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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, Randy Miller, Chuck Chalfant, Jan Getgood
Species (Common Name)	Western Grebe
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>
Subspecies (if known)	
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult in Breeding
Observation Date and Time	11-04-2012 2:00 PM
County	Lebanon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Annville, East Hanover
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Memorial Lake State Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	20 meters
Viewing conditions	Overcast and clear
Optical equipment used	Vortex 10X42 binocular, Celestron 20-60x 80mm Spotting Scope, Canon 7D DSLR with 100-400mm zoom lens.
Description	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.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Swimming and diving. Mostly solitary, occasionally joining other groups of ducks while resting with head tucked.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	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.
Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	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.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, unmistakable among all other grebes except Clark's but plumage differences rule that species out.
During	iBird Pro Explorer iPhone App
After	Sibley Guide to Birds
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
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