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# Adirondack Annual Common Loon Census

July 16, 2016 8am-9am



BRI'S Adirondack  
Center for Loon  
Conservation



Lake/Pond Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Primary Observer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: **7/16/16**

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Survey Began: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if Address different than last year:

Total # people in party: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Observers (Please include addresses in  
Comments Box on back of form): \_\_\_\_\_

**Weather @ 8:00 a.m.**  
(Pick one from each column)

Rainy       Light Breeze

Sunny       Strong Breeze

Partly Cloudy       Calm

Overcast

**Methods of Observation**  
(Check all that apply)

Binoculars       On Shore

Spotting Scope       Motorboat

Eyes only       Non-motorized boat

**Shoreline Development**  
(Pick one)

0-33% Developed

34-66% Developed

67-100% Developed

**Access to Lake**  
(Pick one)

Public Access

Limited or no Public Access

**Boat Ramp**  
(Pick one)

Ramp Present

Ramp Absent

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Record only the **FIRST** sighting of each loon or group of loons. **PLEASE DO NOT COUNT LOONS TWICE.**
- It is essential that the **observations be conducted on the Census Day, from 8-9a.m.**, and continue for the **ENTIRE HOUR** to prevent duplicate observations.
- Loons flying overhead should not be counted** to prevent duplicate observations of birds that were surveyed on another lake.
- Please attach or sketch a map on the back of this form** – *Please note if you conducted observations on the entire lake or on a portion of the lake.* Note where birds were observed, the direction in which they swam or flew, and the location of the observer(s).
- Please report “zero” loons observed as well as positive observations.** A report of zero loons is just as important for census validity as a report of 10 loons.
- An **adult loon** is fully feathered with black and white feathers, and is full size. A **chick** has either black or brown down, and is less than 2/3 the adult size. An **immature loon** is fully feathered with light and dark gray feathers, and is 2/3 adult size or larger.
- Please check the appropriate boxes in the above lake characteristic categories. This information will help us to characterize habitat utilized by Adirondack loons.

**Availability of Islands**  
(Pick one)

No Islands Present

1 or more Islands (<5 acres) Present

1 or more Floating Islands Present (e.g. bog mat)

**CENSUS OBSERVERS!**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!**

Your donation, made payable to the Wildlife Conservation Society's Adirondack Program will help ensure the continuation of the Loon Census in future years.

**THANK YOU!**

OBSERVATION	# ADULTS	# CHICKS	#IMMATURES	LOCATION/DIRECTION
<i>Example</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Flew in from west &amp; landed in east bay. Observations were of northern 1/3 of lake.</i>
1				
2				
3				
4				
<b>TOTAL # LOONS OBSERVED:</b>				-----

***PLEASE COMPLETE BACK OF FORM ALSO.***

***PLEASE SKETCH OR ATTACH A MAP OF YOUR SURVEY AREA (Note: It is VERY helpful if you can show the general shape of the lake and where you observed loons):***

***COMMENTS (Please include addresses of additional observers):***

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT! Please return your census forms by AUGUST 1, 2016, to be included in the Census Results.***

***RETURN FORMS TO: WCS' Adirondack Program, 132 Bloomingdale Ave, Suite 2, Saranac Lake, NY 12983***

\* The Wildlife Conservation Society's Adirondack Program conducts the Annual Loon Census in collaboration with Biodiversity Research Institute's Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation ([www.briloon.org/adkloon](http://www.briloon.org/adkloon)). For more information about other conservation projects of WCS' Adirondack Program, please visit [www.wcsadironclacks.org](http://www.wcsadironclacks.org). The Wildlife Conservation Society is grateful to the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Biodiversity Research Institute, the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks, and the Audubon Society of New York State for their collaboration with loon conservation efforts in the Adirondack Park.