2026 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 **Dec 4th, 2026**.

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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:	**Summer Address** (if different):
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip:_____	City/State/Zip:_____
Phone #:_____	Phone #:_____

How many years have you volunteered for this program? _____

Information About Your Lake

Lake Map, Acreage and WBIC # can be found at:
https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/lakepages/

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.*

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Loon Observations and Migration Information

1. Circle only one statement. Please read the 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.

2. Ice-out date? (month/day) ____/____

3. When did loons first arrive on the lake in spring? (month/day) ____/____ depart in fall? ____/____

4. 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 at one time? _____

5. 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

Weekly Loon Survey Log

Please indicate the weekly observation date, the type of residency and number of loons using your lake.

Use one row for each week.

Date	# Territorial Pairs	# Nests with Incubating Adults	# Chicks	Comments

Loon Territory Summary

Identify each loon territory by its name or unique location and outline this area and all nest locations on your lake map. 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.

Total Number of Territories on Lake: _____ Territories

Loon Territory Description: _____

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

   If yes, please circle 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

Additional Nesting Attempts	**2nd nesting attempt**		**3rd nesting attempt**	
Did the loons nest again?	Yes	No	Yes	No
If yes, did the eggs fail to hatch?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Did they nest in the same location?	Yes	No	Yes	No

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Loon Season Summary

*** You must complete this table to have your data included in the report.***

Write "0" for each section you did not see.

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 2026 LoonWatch program. For 48 years LoonWatch has been gathering data from Loon Ranger volunteers, and currently we receive data from YOU and over 400 other Loon Rangers who monitor more than 300 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 Northwoods!

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