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1. **Red-throated Loon**, (RTLO) *Gavia stellata* (Pontopiddan, 1763).

**Distribution.** Range is circumpolar. In North America -from Pacific to east to Atlantic shore, north to Arctic shore. South to the Pacific shore to 52<sup>nd</sup> parallel, Great Slave Lake, southern part of Hudson Bay (James Bay), northern part of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland. Islands: Aleutian, Vancouver, Canadian sector of Arctic, Greenland, Anticosti, Iceland. In Eurasia from Atlantic shore of Scandinavia to the east to the Pacific shore. North to Arctic shore, south to Latvia, Karelian Isthmus, eastwards in European part of the USSR to 62-63<sup>rd</sup> parallels; in West Siberia to 58<sup>th</sup> parallel, in Enisei River basin to 59<sup>th</sup> parallel, to northern Baikal, upper parts of Zeya River, lower stream of Amur River. Islands: British, Faeroe, Hebrides, Orkney, Shetland, Spitsbergen, Bear (Medvezhiy), Frantz-Josef Land, Kolguev, Novaya Zemlya, Vaigach, Novosibirskie, Wrangel, St. Lawrence, Commander, Sakhalin, northern Kuril (Shumshu, Paramushir).

Variation is expressed in different tint of coloration of upper side of body. 2 subspecies.

*Gavia stellata stellata*

*Colymbus stellatus* Pontoppidan, 1763, Danske Atlas, 1, p.621, Denmark.

The backside is brown, greyish tint is absent or only slightly developed.

**Distribution.** Entire range of the species, excluding Spitsbergen, Frants-Josef Land, Medvezhiy (Bear) Island.

*Gavia stellata squamate*

*Colymbus stellatus squamatus* Portenko, 1939, Fauna Anadyr'skogo kraya [Fauna of Anadyr' Territory], Ptitsy [Birds], 2, p.155, Frants Josef Land.

The backside is lighter, with more developed greyish tint; feathers of back, scapulars and wing coverts have developed silver-grey edging.

**Distribution.** Southern part of Frants-Josef Land, Spitsbergen, Medvezhiy (Bear) Island archipelago.

2. **Yellow-billed Loon** *Gavia adamsii* (G.R.Gray, 1859). Pp.13-14.

*Colymbus adamsii* G.R.Gray, 1859, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, p.167, 'Russian America' – Alaska.

**Distribution.** Arctic shore of Eurasia from Pechenga River mouth, east to the eastern shore of Chukotka Peninsula. North to Arctic shore. Southern borders of distribution are not too clear. In Asiatic part its range extends south supposedly to 66-67<sup>th</sup> parallel, along the Pacific shore and south to Anadyr' R. mouth and supposedly to the Magadan region. In North America -from western shore of Alaska, east to Butiya Peninsula. North to Arctic shore. South to Prince of Wales Cape, Great Slave Lake, Kivatin, Islands: Novaya Zemlya (southern), Vaigach, Kolguev, Bolshoi Lyakhovskiy, St. Lawrence, Banks, Victoria, King-William, Somerset, Prince of Wales. The continental part of range within borders of Asia consists of several isolated areas. Interruption of distribution is in stable condition.