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

By the middle of 20-th century the RTLO was a common breeding species throughout Karelia [3, 105]. At the present time – this is a rare breeder, but a common migrant. In the past decades in “Kivach” nature reserve the RTLO nested only on one water body – Sundozero Lake. In 1975 during investigation of Luvozerskiy Game Reserve during nesting period the species was not sighted. It was not found breeding on B.Klimenetskiy Island either, or on adjoining islets and “luda”s. Since 1978 it was not observed nesting at all in the south-eastern Priladozhie [cis-Ladoga Lake area] near Ladoga Lake banks and on the coastal “lamba”s. Only in 1991 one adult was seen at the end of June on Segezhskoe Lake.

The RTLO is not numerous on the White Sea as well. In 1989 Sazonov has sighted not more than 3 pairs on Solovki archipelago, and on the boat route from Yukkovo to Kondostrov – he observed only two adult birds.

At the present time the species’ numbers are in a declining trend. Nesting population of the RTLOs in the territory of Karelia should be constantly and thoroughly monitored.

Yellow-billed Loon – *Gavia adamsii* (Brunn.) P.9.

As a vagrant species it was registered several times in the neighbourhood of Karelian waters on the White Sea [80]. It is possible, that occasionally this species appears in Onega Gulf in the White Sea.

A possibility of records of vagrant Yellow-billed Loon on the inland water bodies of Republic (Karelia) is not excluded, because during last two decades the species’ occurrence in Finland, including in areas bordering with Karelia, surely increased, at least until 1982.