

Red-throated Loon

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Polk Co., IA

Johnson

Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-KV  
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907

DuMont, P. A. 1931. Birds of Polk County Iowa. Des Moines  
Audubon Soc., Des Moines, p 14

DuMont 1933

VOTE (1981): 4-IV, 2-V

IV, not checked by Anderson or DuMont.

III/IV, Similar to prior record -- depends on reputation of  
Johnson.

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8. (10). *Gavia lunnie* (Gunn). Red-throated Loon.

Anderson 1907  
p 152

Like the preceding species, the Red-throated Loon is rare in Iowa. It is listed by J. A. Allen (White's Geol. of Iowa, 1870). Kumlien and Hollister give the species as "a regular and common resident on Lake Michigan in winter. . . . On the larger inland lakes and ponds and streams it is seldom seen in spring, but occurs sparingly in October and November, or until the ice forms" (Bds. of Wis., 1903, 7). There are two Nebraska records, both males, taken on the Missouri near Omaha, one Sept. 28, 1894, another April 6, 1897, reported by I. S. Trostler (Rev. Bds. Neb., 1904, 7).

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DuMont, P. A. 1931. Birds of Polk County Iowa. Des Moines, Des Moines Audubon Society pp 1-72 (p 14)

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Morton E. Peck, October 12, 1932, wrote that he had never seen the Red-throated Loon in Iowa. H. J. Giddings, in a letter, October 11, 1932 said: "I have never had a specimen of Red-throated Loon."

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Widmann (1907) lists the two Nebraska records and adds: "Mr. W. E. Praeger writes me that there is a mounted specimen in Keokuk said to have been shot on the Des Moines River near Ottumwa, Ia." In a letter October 26, 1932, Praeger said: "I think the record of the Red-throated Diver is good. I saw the bird but had to depend on the statement of the owner of the specimen that it was obtained near Ottumwa."

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Several recent reports of the Red-throated Loon at Carter Lake, Pottawattamie County,<sup>9</sup> Iowa, are contained in the monthly Letter of Information, edited by Myron H. Swenk, Secretary and Treasurer of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union. One observed April 17 and 27, 1929 by Robert Overing. One in winter plumage was seen on April 22, 1930 by Mr. and Mrs. Overing. Five seen September 22

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