3500 N. Grand Ave., Apt. 44 Ames, IA 50010 30 July, 2000

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Dear Jim:

I would like to report an IBL Spring Field Report. I have never sent in field reports before this spring, so I hope the format is correct and the information is sufficient:

Common Loons – June 1, 2000 – 2 birds, one in breeding (summer) plumage, one in winter plumage – Hallett's Quarry, South Pond, just north of Ames, Story County – observer: John E. Snyder – saw the birds in the evening, about 7:30 PM. The birds matched the pictures in the Peterson Eastern Birds guide. Both had thick bills, carried level. Winter plumage bird had white around the eye. Breeding plumage bird had dark head and bill, and black-and-white striped patch on the neck.

Common Loon – June 5, 2000 – 1 bird in winter plumage – Hallett's Quarry, South Pond, just north of Ames, Story County – observer: John E. Snyder – saw the bird about 7:30 PM, actively feeding, diving for fish.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,

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