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Red-throated Loon (RTLO) *Gavia stellata* (Pontopp.). Low numbers, considerably more rare, than the Arctic or White-necked Loons (*Gavia pacifica*). On 23 June on the small shallow lake, half overgrown by *Arctophila*, in the plain tundra of Kuolai-Engeelkyan River delta a RTLO pair was sighted. At the same site on 28 June a nest with one egg was found, located on the sedge island, flooded by water amidst *Arctophila* near a deep, narrow channel. The nest – a conical construction made of fresh stems with leaves of sedge and *Arctophila*, towered at 4.5 cm above water and 5 cm were immersed under water. On 5/VII the nest was empty, loons were absent from the lake, and Arctophilous plants strongly silt-covered shallow waters became bared (uncovered) as a result of draining of lake. At the end of June and during July we occasionally registered RTLOs in the sea. On 30/VII on a small deep lake in the plain tundra near the sea a fat adult male of a non-breeding pair was collected (testicles 14.5x6.5 and 11.5x5 mm), in which the moult of contour feathers on thighs has begun.

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Red-throated Loon – *Gavia stellata* (Pontopp.). Birulya (1907) informed, that 12-17/VIII 1900 the RTLOs in numbers stayed in Dikson Bay, in inlets and small bays of Dikson Island (Kuz'kin). We observed the single birds 26/VIII 1982 in the Bay between Dikson settlement and North-Eastern cape and 31/VIII 1983 in Zapadnoe Golomo Bay (Gulf).

Yellow-billed Loon – *Gavia adamsii* (Gray.). Regularly in small numbers it is observed in the spring and post-nesting nomadic movements. On 8, 9 and 12/VI 1982 single passing birds were observed (one bird landed on polynia in the sea), 13/VI 1982 – group of 4 YBLOs. A pair of flying birds was registered on Zapadnoe Golomo Gulf 8/VIII 1983.