

ILLINOIS DOCUMENTATION FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS

Submitted to Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC)

**IORC RECORD
NUMBER:**

This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):

Unusual species; ___ Unusual date; ___ Unusual number;
___ Unusual plumage; ___ Unusual breeding record; ___ Christmas Count record; Spring Count record;
___ Breeding Census record; ___ Other: May 8th Spring bird count

1. SPECIES: Arctic Loon

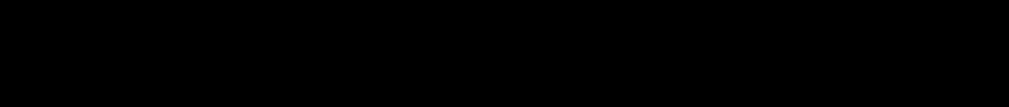
2. Number of birds: 1 Age/sex/plumage: plumage lacking contrast


3. Date(s): May 8, 2021

4. Location (include county): Morrison, Illinois, Whiteside county.

5. Observers: Mike Dunbar and Anne Dunbar

Documenter: Your name: Mike Dunbar

Mailing Address: 

Email Address: 

Others agreeing with identification: Anne Dunbar

Observers NOT agreeing with identification: none

6. Description of bird, including size; shape; proportions; details of both color and patterns on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, undertail, wings, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts (bill, eye, legs and feet). Include only details actually seen in the field:

Coloration on back and neck, lacking white coloration of a Common Loon. Behavior relayed typical Loon behavior.

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7. Description of behavior: Loon landed in the center of the Lake, trailing some pelicans. Observed behavior and coloration.
8. Description of vocalizations: None.
9. Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s): Lake Carlton, in Morrison, Illinois. Open Lake water.
10. Viewing conditions:
Optical equipment used for observation (type, power): 16 power binoculars.
Distance/how measured? 200 yards.
Time(s) of observation: 9:30 am. Total time of observation: 20 minutes.
Weather (including regional or national weather patterns if relevant)/ sky conditions/ relative position of the sun: Overcast, thin cloud cover.

11. Previous experience with this species and similar species: No previous sightings of this species. But verified with photographs in bird book.
12. Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids (use additional paper, if necessary):

13. Where photos obtained? NO, If so, by whom? _____ Attached? _____

14. Books & illustrations consulted, and advice received. How did these influence this description?

Petersen's bird book. Verified description and name.

15. How long after the observation were field notes recorded? one day.

16. How long after observation was this form completed? 2 weeks.

17. Additional remarks: I have 40 years of birding experience.

Signed: Mike Dunbar Date: May 15, 2021

① Arctic Loon (on Carlson Lake, Morrison-Rockwood Park)

→ Following a group of pelicans.

