

Red-necked Grebe Podiceps grisegena

Adult basic		Summer range map	Winter range map		
THE La Maryout M	Not Available	BBS limit 101 and above 1 to 1 and above 1 t	CBC limit 101 and above 1 to 1 to 2 to 2 to 2 to 2 to 2 to 2 to		

Migration Status	Breeding Habitat	Nest Location	Nest Type	Clutch Size	Incubation	Fledge	Number of Broods	Diet
N/A	Wetland-open water	N/A	N/A	2-6	22-23 days	49-70	usually 1, rarely 2	Aquatic Invertebrates, Fish

Identification Tips:

- Length: 13 inches Wingspan: 32 inches
- Sexes similar
- A large, long-necked grebe with a long bill
- Bill yellow at the base (most evident on breeding adults)
- White secondaries and leading edge of wing
- Feet set far back on body

Adult alternate:

- Black cap
- Reddish neck
- Pale gray face
- Blackish hindneck and back
- Whitish flanks and belly

Adult basic:

- Dark cap, hindneck and back
- Dark gray face and foreneck, white crescent on cheek
- Finger of white extending upwards at the rear of the head
- Whitish flanks and belly

Juvenile:

Black and white striping on head and upper neck

Immature basic:

• Like adult basic, but face pattern less distinct

Similar species: Loons are much larger with longer bodies and larger, darker bills. Horned and Eared Grebes are smaller with much shorter bills that are never yellow at the base. The grayish face and neck of Red-necked Grebe is distinctive in winter, as is the small finger of white extending upwards at the rear of the head. Smaller than Western Grebe.

Credits:

Citation:

Gough, G.A., Sauer, J.R., Iliff, M. *Patuxent Bird Identification Infocenter* 1998. Version 97.1. Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD.

http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/infocenter.html

Length and wingspan from:

Robbins, C.S., Bruun, B., Zim, H.S., (1966). *Birds of North America*. New York: Western Publishing Company, Inc.

Clutch size, fledging, brood, and incubation information from:

Ehrlich, P., Dobkin, D., and Wheye, D. (1988). *The Birder's Handbook: A Field Guide to the Natural History of North American Birds*. New York. Simon and Schuster Inc.