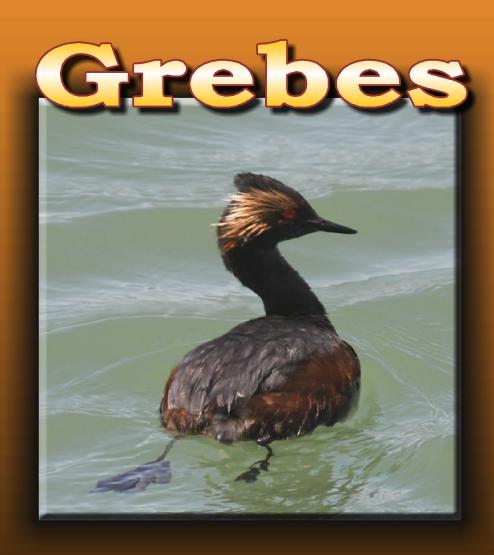
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Western Grebe [Aechmophorus occidentalis]

Measurements:

Length: 26" Wing Span: 35"

Average Weight: 3.3 lbs



long, gray-yellow, spear-like bill; red eye completely surrounded by black; long, slender neck usually held high; black crown, nape through to back; white face, neck through to breast and belly; no sexual dimorphism or seasonal plumage changes



common; native to wetlands and inland lakes of western NA (CA to the Great Plains; Mexico to c Canada); dives mainly for fish (carp, herring, etc.), also amphibians, crustaceans, etc.; NA's largest grebe; closely resembles the less-common Clark's Grebe

Mojave presence: winter range; some year-round



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white face, neck, breast

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breeding

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Clark's Grebe

Measurements:

Length: 25" Wing Span: 24"

Average Weight: 3.1 lbs

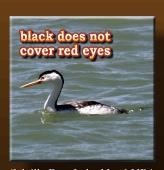
Distinguishing Field Characteristics:

yellow-orange, spear-like bill; red eye completely surrounded by white; black crown, nape through to back; white face, neck through to breast and belly; little sexual dimorphism (male has slight crest near back of head) or seasonal plumage changes

Notes:

uncommon; native to large lakes and wetlands of western NA (CA to TX; s Mexico to extreme southern Canada; dives mainly for fish, but will accept other small prey (amphibians, crustaceans, insects, etc.); very closely resembles the Western Grebe

Mojave presence: year-round



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Measurements:

Length: 13" Wing Span: 16" Average Weight: 1 lb

Distinguishing Field Characteristics:

black band on bill stocky small size; short neck; short, chicken-like bill; brown overall with no white under wings like other grebes; almost no tail; no sexual dimorphism; breeding: darker head and black throat; whitish bill with vertical black band; non-breeding: lighter body color; some have cinnamon on throat; yellowish bill with no band



common; native to e and s SA, isolated regions in nw SA, and most of NA outside Arctic regions; prefer still, freshwater habitats (e.g. ponds, marshes) where they dive for fish, insects, crustaceans, etc.; have lobed toes rather than webbed; rarely fly





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Measurements:

Length: 13" Wing Span: 16" Average Weight: 11 oz

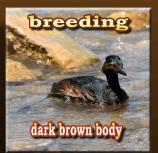
Distinguishing Field Characteristics:

dainty size; red eyes; breeding: dark brown/black body; golden fan on sides of head; black bill; non-breeding: dark gray body with paler flanks; white patches on chin and neck; no fan; gray bill

Notes:

common; found in w NA, parts of Europe and Mediterranean coastlines, e and se Asia, southern Africa; in fall, feeds on brine shrimp, flies, otherwise crustaceans, molluscs, frogs, fish, etc.; no sexual dimorphism; flightlesss most of year

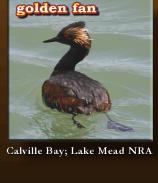
Mojave presence: migration; winter range



Echo Bay; Lake Mead NRA



Corn Creek; Desert NWR; NV





Corn Creek; Desert NWR; NV