

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Red-throated Loon / Gavia stellata
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): Oct 20 - 26, 1991 also seen on 10/27/91Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Winter with some breeding plumage still remainingLatilong: #9 Distribution Code: M Habitat Code: LLocality: Vega Lake Elevation: 8,000'Nearest town: Colbran County: MesaTime(s) observed: Oct. 20 11:00^{AM} - 1:00 PM Oct 26. 9:30 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 to 3 hrs total

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

NONE

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Vic Zerbi, Ron Lambeth, Rich Leoad, Linda Vid

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Clear with sun behind me or at right angle.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 60 power scope + 8x30 binocularsDistance and how measured: 110 ft - CameraIf photographed, type of equipment and film: 500 mm mirrorWho else photographed the bird: I am not sure anyone did.

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Bird was resting on water near shore or diving

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:

Mallard size (one nearby) and much smaller than the common loons that were on the lake.

Description (continued): Loon shape, gray head and neck
which gave way to brown back with extensive
spotting. Upper tail coverts were extensively spotted
also. Bill was slight with a decided upturn.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery,
(i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NONE Bird had a dark area
on front of neck which corresponded
to the red area in breeding plumage. The

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: behind neck had streaks which corresponds to a breed

Reservoir - Large size

The Pacific Loon has straight bill, chin strap
and black cap extending to eye.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

The common loon - 3 were nearby and
much larger with heavy thick bills. Pacific loon!

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I have experience with Pacific & red-throated
in Alaska and the Yukon. Also I have seen
the loon species in winter plumage on the west coast.

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how
this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: National Geographic - only to confirm
what I suspected

b) After observation: I looked at most of them.

This report was written from reports made during X, after
observation X, from memory _____

Date and time report was written: Final Report Dec 17, 1991

Reporting observer: Coen Dexter Signature: Coen Dexter

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Red-throated loon

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Vega Res

Mesa, CO

1-91-1

Lat #9

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