

Hoary Headed Grebe

Poliocephalus poliocephalus

Where to see them

Your best bet is to look for them down at the mouth of the Prosser River, where they feed although they generally nest in large flocks further inland, near big lakes and lagoons. The Hoary Headed Grebe are commonly found in all states and territories and if you look carefully here you will find them right here in Orford!



Description

The Hoary Headed Grebe has a black patch under the chin. It has brown eyes and is a fairly small dark grey and white bird.

Diet

The Grebe eats aquatic arthropods when they dive deep. They feed during the day.



Breeding

They constructed a floating pontoon that consist of water weeds which is attached to the river bank. Between August and January they lay 2-5 eggs that are incubated for 20-24 days.



Threats

Dogs destroying eggs

Loss of habitat

Feral cats

Fishing line.



Conservation status
is least concern

You can help by taking all your rubbish home, not leaving it in the oceans. Keeping your dogs on a lead will also help, as will desexing your cat so they don't breed with feral cats. Keeping cats confined to your own place so that way the numbers don't go out of control.

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