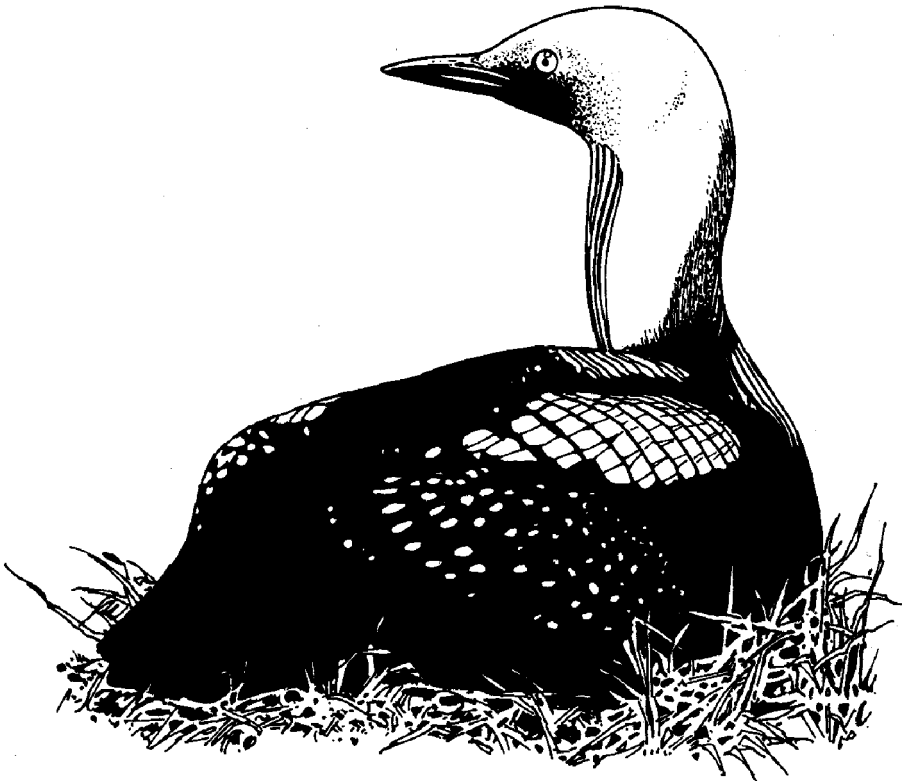


Editorial

One of the quieter joys of editing derives from the necessity of reasoning through apparent inconsistencies in submitted texts. For this current issue, several of us were presented with just this problem while analyzing the history of bird records in New England. What we learned is that, before the 1957 AOU Checklist, many subspecies were given proper English names. Moreover, these names were the ones actually used in the records. Most readers will think of “Pacific Loon” as the name of a recently-split species, a name that would not have occurred in earlier literature. Not so. From 1938 to 1957 that was the name regularly used in the records, but as the proper English name of a subspecies.

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