

## RED-NECKED GREBE

*Podiceps grisegena*

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

subspecies?

Red-necked Grebes breed throughout North America and Eurasia, as far north as Arctic Alaska and Siberia, and winter a short distance south of the breeding range (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951a, Cramp and Simmons 1977, AOU 1998). There is one record for the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*. A visiting birder discovered a Red-necked Grebe, apparently an adult, on seldom-visited Halenahu Reservoir near Kipu, *Kaua'i* 20 Feb 1988, in basic plumage. By 10 Mar it was well into alternate plumage (*E* 48:49) and was last reported 21 Apr 1988. The bird was seen by many observers and photographed 10 Mar 1988 while in alternate plumage ([HRBP](#) 0784-0786, 5257-5278). The nominate Eurasian subspecies (*P.g. grisegena*) is smaller than the N American subspecies (*holboellii*). The Kaua'i bird was reported to be "about the size of a wigeon", perhaps suggesting the nominate taxon but we prefer to leave subspecies as undetermined.

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

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