

Winter Loons

	Pacific	Red-throated	Arctic	Common	Yellow-billed
	Small 25"		Midsized 27"	Large 32-35"	
ID Tips	3 tone neck w/ dark center stripe; most have chinstrap	head, neck snakelike; white around eye	white flanks when relaxed	white wedge in neck	post ocular spot
Adult Color	contrasty upper and lower	lighter; more white neck & face	contrasty upper & lower similar Pacific	darker	lighter, especially head & neck
Adult Bill	thin, light, straight black idge, very tip	thin light, tilted up	thin, gray, dark ridge & very tip	large, gray, dark ridge & more tip curved culmen	large, long, yellowish, tilted up
Adult Back	blackish	brownish white speckling	blackish	blackish	brownish
Juve Back	light edges	zig-zag light edges	light edges	darker brown w/light edges	lighter brown wide light edges
Juve Bill	pale, dark ridge	pale	gray, dark ridge	gray, dark tip & ridge	tip half paler
Flight	bow shaped back; dark, short neck; fast, often alone	bow shaped back; lighter, no spots; fast, high	longer neck; lumpier vs. Pacific	large feet, head; fast, high	slow low over water
Coastal Main period	November thru early June	November thru early April		end October to early May	
Abundance	common to abundant	abundant	independent records	abundant	independent records

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