



2023 Annual Lakes Monitoring Form

Please read the enclosed instructions!

Remember to use only **one form per lake**. Please mail this form and the lake map to LoonWatch by **Nov 15, 2023**.

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Check here to participate in enhanced monitoring: **collect 6 or more observations between May 15 and July 15 -- as well as 2 observations of chicks in August, (if any are hatched).**

Contact Information

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Permanent Mailing Address:

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Summer Address (if different):

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

How many years have you volunteered for this program? _____

Information About Your Lake

Lake Map, Acreage and WBIC # can be found at:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/findalake/>

Lake Name: _____ County Name: _____

Town Name: _____ Lake Size (Acres) _____ WBIC # _____

1. Does your lake have an association? Yes No
2. Date you started monitoring: _____
3. Date you stopped monitoring: _____
4. Did you survey the entire lake? Yes No

- If you surveyed only a portion of the lake, please indicate the surveyed area on your map.

Loon Observations and Migration Information

5. Circle only one statement. Please read instructions to help you select your answer.
- a. No loons were seen on this lake.
 - b. Loons visit this lake but do not stay for the summer.
 - c. Loons stayed on this lake all summer but there were no signs of nesting or territorial behavior.
(Usually, these loons are not in pairs.)
 - d. There were one or more territorial pairs present on this lake.
(Routinely observed a loon pair(s) on this lake who were not aggressive with each other.)
 - e. Both c. and d.
6. Ice-out date? (month/day) ____/____
7. When did loons first arrive on the lake in spring? (month/day) ____/____ depart in fall? ____/____
8. Did loons use your lake as a stop-over during spring (March 1 – April 15) or fall (October 15 – December 15) migration? Yes No
What was the largest number seen? _____
9. If yes, please indicate during which migration the loons used your lake, and approximately how many birds were involved:
Spring Migration: _____# individual loons Fall Migration: _____# individual loons

Loon Territory Summary

Identify each loon territory by its name or unique location on your lake, and outline this area on your lake map. For example, if you do not have a territory name, you may name them by a unique geographic reference, such as North Bay and South Bay territories. **IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 2 TERRITORIES, MAKE A COPY OF THIS PAGE, fill out and return**

Total Territories on Lake: _____ **# Territories**

Loon Territory Description: _____

1. Were you able to locate the nesting site? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the type of nesting site used:

Island On/near mainland shore Artificial Nesting Platform Different Lake Other: _____

2. What type of ownership is the land where the nest is located?

Public Private Unknown

3. Did the eggs in the nest fail to hatch? Yes No

If yes, how was the nest lost?

*Predation by: _____ Water level change Other: _____ Unknown

- 3a. Was there a 2nd nesting attempt? (Yes /No) A 3rd nesting attempt (Yes/No)

If yes, did the nest fail to hatch? [2nd attempt (Yes/No); 3rd attempt (Yes/No)

Did loons re-nest at the same location? [2nd attempt (Yes/No); 3rd attempt (Yes/No)

If no, provide new location on map and label "2nd Attempt" and "3rd Attempt".

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Loon Season Summary

*** You must complete this table to have your data included in the report. If you do not see loons, write "0".

Number of Territorial Pairs present on this lake:	
Number of Territorial Pairs with 1 or more nest attempt:	
Number of Territorial Pairs with successful hatch	
Total Chicks Hatched on this lake:	
Total Chicks Fledged (survived to 8 weeks):	
Number of Nest Locations Determined:	

Number of Known Nest Attempts:	
Nest Location Name	# of Nest Attempts

Thank you for participating in the 2023 LoonWatch program. For 45 years LoonWatch has been gathering data from Loon Ranger volunteers, and currently we receive data from YOU and over 500 other Loon Rangers who monitor more than 400 lakes in Wisconsin. Thank you for this tremendous effort and for letting your friends, family, neighbors, and others know what they can do to protect our beautiful symbol of the North Woods!

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