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Red-throated Loon - *Gavia stellata* Pontopp.

**Distribution.** In Ukrainian SSR the Red-throated Loon occurs in small numbers during fall migration. During the warm winter the birds can be observed on the Black Sea.

**Feeding.** During fall migration in the territory of Ukraine Red-throated Loons feed exclusively on fish. In stomachs of three birds, harvested in Kiev and Cherkassy regions in October, the following fish species were found: *Chondrostoma nasus* –n=16, *Abramis brama* –n=1, *Blicca bjoerkana* – n=3, *Leuciscus leuciscus* –n=2, *Gobio gobio* –n=5, *Alburnus alburnus* –n=9, unidentified *Carpinase* –n=7, *Accerina* sp. –n=2.

**Practical importance.** Taking into account that this species is not numerous during migrations in Ukraine, the RTLO has no practical importance.