

Pacific Loon

Record Number: 94-30

7 Nov 1994

Classification: A-D

Black Hawk L., Sac Co., IA

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IBL 65:10, 81

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 65:10

Records Committee: IBL 65:81

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Size, well defined line on neck, slight chinstrap are good for this species. Description of bill would have helped, but drawing looks OK for Pacific.

A-D, Drawing helpful.

A-D, Adequate documentaion; salient points covered.

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

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What species? **PACIFIC LOON** How many? **1**

Location? **SE Corner of Blackhawk Lake in Sac Co.**

Type of Habitat? **Lake**

When? date(s) **November 7** time: **4:02** to **4:35**

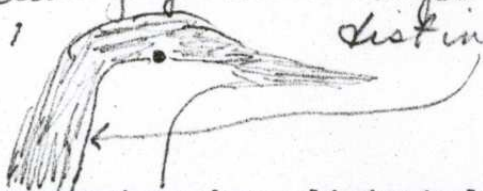
Who? your name and address **PETE ERNSEN 401 TAYLOR IOA GROVE**

Others with you: **None**

Others before or after you: **1 person on the S - don't know who - on birdline**

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior. **Small loon 20-25%, smaller than Common**

Loon. Dark gray crown nape - paler than back - white throat
check 1 **distinct border**



thin barely visible
"Chin strap"

Similar species: how eliminated: **Common Loon larger no chin strap - neck border indistinct**

Red Throated Loon bill upturned, white above eye speckled back.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?
If yes, explain: **No**

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. **poor - cloudy - losing light fast - 50-100ft est.**
BUSHNELL FALCON 7x35 357 as 1000 coated lens.

Bushnell Sky Rover 9x30 instafocus.
Previous experience with species and similar ones: **None**

Have observed several winter plumaged Common Loons.
References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic Field Guide to birds of North America

How long before notes completed? **Immediately During & After.**