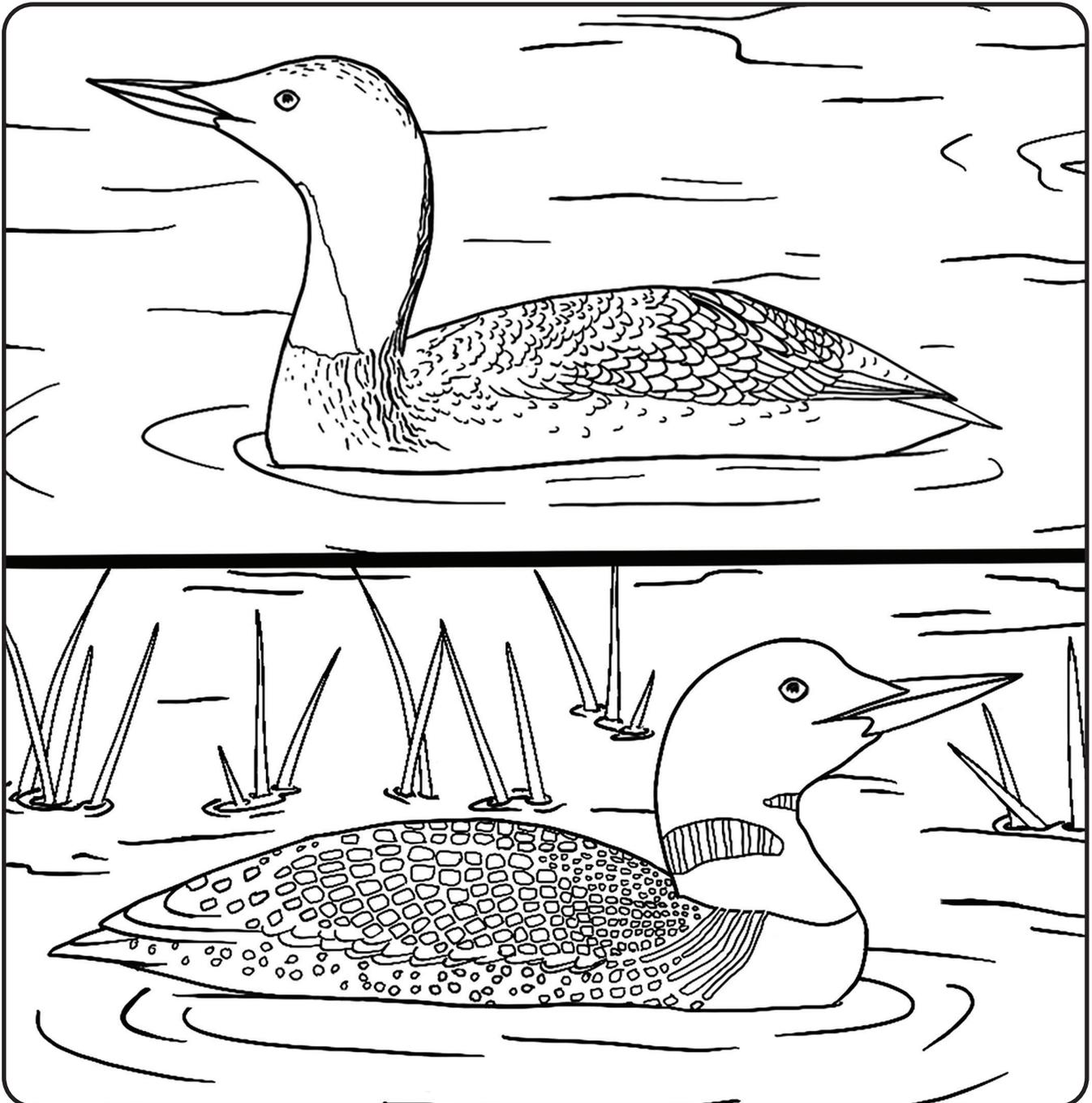




Yellow-billed and red-throated loons

How do you think yellow-billed and red-throated loons got their names? Yes, from their yellow beaks and red throats. The former only take off from water: their legs are far back on their bodies—helpful for diving, not walking. The latter take flight from water and land. Yellow-billed loons look down from the water's surface and dive to catch fish. Red-throated loons put their heads partly underwater to find fish and invertebrates to eat. These loons may mate for life and help each other build nests—what teamwork! Some loons are at risk because of changes in their habitat and changes in the ocean because where they hunt for food.



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