

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2017-049

Name of bird form: Pacific Loon

Committee member name: Josh Engel

Date of review: 1/9/18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S

Comments:

A difficult record to assess, because the photos are rather poor and this is not a trivial identification.

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Record #: 2017-049

Name of bird form: Pacific Loon

Committee member name: Fraker

Date of review: 1/23/2018

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E(ph)

Comments:

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2017-049

Name of bird form: Pacific Loon

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 1-10-18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

I am not completely convinced by the photos, so I am voting to reject, at least for this pass. Structure and plumage patterning shown in the photos seem reasonably consistent with Pacific Loon, and I was almost pushed over the edge to accept this record by the third and fourth photos, which show the head shape and clear demarcation between the dark hind neck and white foreneck. In addition, both written documentations seem supportive of Pacific Loon. My nagging doubts come from the fact that in the last two photos the nape appears much darker than the pale gray back, which is the opposite of what is normally expected in pale-naped, dark-backed Pacific Loon. I realize this appearance may simply be an artifact of lighting, but for me it is enough to cast doubt on an ID of Pacific Loon.

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Record #: 2017-049

Name of bird form: Pacific Loon

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 12-22-17

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E (photo)

Comments:

I believe the photos and the description are very good for PACIFIC LOON. One eBird reviewer concluded this was NOT a Pac Loon and therefore, invalidated the eBird record.

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Record #: 2017-049

Name of bird form: Pacific Loon

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 19 January 2018

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E(photos)

Comments: I would say that photos barely adequate to establish bird as Pacific Loon, one of the written documentations is convincing, and one is marginal, but consistent with the other written description.

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Record #: 2017-049

Name of bird form: Pacific Loon

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 12/4/17

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S(2)

Comments: The first photo is suggestive of Common Loon, but the descriptions of the neck area are consistent, and they indicate that what I'm seeing in the photo is an illusion.

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Record #: 2017-049

Name of bird form: Pacific Loon

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 30 November 2017

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E(photo)

Comments: