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1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Pacific Loon
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	Winter/Nonbreeding plumage
5) Date:	2017-11-05
6) Location (include county):	Emiquon Preserve, Fulton Co
7) Observers:	Andy Gilbert, Matthew Winks, Joseph Phipps
8) Your name:	Andy Gilbert
Street Address	██████████
Street Address Line 2	
City	██████
State / Province / Region	█
Postal / Zip Code	██████
Country	██████████
10) Your e-mail address:	██████████████████
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, wings, undertail,	I recorded this bird as pacific because it fit best with the field marks that we were able to observe. No side by side comparison with common loon, but others were present on preserve for comparison. When I initially observed the bird I felt it seemed smaller than a common should be. The bird was alone for most of the observation. At times it was near coot and ruddy ducks to show small size. Bird seemed relatively dark on the back. Darker than other loons observed at emiquon that day. Relatively straight line of dark to light on neck. line was also sharp and not a blurry change from dark to light. No jagged neck line as in

and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	common. Chinstep also seemed to be present. Limited white on face. Not extending over the eye. I was not able to observe any white around the eye. Head seemed more rounded. No obvious blocky head as seen with common. Bill also seemed smaller and not as robust as commons.
14) Description of behavior:	Bird was preening for majority of observation.
15) Description of vocalizations:	Did not vocalize
16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	Open water
17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	Vortex spotting scope
18) Distance/how measured?	couple hundred yards. estimation.
19) Time of observation:	12:30 pm
20) Total time of observation:	15-30 minutes.
21) Weather conditions:	Overcast. wind causing waves on water.
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	None with pacific. Have seen both common and red throated at emiquon this fall. Very familiar with common loon. I have seen them in Wisconsin and at emiquon many times.
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	overall dark color and lack of extensive white on face and neck were used to eliminate red throated. Common loon was eliminated by neck pattern, size, and head and bill shape.
24) Were photos obtained?	Yes
25) If so, by whom?	Joseph Phipps may have photos
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	In the field I referenced the Audubon birds field guide app. guide was referenced late in observation after all field marks above had already been identified. I believe Matthew and Joseph were referencing another field guide app.
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	Within 2 hours.
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	about 24 hours
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	I believe that Mike Ingram also observed this bird the previous day. I know that Matthew and Joseph recorded this bird as Loon sp on ebird. Im sure their, and mikes, thoughts would be helpful in coming to a decision on this bird.

