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#### Red-throated Loon (RTLO) (*Gavia stellata* Pont.)

Red-throated Loon is a common breeding species in the west and south of Putorana Plateau. In central regions irregular breeding of single pairs is possible. In the north of plateau they did not occur.

On 26 July 1990 we recorded a group of 4 adults on Kutaramakan Lake in the region of Irkinda River mouth. Begletsov regularly observed these birds here in July, and tourists reported seeing them here 11 August.

In 1991 the first two pairs of birds appeared on 9 June on the banks of Nyakhshingda Lake. By 15 June the pairs and single individuals began to be sighted regularly on all water bodies, and courtship displays and mating were initiated. Since then and until the end of summer we observed RTLOs, flying over between Nyakhshingda Lake, where they foraged, and small forest or marsh lakes, where they nested. Nesting habitats were concentrated in different parts of extensive and plain river valleys, adjoining to the southern edge of Nyakhshingda Lake. Here during the summer of 1991 we have registered 7 territorial pairs. In the northern half of Nyakhshingda Lake, and also on rivers, flowing into this part of the lake, the RTLOs were not sighted. A nest with two middle-incubated eggs was found 1 July. It was located on a small lake with 15 m diameter, separated from the Nyakhshingda Lake by a tall bank earthen wall, amidst rarefied mixed woods. Nest was a pit (with diameter 47 and depth 22 cm) at the top of the plain sedge tussock, surrounded by water on all sides, at 1.5 m from the bank. Egg dimensions: 70.6x43.0, 59.0x44.2 mm. On thermo-carst lake amidst tundra-like bog in upper parts of Amundykan River in August we observed a pair of birds with two chicks with sizes at  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an adult. Since 14 August on Nyakhshingda Lake the groups of 3-5 birds were sighted regularly, more seldom adult birds, actively feeding on the open water, and never together with similar concentrations of the Black-throated Loons.

#### Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii* Gray). P.18.

Single pairs and single specimens periodically are recorded on a number of large lakes on Putorana Plateau. According to local inhabitants, YBLO occurs on Khantaiskoe Lake (Syroechkovskiy, 1961). Krechmar (1966) suggests this species nests in the Keta Lake region, and Morozov (1984) reports of a single record of a pair of birds on Lama Lake 2 September 1980. 2 August 1988 a single bird was recorded on Kapchug Lake. In 1990 on 23 June a loon was recorded on the forest lake, in the wide valley between Keta Lake and Kutaramakan Lake and in the region of Irkinda River mouth, on Kutaramakan Lake, a pair of birds was observed 3 August.