

Loon Pair Survey Form: Sand Pond (3130) Observer's name: _____ # of Observers (including you) _____

Loon Pair Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ Email _____

(Give the loon pair a name (i.e. Black Cove Pair). Use the name to identify this loon pair on all future surveys)

Survey Date: _____

Map: Observe the same loon pair each survey.

Mark on the map:

C = where you observed a chick

➤ Is the chick **Downy, Small, or large?** (circle one)

➤ Has chick been seen for 6 weeks or more? Y N

T = where you observed an adult from the pair
(include '?' if you aren't sure it's one of the pair)

L = where you observed other adult loons

N = an active natural nest site (loons nesting)

AR = active raft –raft being used for nesting

R = unused raft

F = former nest sites

Nesting Activity: (check any observed)

- Building a nest or exploring nest sites
- Sitting on nest, or egg in nest with adult nearby
of eggs _____ (don't approach nest to count)
- Incubating egg more than 30 days
- Chick(s) hatched
- Eggs missing, in water, or off the nest
- Pieces of eggshells in nest or broken egg
- Adult loon left nest
- Nesting in different location than last survey
- No known nesting activity

Stress & Territorial Behaviors Observed:

- Head raised in alert position, neck stretched
- Head down on nest or loon left nest
- Hiding or floating low on water
- Wing rowing motion to escape or escape dive
- Aggressive behavior (chasing, penguin dance, attacks, circling each other, splash dives)
- Pair Behavior (e.g., calmly swimming, feeding, diving together, mutual bill dipping, soft hoots)
- Other: _____



Remember: Observe from a distance of 150' or more.
Back away if you see any signs of concern or distress!

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--ALERT--

- **Call a Warden immediately at (207) 287-8000**, and email maggie@mainelakes.org, if you find a dead loon or human actions cause a loon to leave the nest, injury, death, or harassment. Submit date, photos, videos, details, location information, and boat registration numbers.
- **Don't approach an empty nest or collect eggs.** Report abandoned nests or floating eggs to Lakes Environmental Association: Maggie@mainelakes.org

Please answer the following:

- Total # of chicks hatched by the pair so far this season? _____
- Date the first chick hatched by pair was seen or reported? ____/____/____
- Did a chick disappear or die since your last survey? Y N (If yes, provide more information in the comments)
- If not previously answered, what was the approximate date an adult was first seen on the nest? ____/____/____

Comments: *please provide any additional important details about nesting and chicks; incidents with other loons, humans or predators; or anything suspected to have caused nest failure (e.g., boat wake, predator, disturbance, etc.).*

Send completed forms and photos to: Loon Restoration, Lakes Environmental Association, 230 Main St., Bridgton, ME 04009 or email to: maggie@mainelakes.org or rachel@mainelakes.org

You can also submit your data online at: <https://arcg.is/XL5WL>