

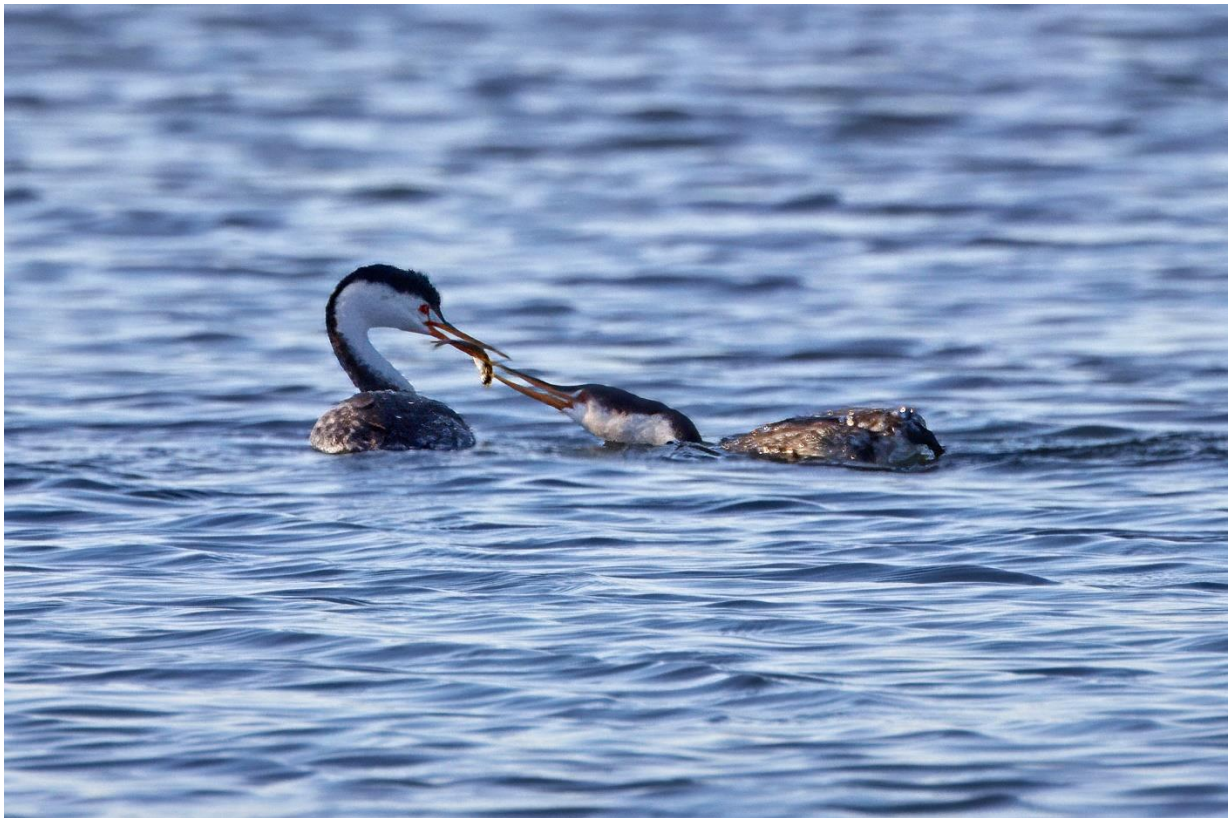
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Clark Grebe



While I was at Roosevelt Lake in Arizona at the end of October, I found a mixed flock of Western and Clark Grebes. I spotted adults diving for fish and nearly grown offspring swimming around and calling out to be fed; I assumed the young were begging from the mother and the male was no longer involved, but then I saw something that made me question that.



An adult Clark Grebe emerged with a fish; another adult flew in and was given the fish. A young bird swam over, indignant, but it was too late. The three birds then began a ritual in which the two adults raised their crests while all three bowed and bobbed their heads close together. I've now done a little research on their breeding behaviors, including how males and females share rearing responsibilities, and realize—as usual—that there is much more to learn. Someday I'd like to be there earlier in the year, when the young ride on one parent's back while the other fishes.

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Southwest Wings

