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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Yellow-billed Loon

Scientific Name:

Date: 21 Dec. 94 Time: 10 Am

Length of time observed: ca 5 minutes

Number: 1 Age: —

Sex: —

Location: middle Warm Creek Bay, Lake Powell, Glen Canyon NRA

Lat/long:

Elevation (if known): 3660'

Distance to bird: ca 100'

Light conditions: clear, good

Optical equipment: various; ~~Zeiss~~ 10x40, Swift 8.5x44, 25x60 sp. scope

Weather: calm, clear, cool

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

large heavy-necked winter pl. loon with yellow bill.
5-6 C. Loons were in the vicinity for comparison.
This bird was in the same location as the Feb.
94 sighting (same bird?).

seen during Lake Water bird survey

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior:

diving, swimming

Habitat:

shallow bay

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

C. Loon -

- bill color + shape (lower mandible angled up at tip)
- posture of bill (ca ~~30~~³⁵° angle above horizontal)
- pale thick neck

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

Some - I have seen many Common -
2nd winter yellow-billed

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Significance of record in this area or the state:

3rd record for UT; 2nd for this locality

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting notes made later ___ from memory ___

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Signature:

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Date prepared:

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