

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-throated Loon How many? 2 basic

Location? Coralville Res., Johnson Co., IA

Type of Habitat? Reservoir

When? date(s): 27 Nov 1998 time: 2:50 pm to approx

Who? your name and address: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52246

Others with you: none, Jim Fuller saw bird on L. Macbride 2 days ago

Others before or after you: probably same birds as seen on 25th

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.

Two small loons seen near east side. One Common Loon nearby. Thin short neck and head. Bill upturned. White underparts and side of face. Smaller than Common Loon and head + neck much slimmer. I could tell that the top of head and back of neck were lighter than back. I saw one small loon here two days ago, but not close enough to call. I got good looks at another small loon on Lake Macbride that day. Today was warm and boats on Lake Macbride could have caused the bird I saw there to move over to the reservoir - about 1 mile away. Anyway, it was nice to confirm two Red-throated Loons as I had suspected two days ago.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Sunny, several hundred yards, 20x scope, side lighting.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: many

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 2 1/2 hours

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