

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Pacific Loon

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Rathbun Res., Appanoose Co., IA

*Ray Cummins

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Record Number: 95-32

Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Ray Cummins, 609 S. Main, Centerville 52544

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 66:17

Records Committee: IBL 66:95

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Rare Bird Documentation

95-32

Species: Pacific Loon (winter plumage)

Number: 1

Location: Lake Rathbun Appanoose Co.

Observer: Ray Cummins

Others before/with/after: None

Date: 10/29/95 Time bird seen: 10:00AM to 10:15AM

Habitant & Circumstances: Open water near shore. The Loon was first noticed as it swam side by side with a Common Loon.

Description: The Loon was slightly smaller, with a gray crown and nape compared to it's darker back. The Common Loon nape was the same color as it's back. The eye was in the dark crown area unlike the Common Loon which showed white over the eye. The side of the neck had a black line separating the white throat from the gray nape. The necklace was not prominent, but noticeable. The bill was smaller than the Common's and straight. The back had whitish horizontal stripes.

Description of voice: NA

Similarly appearing species: Common Loon see above. Red-throated Loon would hold it's bill upturned not straight.

Distance: 150 to 200yds.

Optical equipment: Kowa 20x to 60x spotting scope.

Light: Excellent at my back. Water still.

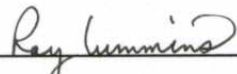
Previous experience with species: Have seen several other times in Iowa.

Anyone have any reservations: No.

Books and references: National Geographic during sighting.

Time of field notes: none

Final typing: 36 days

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