

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Red-throated loon How many? 2

Location? Clear Lake, Clear Lake da

Type of Habitat? large lake, north side

When? date(s): 4-21-99 time: _____ to _____

Who? your name and address: Carolyn Fischer

Others with you: Jan Walter, Rita Hansen

Others before or after you: Curt Nelson

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.

close to shore, small loon, winter plumage,
thin bill upturned, also was holding head slightly
up - face white, above the eye white, but
gradual blending of white front + darker gray in
back of the neck - dark back - ---

Similar species; how eliminated:

Common loon - was also present, could see larger
loon, heavy bill,

Pacific loon - straight bill, black cap extends to eye -

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

cloudy, 50 yards, scope 30x -

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Clear Lake + Silver Lake, 5/7/94

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? same day this form completed? 5/27/99

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).