

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-09-02 22:55:03
Observer's Name	Michael David
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Observer's Address	United States
Species (Common Name)	Eared Grebe
Species (Scientific Name)	Podiceps nigricolis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Molting into breeding plumage
Observation Date and Time	04-01-2017 3:20 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S35638843
County	Clarion
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Emlenton
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Kahle Lake, South Boat Launch
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.23303,-79.64593
Habitat	open water
Description	Small, about the size of Horned Grebe. Head shape resembling an equilateral triangle - a sharply peaked crown about halfway back. Thin bill. From what I remember, the bird when I saw it looked essentially all dark at a distance.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Swimming and diving underwater.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Head shape distinctive in near breeding plumage and sufficient to eliminate Horned Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, and any other small waterbird.

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

This checklist the previous day has a photo.
<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S35549243>
Another checklist shows the bird still present 4 days later.
<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S35718401>

The Clarion/Venango county line passes through the lake, but I only observed the bird on the Clarion County side.

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

Yes, conclusive photos were taken and similar species ruled out

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