

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-10-28 18:38:38
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Jarrold Derr
<b>E-mail</b>	jmderr17@gmail.com
<b>Phone</b>	717-269-6774
<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 108 Davids Ct City: Jonestown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17038 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Tim Becker, Jonathan Heller
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Eared Grebe
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Podiceps nigricollis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-28-2012 2:10 PM
<b>County</b>	Lebanon
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Fort Indiantown Gap, East Hanover Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Memorial Lake State Park
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	30 meters
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Overcast with occasional light rain
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	10X42 Vortex Binocular, 20-60X 80mm ED Celestron Spotting Scope, Canon 7D with 100-400mm zoom lens
<b>Description</b>	Small dark grebe, small white cheek patch just under the eye. Head was crested towards the forehead. Thin bill with a slight upturn. Neck was mostly dark with a little gray. Similar in size to the present Horned Grebe but not nearly as much white in the face.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird</b>	Seen swimming and diving often. Stayed under for decent periods of time compared to other grebes.

**was doing)**

Generally on its own but in the vicinity of the many Pied-billed Grebes and the single Horned Grebe present.

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

Too small to be a Red-necked Grebe, not enough white in the face and neck to be a Horned Grebe or Western. Very different looking from a Pied-billed - taller stature in the water and a small thin bill.

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

Also seen by Tim Becker and Jonathan Heller who are well known local birders. Bird seen on the verge of a historic storm front. Unusual things are bound to drop in.

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

Yes, just doesn't seem to fit any other ID in my experience.

**During**

Sibley's Guide to Birds Eastern, Audubon Guide to Birds iPhone App, IBird Explorer Pro iPhone App

**After**

The Crossley ID Guide - Eastern Birds

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

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**

[IMG\\_2106.JPG](#)  
[IMG\\_2148.JPG](#)

**Click to edit**

PORC-webform00019