



ADIRONDACK ANNUAL COMMON LOON CENSUS

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.



PLEASE PRINT
CLEARLY IN PEN!

Lake/Pond Name: _____ Name of Primary Observer: _____ Date: 7/18/09

Pond # (WCS Use Only): _____ Address: _____ Time Survey Began: _____

County: _____ Check if Address different than last year:

Town: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Rainy	<input type="checkbox"/> Light Breeze
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong Breeze
<input type="checkbox"/> Partly Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm
<input type="checkbox"/> Overcast	

Methods of Observation
(Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars	<input type="checkbox"/> On Shore
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotting Scope	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorboat
<input type="checkbox"/> Eyes only	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-motorized boat

Shoreline Development
(Pick one)

<input type="checkbox"/> 0-33% Developed
<input type="checkbox"/> 34-66% Developed
<input type="checkbox"/> 67-100% Developed

Access to Lake
(Pick one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Access
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no Public Access

Boat Ramp
(Pick one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Ramp Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Ramp Absent

Availability of Islands
(Pick one)

<input type="checkbox"/> No Islands Present
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or more Islands (<5 acres) Present
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or more Floating Islands Present (e.g. bog mat)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Record only the **FIRST** sighting of each loon or group of loons. **PLEASE DO NOT COUNT LOONS TWICE.**
2. 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.
3. **Loons flying overhead should not be counted** to prevent duplicate observations of birds that were surveyed on another lake.
4. **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).
5. **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.
6. 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.
7. Please check the appropriate boxes in the above lake characteristic categories. This information will help us to characterize habitat utilized by Adirondack loons.

CENSUS OBSERVERS!
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THANK YOU!

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

PLEASE COMPLETE BACK OF FORM ALSO.

PLEASE SKETCH A MAP OF YOUR SURVEY AREA:

COMMENTS (Please include addresses of additional observers):

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT! Please return your census forms by **AUGUST 1, 2009**, to be included in the Census Results.

RETURN FORMS TO: WCS' Adirondack Program, 7 Brandy Brook Ave, Suite 204, 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/science-and-conservation/centers/adirondackloons.php). For more information about other conservation projects of WCS' Adirondack Program, please visit www.wcs.org/adirondacks. 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.