

I.D.#: 001 name: Common Loon
season: fall yr: 91 date: 10/12/91
observers: G.B.
sources consulted: Petersen's Field Guide
habitat: reservoir

of birds: 1
location: Rock Creek
report?: ydoc?: y

description, visual: large dark bird, shading to light underneath. Large straight pointed beak. The bird was relatively long and held the beak horizontally behavior: Was swimming alone and would dive as we approached in boat. Would swim underwater considerable distances before surfacing.
vocalizations: none heard

similar species and how eliminated: Double-crested Cormarant. These were also present. These birds have a "hook" at end of beak and hold head and beak at an upward angle.

equipment used and weather conditions: Naked eye observation but lighting was excellent and was able to observe for approximately 10 min.

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