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Red-throated Loon (RTLO)– *Gavia stellata* (Pntopp.)

In spite of the possibility that the RTLO was once breeding in the Leningrad region (today, in the 21-st century it's St. Petersburg) as was thought at the end of 19-th century [Menzbier, 1895], breeding RTLOs or their chicks have not been discovered for a long time. Only since the end of 1950's the species began to be observed and recorded on a few lakes in the Region during nesting season. In 1959 the birds were registered on lakes Mochalishche and Strechno, in 1960's – on Khepo-Jarvi Lake, in 1966 – on Ladoga Lake in the region of Vuoksa River, and also on Okhotnich'ie Lake (system of Rakovye Lakes, former Jajurjapinjärvi) in the north of Karelian Isthmus. Finally, at the end of 1963 a family, consisting of two non-flying young and one adult bird was sighted on Kremnevskoe Lake (Karelian Isthmus).

It is remarkable, that in reviews of Mela and Kivirikko [Mela, 1882; Mela, Kivirikko, 1909] the RTLO for Karelian Isthmus was mentioned as a common breeding species. However, already Merikallio [Merikallio, 1929b], who studied ornithofauna of these sites later, records it only as in flight and a non-breeding bird. Impression is forming, that this species relatively recently has penetrated into the territory of the region, particularly in Karelian Isthmus. Findings of the nests on lakes with peat bogs in Latvia [Taurinsh, 1953] and Estonia [Kumari, 1965] confirm this suggestion.

Within limits of Leningrad Region the RTLO more often can be seen during spring (May-beginning of June) and autumn (September – beginning of November) migration, which is expressed most clearly on Ladoga Lake and the Gulf of Finland, and also on large inland lakes – Glubokoe, Samro, Vyal'ie. The latest discovery occurred on 11 November 1963, when a bird was sighted on Neva River in the region of Petropavlovsk Fortress.

Yellow-billed Loon (YBLO) – *Gavia adamsii* (G.R.Gray.)

We did not record YBLO in the Region. However there are indications that this species might be vagrant in our area. For example, according to communication of Menzbier [1902], YBLO was observed once on Svir' River. During post-war years the specimen of Yellow-billed Loon, harvested in the Leningrad Region, was delivered to the Zoological Institute of Academy of Sciences of the USSR. Findings of vagrant specimens on Estonian shore of the Gulf of Finland were recorded. Here three records were registered and the last one was found on 18 October 1962 [Jogi, 1967a].