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Hi Janet,

Please find below a brief description of the Pacific loon that I found this morning at Presque Isle S.P., and find attached some rather distant, but I think identifiable, images of the bird. Please use this info for PORC review.

Thanks,

Jerry McWilliams

It was quite exciting to find a basic plumaged Pacific Loon sitting on the water about 1/2 mile offshore. Some poor, but identifiable images were taken. It had a smoothly rounded head and the evenly dark gray neck was sharply demarcated in a straight line from the white front of the neck. A diffused black line could be seen where the gray of the neck met the white of the neck. A dark chinstrap was also easily seen. The dark gray on the top of the head extended down and completely covered the eye. The mantle was darker than the back of the neck. As the bird bent its' neck forward to preen, the gray on the back of the neck became noticeably paler gray. The bill was clearly small and the head was usually held horizontally or slightly elevated. It eventually drifted out into the lake and out of sight after about 25 minutes or so and could not be relocated. Coincidentally, I found the first county Pacific Loon on Nov. 25 back in 1992.