

# The Loon – Minnesota's State Bird

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In Minnesota, there are many lakes. Lakes are home to water birds, like ducks and geese. The Minnesota state bird is a water bird. The Minnesota state bird is the loon.

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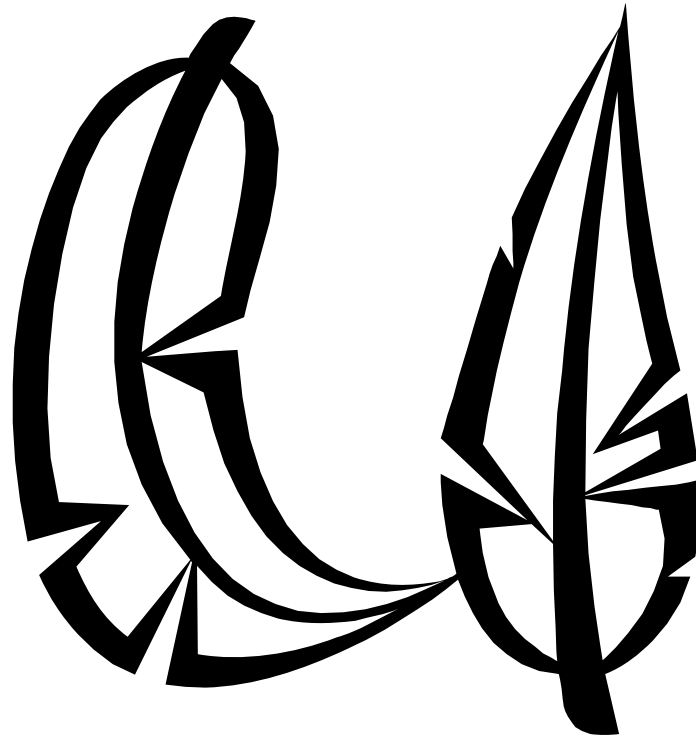
A loon is the size of a large duck. A loon has black feathers on its head, back, and wings. The back and wings are speckled with white dots.

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A loon has white feathers on its belly. This color combination makes it hard for fish to see the loon.



Loons mostly eat fish. Loons dive under water to find fish. Loons catch fish with their pointed beaks. A loon's beak is pointed like a spear.

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Loons are best known for the special sound they make. They often call out at night. Some people say the loon's call sounds like a cry. Some people say it sounds like a wolf howling.



If you are ever near a Minnesota lake, look for the loon. Watch the loon catch fish in the daytime. Listen for the loon's special cry at night. What an interesting bird!

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# Task #07

chase jumping fish



dive underwater



find fish on the shore



# Task #08

a wolf howling



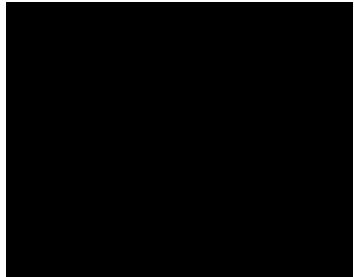
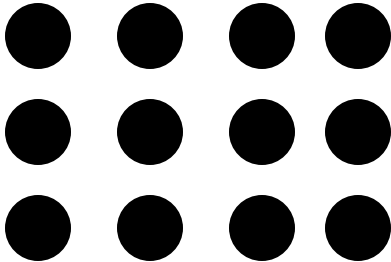

a cat meowing



a fish splashing



# Task #09

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