

lineage that has disjunct distribution in the Western Ghats and north-eastern India, but for the sporadic records from Simlipal and the Papikonda hills of the Eastern Ghats. More surveys and biogeographic studies in suitable areas of the Eastern Ghats, such as Araku, Deomali, Koraput, Kalahandi, Satkosia, Phulbani, etc., will help in understanding patterns of distribution.

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The Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* on the Padma River near Rajshahi, Bangladesh

The Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* is a gregarious migratory species that is found on every continent except Australasia and Antarctica. It is an uncommon winter visitor to the Indian Subcontinent (Grimmett et al. 2011; eBird 2021). Thompson et al. (2014) had reported the Black-necked Grebe in from the Jamuna River near Aricha, Manikgonj, Bangladesh. The Padma River flows adjacent to Rajshahi District. A few small and large Charlands (riverine islands) have formed in the Padma, and which are quite high from the water level (Reza et al. 2014). A Black-necked Grebe was photographed on 05 December 2020 on the Padma River (Reza 2020) near Rajshahi (24.32°N, 88.65°E) when we were watching birds [199]. After that three grebes were seen and photographed on 05 February 2021 at the same place. Other birdwatchers (Zayed Imran Choudhury, Md. Kayes, and Anik Mahmud Imon) also sighted those grebes following our sighting. Before our sighting, the Black-necked Grebe was sighted by Monirul Khan, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Nur E Saud, and Arif (*pers. comm.*, dt. 01 August 2021)

on this river near Rajshahi on 30 December 2019 (Arif 2019).



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199. The Black-necked Grebe photographed on 05 December 2020.

The bird stayed on the Padma River for about two months until the first week of February 2021 (Reza 2021). Thompson et al. (2014) describe the bird as a vagrant and a winter visitor in Bangladesh, and they sighted four Black-necked Grebe on the Jamuna River on 05 February 2012 (Chowdhury 2012). This grebe needs close monitoring in the future.

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