

Grebes

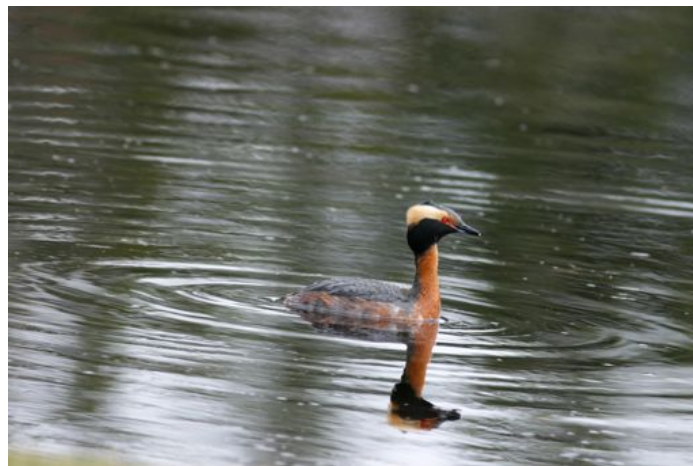
Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*



The Pied-billed Grebe is the only one that has been seen on the pond at the Kuse Nature Preserve. This is a small, chunky brown bird with no tail. During breeding season, its bill is light in color and has a dark band across it. It appears and then quickly disappears under water to catch frogs, insects or fish.

During migration, two other kinds of grebes have been photographed on the river a half-mile away. They are duck-like birds.

Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*





During breeding season, yellow feathers that look like horns appear on the head of the Horned Grebe. These can be raised and lowered.

Western Grebe
Aechmophorus occidentalis





An unusual appearance of this Western bird was photographed swimming on the nearby Black River. It has a long white neck and long, thin bill.

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