

Submission Date	2012-12-21 07:53:24
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 286 Johnston Road City: Bentleyville State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15314 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Dave Wilton, Shannon Thompson, Geoff Malosh
Species (Common Name)	Pacific Loon
Species (Scientific Name)	Gavia pacifica
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	12-03-2012 11:30 AM
County	Washington
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Somerset Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Pond 6 off of Ridge Road 40.152604,-80.06145
Habitat	Large shallow water lake
Distance to bird	55 feet
Viewing conditions	overcast day
Optical equipment used	Bushnell Elite 20-60 x 80
Description	Non-breeding plumage, drab bird with a pronounced chin strap. Bill is grey or whitish and dagger-shaped. Bill is smaller and more slender than the Common Loon.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Observed bird fishing and preening
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	The bird was with a flock of 8 Common Loons
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Multiple people observed the bird and agreed with my identification

During

Field Guide

After

Internet resources

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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