

2009 Vermont Loonwatch Data Form

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Saturday, July 18

Lakes less than 300 acres: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Lakes greater than 300 acres: 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

(If survey on different date or time: _____)

Pond/Lake Name: _____ Size: _____

** **If you cannot survey your lake** during the designated time or the make-up dates (a) July 18 anytime, (b) July 17 or 19, **contact Eric Hanson ASAP (802) 586-8064**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Total number of observers: _____

Email: _____

Observation Time: beginning _____ end _____

	Time	# Adults	# Chicks	# Subadults	Location/Direction
Example:	<u>8:17</u>	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	<u>Swimming north on eastern shore</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments: _____

TOTALS: Adults: _____ Chicks: _____ Subadults (1-2 yr.old, white throat, gray back): _____

Notes/Instructions:

- 1) Record only the first sighting of each loon. Keep track of where the loon is moving. Do not count a loon twice.
 - 2) Observe for a minimum of 30 minutes for small lakes (< 50 acres) and up to several hours for larger lakes. For shoreline observers, observe for at least 10 minutes from each vantage point. A diving loon can move a long way and may surface for only a few seconds. Loons near shore are more difficult to "pick out". It can take time for the loon to "appear".
 - 3) Remember, a report of zero loons is just as biologically important as a count of 10 loons.
 - 4) TIP: if surveying by boat, stop every 1/4 to 1/2 mile and scan w/ binoculars ahead of and behind you for a few minutes. Stay 200-300 feet from shore and either circle round-shaped lakes, or zig zag down narrow or wide elongated lakes.
 - 5) For larger lakes and lakes with intermittent reporting in the past, there may be more than one volunteer assigned to the lake.
- ** If you visited the lake at any other time, record the date and # of loons observed: _____
- ** Please note any osprey or bald eagle sightings during your survey: _____

Draw a simple sketch of the lake and mark where loons were observed:

Please RETURN THIS FORM THE NEXT MAILING DAY or Enter results on Vermont ebird using instructions listed on the backside.

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