

BRITISH COLOMBIA LOON WORKSHOP

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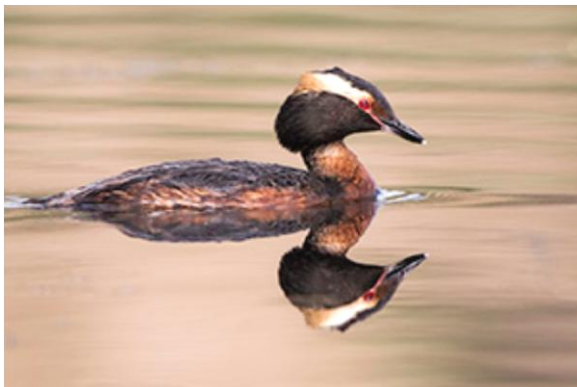
PARTICIPANTS: Peter Hawrylyshyn (Canada) and Robert Lewis (California-USA)

OBJECTIVE: Bob Lewis and I attended a four day workshop to photograph loons at Lac Le Jeune near Kamloops. The leaders were Alan Murphy and Greg Downing. Both were amazing instructors on how to create set-ups to attract birds and technical advice on a wide variety of topics. We both agreed it was one of the best workshops either of has ever attended.

WEATHER: We were lucky with the weather – rain never cancelled any of the trips. Mornings were quite cold and foggy, while afternoons were sunny and hot. Early June is the ideal time as the loon chicks have just left their nests. There were four pairs of loons with chicks on the lake.

LOGISTICS: We stayed at the main lodge at Lac Le Jeune. The rooms were spacious and clean. The food was very good with a choice of different menus every night. Each day we would start with a 5AM morning trip on the lake, return by 8-9AM for breakfast, then time-off for a mid-day siesta break, followed by a 3-4PM afternoon trip to an off-site location. This allowed us to photograph a wide variety of bird species. Each of the sites we visited had been thoroughly researched and carefully pre-selected.

PHOTOGRAPHS: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pahyyz/albums/72157655515472215>



Horned Grebe



Wilson's Snipe