

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of **(check all that apply):**

x Unusual Species x Unusual Date Unusual Habitat

MOST IMPORTANT: On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

Count Area: Silver City, NM CBC circle

Species - *Podilymbus podiceps*, Pied-bill Grebe **Age:** adult **Sex:** **Number:** two

4. Date (s) of Observation: Dec. 19, 2015 Time: ~10:00 AM

5. Place: Jeff Glenn Ranch pond, approx. GSP, 32.712913, -108.244630

Nearest Town: Silver City County: Grant County

6. Observer Karen Beckenbach

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7. Observation Details:

Other Observers: Grant Weyburne & Sonnie Sussillo

Optics Used: Vortex Viper 10x42

Distance From Bird: 50 – 70 ft Viewing Conditions: clear and

unobstructed

Weather, sky cover: Partly cloudy, calm, about 55 °F

Photo Taken? No **Video? No** **Sound Recording? No** **Specimen? NO**

Past Experience: With this or similar species? Recently seen on Lake Roberts.

References or Advice Consulted: memory

Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory?
Memory

Signature Karen Beckenbach

Date December 27, 2015

Description: (use additional pages as needed)

The two Pied-bill Grebes were swimming on the pond on the Glenn Ranch 50-70 ft away. They were about the same size as the Buffleheads. The body was pretty much uniform brown. The neck was short and the bill was relatively short with a blunt point. Neither bird had a pied bill, just a dull uniform color.