

Red-throated Loon

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*Padelfords

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 65:10

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VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Upturned bill, back darker than head, fuzzy transition on sides of neck are definitive.

A-D, Mostly basic.

A-D, I saw this bird, but for some reason failed to document it.

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Documentation for Red-throated Loon

Lake Manawa State Park, Pottawattamie County

Date: November 25, 1994 Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Distance from Bird: 50 yards - 200 yards

Light conditions: Clear and partly sunny with the sun behind us.

Description of Bird: It was smaller than a Common Loon (2 were present for direct comparison) with a more slender neck and bill. The lower mandible was tapered at the tip to give the overall look of an upturned bill. When the bird moved in the water the head and bill were held above the horizontal. The top of the head and hindneck were lighter gray than the back. The chin, throat and foreneck were white with the transition from white to gray at sides of neck not sharply delineated. There was no tri-color line on sides of neck (white, dark gray & light gray) that would indicate a Pacific Loon. The eye was surrounded by light gray. There were some dark feathers on the throat, which when seen at a distance the day before in poor light gave the impression of a chinstrap. However, seeing the bird at closer range and in good light, the dark feathering appeared to be left over feathers not fully moulted from the summer plumage. The flanks were whitish and were prominent just above the water level. The back was dark gray with small white speckles throughout.

Spotting Scope used: Bushnell Spacemaster 25X

Other observer: Roland Barth

This report is being written on 11/27/94 from notes taken in the field at time of sighting.