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RTLO-*Gavia stellata* (Pontoppidan, 1763).

Rare, probably, sporadically wintering bird. Information in the literature on the species is scarce and is not confirmed by (museum) collection material. Nordmann [1840] considered this Loon quite common in the Crimea from November through April, Blakiston [1857] has recorded them in Balaklava in the winter, and Puzanov [1933] mentioned wintering without any concrete dates.

I have sighted this bird near Alushta 9 April 1959 and 25 October 1961, and also near Lebyazh'i islands 4 October 1964 and 16 November 1966. In the Crimean Regional Museum of Local Lore there is a stuffed skin of a RTLO, harvested 3 January 1907 in the vicinity of Krasnogvardeiskoe settlement.

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Red-throated Loon

RTLO – a very rare migrant. Bubnov (1958) reports that the RTLO sometimes occurs during migration on Volga River. He has harvested a specimen in 1950. In the regional Museum of local lore there is a stuffed skin of the RTLO, collected in 1974.