

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*

Adult basic	Adult basic	Summer range map	Winter range map
		Not Available	Not Available

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	3-6	21 days	?	2-3?	Fish, Aquatic Invertebrates

Identification Tips:

- Length: 6.5 inches
- Sexes similar
- Small, stocky-bodied grebe with a short, thin bill
- Yellow eyes
- Dark plumage, darker on the crown and back
- White undertail coverts
- Feet set far back on body and trail awkwardly behind body in flight

Adult alternate:

- Black crown, nape, chin, and back
- Dark bill

Adult basic:

- Pale bill
- White chin

Similar Species: Somewhat similar Pied-billed Grebe has a thicker bill and brown crown, nape and back and dark eyes. A dark winter-plumaged Eared Grebe would stand out as larger, with a white breast and foreneck, a red eye, and a prominent crest. Other grebes are larger and have quite different plumage.

Credits:

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