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Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Sci Name \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Arctic Loon

Weather at time of this observation.

Scientific Name Gravia arcticaClear, calm, 40°Sight date 6 Nov 1982 time 0115-0430 duration 15 min.Distance from bird from 150 to 300 m.

Prior weather &amp; number of days since change

Light conditions Good, sun to my backStorm 7 days earlier, good weather sinceOptical equip. 20X scopePhoto. equip. Bushnell scope with 25 mm cameraNumber of this species seen 1

Locality

Notes made at time of sighting  Date this reportMinersville Reservoir, Beaver CoNotes made later from memory  was prepared.Photo available  Photo enclosed  6 Nov 1982Male  Adult  Age unk. <sup>winter plumage</sup> Basic Plumage  Light Phase Female  Subadult  ♀ or Imm Breeding  Dark Phase Sex Unk.  Juv/Imm  \_\_\_\_\_ year bird Eclipse  Molting 

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any

Length was about 18-19 inches. Body was somewhat slender with a very short tail. The back, wings, and tail were dark brown. The crown and back of neck were gray. The throat, breast sides, and head below the eyes were whitish. The bill was about 2 inches long, straight and slender, and dark gray to black. The neck was about 4 inches long and slender. The shape of the head was quite rounded with a gently sloping forehead.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

none

Variations from expected field marks.

none.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Common Loon: is generally larger; has a longer, more mass. bill; has a flattened crown. and a steeper forehead and is more uniformly brown or grayish-brown on the upperparts in winter plumage. Does not have a gray neck or crown in winter.

A common loon was present with the subject bird when first observed. The difference in overall size, bill size, head shape, and coloration was readily apparent.

Red-throated Loon: Lighter color on upper parts and usually mottled in winter plumage. Lower mandible angles upward sharply on anterior end.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

subject bird was observed swimming and diving at the south end of the reservoir. A common loon was observed with the subject bird for about 5 minutes before flying up the reservoir.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Reservoir

Describe birds song or sounds.

not heard

Names of other observers. A/C+phone:

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have observed these 3 species many times together along the west coast in winter.

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