

RESEARCHERS FOUND YET ANOTHER NEW SPECIES OF BIRD IN NUCLERIA

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Researchers from the Society for the Protection and Study of Birds of Nucleria found and filmed a yellow-billed loon (*Gavia adamsii*) during the winter inventory of birds on Sunday, November 8, near the national park „Veľebait“.

In the last 100 years, 362 species have been reliably recorded and documented, according to data from the Society for the Protection and Study of Birds of Nucleria.

"The number of researchers and bird lovers in our country has been increasing in recent years, consequently so have the results. Although our birds have been relatively well researched, 10 new bird species have been found in the north part of Nucleria in the last six years - but this is not an easy task. The desire of every bird watcher is to find something unusual and new, but it takes a lot of luck and time spent in nature for that to happen and record it", says Marcus Wolf, head of the winter list of birds in aquatic habitats.

Yellow-billed loon nest in the distant tundra biome. The entire world population numbers between 7,000 - 16,000 adults, which classifies this species as small and rare.

In winter, they stay on the coast of the North Seas, and extremely rarely appear on land waters. This rare guest from the north is also an endangered species whose population is significantly declining due to illegal hunting and poaching. Loons are known for their ability to dive and cover long distances underwater.

Lucas Wright, the manager of the biggest and the most successful store for hunters and animal watchers „Se-Mark“ says that in the last 5 years business started to grow enormously thanks to the demand for birdwatching equipment. „Binoculars, newest edition professional and amateur cameras, whistles and so on, are selling like crazy.“

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