

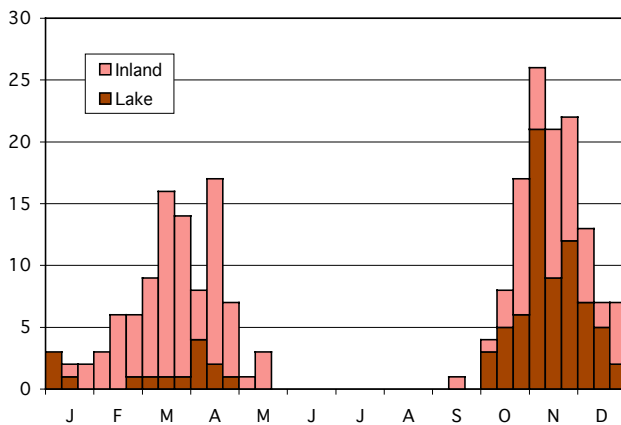
## Red-necked Grebe

## *Podiceps grisegena*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** Butler (1898) mentioned a “Holboells’s Grebe” seen on the Indiana side of Wolf Lake in the spring of 1883. However, Evermann reported the first completely dated record at Lake Maxinkuckee, Marshall County, on 12 October 1913 (DNR files).

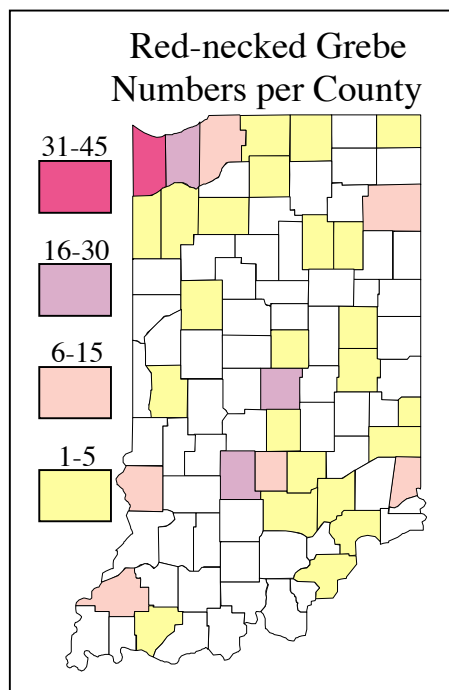
Based on occurrences in adjacent states Butler (1890) listed this species as hypothetical, but in his landmark 1898 publication he considered it a rare migrant and possible winter resident. Keller et al. (1979) deemed it a casual migrant and winter visitant and noted that it had been less common than Western Grebes in recent years. Mumford and Keller (1984) concurred with the Keller assessment.



### Status

Specimens are in the Joseph Moore collection at Earlham College (Bruner 2002) and in the Purdue University teaching collection (J.B. Dunning, unpublished computer listing).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
J. Moore Museum, Earlham College				1
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	7	8	n	7
Central Tier	n	7	n	9
Southern Tier	7	7	n	7
Entire State	7	7	n	7



### Current Status

The Red-necked Grebe has been reported annually since 1984; the mean number of birds per year over the last two decades is 7.7, placing it in the Rare (7) category.

### Occurrence

As shown in the distribution map, the Red-necked Grebe has been reported in 33 Indiana counties. Although it is equally common at inland locations and on Lake Michigan in fall, this grebe is decidedly more common at inland sites in spring (inland to lake ratio 6.7). Most reports consist of singletons and a few stragglers linger into May.

### Extreme Record

Indiana's only September record occurred 17 September 1977 when J. Dan Webster observed one on the, "ash-pit lakes W of the Indiana-Kentucky electric power plant at Madison" (Webster 1980).



Red-necked Grebe Wakarusa wastewater treatment facility, Elkhart County 1 April 2003. Photo by J.J. McCoy.

### **Red-necked Grebe Data**

<b>Maximum Single Party Counts</b>				
<b>Spring</b>				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Observer</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
3	11-Mar-1979	Lake Gibson	T.C. Keller	IAQ
3	14-Apr-1985	Sullivan Co	M.R. Brown	IAQ
2*	1-Apr-1950	Mich. City Harbor	H.C. West	HCW
<b>Fall</b>				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Observer</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
3	17-Oct-1955	Lakefront	Raymond Grow	Grow
3	8-Dec-2001	Miller Beach	B.J. Grube	KJB
2*	24-Oct-1955	Lakefront	Raymond Grow	Grow
* 2 individuals were recorded on more than 9 additional occasions				

<b>Migration Envelopes</b>						
<b>Entire State</b>						
	<b>Earliest</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Latest</b>	<b>Records</b>
<b>Spring</b>	Win. Res.	7-Mar	29-Mar	25-Apr	13-May-1967	64
<b>Fall</b>	17-Sep-1977	17-Oct	8-Nov	25-Nov	Win. Res.	88

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