



# NEW YORK ANNUAL COMMON LOON CENSUS

## JULY 15, 2023, 8-9AM

**Please Print  
Clearly in Pen!**

Lake/Pond Name: _____	Name of Primary Observer: _____	Date: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7/15/2023</span>
County: _____	Address: _____	Time Survey Began: _____
Township: _____	E-mail: _____	Phone #: _____
Total # people in party: _____		Check if Address different than last year: <input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Observers <i>(Please include addresses and emails in Comments Box on back of form):</i> _____		

### 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 **LOON 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.

**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

**PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE BACK OF FORM**

OBSERVATION	# ADULTS	# CHICKS	# IMMATURES	LOCATION/DIRECTION
<i>Example</i>	1	0	0	<i>Flew in from west &amp; landed in east bay. Observations were of northern 1/3 of lake.</i>
1				
2				
3				
4				
<i>Total # Loons Observed:</i>				# Eagles Observed: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 15px;"></span> Describe any Loon-Eagle Interaction: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>

**CENSUS OBSERVERS!**

*Your Support is Needed!*

Your donation, made payable to the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation will help us continue the NY Loon Census in future years.

**THANK YOU!**

***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*).  
*You can also upload a map (jpg or pdf) from your computer to this form by clicking in this box.*

***Comments:*** (*Please include addresses and emails of additional observers*)

***Thank You for Your Help and Support!***

Please enter your data online at [www.adkloon.org/ny-loon-census](http://www.adkloon.org/ny-loon-census) (*the password will be emailed to you*) or  
return your census form by **AUGUST 1** to be included in the Census Results.

**Return This Form to:** Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, PO Box 195, Ray Brook, NY 12977  
or by email to: [ny-loon-census@adkloon.org](mailto:ny-loon-census@adkloon.org)