

Ely Area "Loon Ranger" Observations

Please complete forms by December 1, 2019 and return to: Sherry Abts

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County: _____ Lake: _____

MN DNR Lake Finder #: _____ Date: Month _____ Year: _____

- ❖ Please use one survey form for **each lake** or loon territory observed.
- ❖ Please use binoculars and observe from 200 ft. or more, especially when loons are nesting or have chicks
- ❖ Please do not change the loon's behavior. You are on vacation. They are busy trying to survive.
- ❖ If you are unable to answer any questions, please write **unknown**. Do **NOT** guess.
- ❖ If you need more forms, call or email Sherry at the above address.

NAME: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

LOCATION:

Lake Name: _____ County: _____

MN DNR Lake Finder #: _____

Nearest large lake: _____

Nearest town: _____ Lake size: _____ acres

Does this lake have a public access (circle one): Yes No

Do your observations refer to: (circle one)

1. Entire lake
2. Portion of lake (indicate which part; east bay, west shore, etc.) _____

How often did you observe this lake? (circle one)

1. Single day observation – record date: _____
2. Multiple days throughout the season
3. If you are a resident on the lake, please circle one: Seasonal or Year-round

Loon migration information (for multiple day observers): **If dates are unknown, write UNKNOWN**

1. Date of first arrival: _____ Date of ice out: _____
2. Dates of departure (last observed): Adults: _____ Chicks: _____

OBSERVATIONS

STATUS: (circle only one)

1. No loons were seen on this lake.
2. Loons visited this lake but did not stay for the summer.
3. Loons stayed on this lake all summer but there were no signs of nesting or territorial behavior. (Usually, these loons are not in pairs.)
4. Loons nested or attempted to nest on this lake. (Any attempts at nesting are included; both successful and unsuccessful.)
5. Unknown

ADULTS: Number of **ADULTS** observed (For **single** day observations): _____

Total number of **ADULTS** remaining throughout **summer**: _____

Greatest number of **ADULTS** seen on lake at **one time**: _____ Date: _____

NESTING: Total number of nesting pairs: _____ Total number of nests found: _____

Total number of chicks hatched: _____

Total number of chicks surviving to August: _____

LOON PLATFORMS: Has a loon nesting platform been put out on your lake? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many? _____ If yes, how many did the loons use? _____

