below the eye on the head ruling out Clark's grebe in apparent breeding plumage.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Swimming and diving. Mostly solitary, occasionally joining other groups of ducks while resting with head tucked.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	Too large to be pied, eared, horned. Long neck with head shape and size and also plumage rules out red-necked. Black extending below the eye level rules out Clarks.
<b>Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</b>	At the time of observation 5 species of grebes were present on the lake. A first for Pennsylvania and of course Memorial Lake State Park. Pied-billed and Horned are regular winter/migration visitors. The western and red-necked were new for the day and an Eared grebe was also present that was initially discovered a week earlier. Having all 5 species present at once allowed for size and observation comparisons.
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	Yes, unmistakable among all other grebes except Clark's but plumage differences rule that species out.
<b>During</b>	iBird Pro Explorer iPhone App
<b>After</b>	Sibley Guide to Birds
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	Photograph
<b>Upload images, audio, video or drawings</b>	<a href="#">IMG_3051.JPG</a> <a href="#">IMG_3125.JPG</a>
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<b>Submission ID</b>	218228915452386066
<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-11-08 19:08:35
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Western Grebe
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Aechmophorus occidentalis
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult bird
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-06-2012 11:30 AM
<b>County</b>	Lebanon
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Memorial Lake State Park
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Memorial Lake State Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	100 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear sunny day
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Zeiss 8x10 and leica scope

<b>Description</b>	Large Grebe with long pointed bill. The bill was greenish-yellow. The eye was bright red and it was surrounded by the black crown extending down and around the eye. The bird's upper parts were dark versus light on a Clark's Grebe.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Bird was diving occasionally but most of the time was resting on the surface with his head tucked.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	
<b>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</b>	
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	Yes
<b>During</b>	none
<b>After</b>	none
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	Photograph
<b>Upload images, audio, video or drawings</b>	<a href="#">Western Grebe at Memorial Lake 12.6.12 018 (4).jpg</a>
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<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-12-11 11:31:29
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Jarrod Derr, Randy Miller, Chris Bortz, Chuck Chalfant, Joan Renninger, Rosemary Spreha, Richard and Pat Williams, Tim Becker (and many more over the coming weeks)
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Western Grebe
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Aechmophorus occidentalis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-4-2012 3:55 PM
<b>County</b>	Lebanon
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	East Hanover Twp.
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Memorial Lake State Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.4190669,-76.5964973
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake

**Distance to bird**

200m

**Viewing conditions**

Clear viewing towards dusk, overcast skies

**Optical equipment used**

Nikon Fieldscope 80

**Description**

Very large Grebe with black dorsum and white neck towering over other 4 Grebe species present. Holding head high with red iris. Large yellow bill and dark mask descending over eye.

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

Bird was constantly swimming and diving closer to south shore than the other Grebes present with the exception of side-by-side visits from the Red-necked Grebe. Seemed to prefer the presence of larger waterfowl but stood out prominently from them, often at the front of their flocks. Usually swimming with head held high and neck straight rather than low and appressed to body.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Other 4 species of PA-occurring Grebes present and all much smaller. Long, thin white neck distinguishable as well, and black mask over eye eliminated Clark's. Not quite big enough or long enough to be a Red-throated Loon. Long billed.

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

Bird observed heavily by most of the state birders. This should not be your only report. Photographs taken by Jarrod Derr and published on his Flickr site,  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/60992758@N05/8155442331/in/photostream>  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/60992758@N05/8155473398/in/photostream>

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

Yes, the bird was so obviously different from all the other 4 species of Grebes present and large enough to see all the characters prominently. Bird observed and reevaluated by scores of in and out-of-state birders of all experience levels.

**During**

Sibley's Eastern Guide, other birders

**After**

Same

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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