

The Western Grebe

If there were Olympic games for birds, Western Grebes would be strong contenders for the gold medals in water sports. The big, long-necked birds can swim and dive with the best.

Almost as quickly as they leave their eggs, young Grebes take to the water. So it isn't because they can't swim that the baby birds



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Western Grebe

often ride on the backs of their parents. The young just enjoy traveling the easy way, says the National Wildlife Federation.

From the very beginning, the Grebes spend their lives on or near the water. Though awkward on land, they show grace and skill when gliding along lakes and ponds.

At the flash of a gun or the snap of a stick, they dive to safety. Leaving only a few ripples on the surface, they can stay under water for long stretches of time.

While this trick helps them to escape from some of their enemies, it did not keep many thousands of Grebes from being killed in years gone by. Before they were given the protection of the game laws, Western Grebes were eagerly sought for their silky-

Notice of Hearing

On Surrender of County Roads To the City of Brookings.

Notice is hereby given that a Hearing will be held in the Curry County Court Room in Curry County Court House in Gold Beach, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 9th day of January 1952, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of determining whether it is necessary or expedient or for the business interest of Curry County to surrender to the City of Brookings jurisdiction there of all county roads or portions thereof, located and being within the corporate limits of the City of Brookings, Oregon, save excepting the road known as Azalea Park Road, and to consider any testimony offered by any person interested in this Hearing. Said Curry County Court shall determine whether or not to make an Order that such action is necessary or expedient or for the business interests of Curry County, and who offers to said City of Brookings, to surrender jurisdiction to said City over such County roads or portions thereof, and to take such action as may be necessary in such proceedings, under the laws of the State of Oregon, more particularly in conformity with Section 100-24-01 O. C. L. A. dated this 5th day of December, 1951.

Guy H. Forsyth, County Judge.
A. B. Crook, County Comm.
J. R. Yoakam, County Comm.
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white feathers. Ruthless hunters bagged them without mercy, just to satisfy the demand for plumes with which to decorate ladies' hats. For a time there was danger that the slaughter would wipe out the colonies of Western Grebes in all North America. But demands to conserve wildlife came along soon enough to save the birds.

Today the Grebes live in widely scattered places along western part of our continent. Winter and summer, they are found from Canada to California. In the coldest weather there are more of them to the south, while in the warmer months they push farther north.

Their favorite spots are lakes. Near the water, or on a floating raft of plant material, they build their nests. In May the female lays from three to ten large eggs which are bluish white, cream, or olive-brown in color. The eggs produce young which are covered with down—light gray above and white underneath.

When they grow up, the Grebes are 22 to 29 inches long, with a three-inch bill and a short tail. Their necks are long and slender. The top of their heads, the back of their necks, and their broad backs are black. Their cheeks, the front of their necks, and their under parts are pure, glistening white. Their bills are yellow.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, the birds eat fish and other small water creatures—beetles and seeds, etc.

LOCAL NEWS

All Masons are invited to attend St. John's service, Sidney Croft Lodge, at Baptist Community church, Sunday evening, Dec. 30, at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Perry of Greerwood, La., called at the Sam Gott home Saturday. While in this vicinity buying myrtlewood. They left Sunday morning.

Friends of A. C. Thompson will be glad to hear he is doing well and is regaining his health at Parker, Ariz.

Pete Stoller was able to come home from the hospital the latter part of the week after being there for several days. He was injured while working in the timber Dec. 14, when the top of a snag came down, hitting him on the head so hard that it dented his tin helmet, and cut his scalp, as well as breaking two ribs near the spine. While sore and weak, Pete is recovering fast. He owes his life to the helmet he was wearing.

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LOCAL NEWS

Another accident which could have been much more serious, happened to Freddie Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson, when he was sliding down a tree, a sharp limb ran into his back about two and a half inches. The accident occurred last week. While the wound was painful, it was not serious as if the stick had run straight rather than at an angle. He was able to be returned home from the hospital before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Struebing and Marilyn enjoyed Christmas south of Mexico City, if they followed their scheduled itinerary, and will return home this week so Marilyn can re-enter OSC.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weigel left Saturday for Elkton where they spent Christmas with their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers spent Christmas at Portland visiting their son, Dean, and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dyer, Smith River, are taking care of the court during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings left recently for Portland where they plan to spend the winter.



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