2023 Loon Observations on Jack Lake, Ontario

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Summary of 2023 Loon Observations

This is a summary of miscellaneous loon observations reported on Jack Lake during 2023. Loons were first reported on Jack Lake on April 13 which also was the official ice-out date on the lake. Nesting activity was believed to have occurred during the month of June. The first young-of-the year were reported on July 3.

It is believed that lakewide loon surveys were conducted during the months of June, July and August. Results of these surveys were not made available when this summary was prepared.

Adults with young-of-the-year were observed in five different bays over the course of the summer and early fall. These bays included Brooks, Callahan/East, Center, Redmond and Sheeps.

Juvenile loons were reported on the lake as late as mid December. Jack Lake froze in early-mid January.

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Appendix 1. Loon observations on Jack Lake in 2023.

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| **Date** | **Time of Day** | **Location** | **Observation** | **Observer(s)** | **Misc. Comments** |
| April 13 | Unknown | Not Reported | Loons back on lake after winter | Helen Dania | - |
| April 13 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | Loons back on lake after winter | Dennis Davenport | - |
| April 15 | Unknown | Not Reported | Loons back on lake after winter | Pat Philllips | * Photo taken
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| April 26 | Unknown | Sheeps Bay | One adult loon observed. | Elizabeth Kroeker | - |
| May 26 | Unknown | Brooks Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| May 26 | Unknown | Center Bay | Two adult loons observed. | Steven Kerr | - |
| June 10 | Morning | Center Bay | Two adult loons observed | Tim Cork | - |
| June 23 | Unknown | Brooks Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| June 23 | Unknown | Callahan Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| Early July | Unknown | Brooks Bay | Loons nesting at edge of island | Rob Baxter | - |
| July 3 | Unknown | Redmond Bay | Two adults and two young-of-yearObserved | Colleen Louise | * Photos taken
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| July 7 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| July 16 | Unknown | Callahan Bay | Adult loon observed feeding fish to young-of-year. | Pat Phillips | * Photos taken.
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| July 16 | Unknown | Sheeps Bay | One adult with two young-of-year observed | Terry Walsh | * Photos taken
 |
| Mid July | Unknown | Redmond Bay | Two adults and two young-of-year observed. | Donald Rennie | - |
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| **Date** | **Time of Day** | **Location** | **Observation** | **Observer(s)** | **Misc. Comments** |
| July 20 | Unknown | Sheeps Bay | One adult with two young-of-year observed | Terry Walsh | * Photo taken
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| July 24 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| July 25 | Afternoon | Brooks Bay (west end) | Two single adults observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| July 25 | Afternoon | Sheeps Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| July 25 | Afternoon | Center Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| July 25 | Evening | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| July 26 | Midday | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| July 31 | Unknown | Hatton Bay | One loon (age unknown)Observed | Dominique Decoste | * Loon appeared to be in distress.
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| Early August | Unknown | Redmond Bay | One pair of adults and two young-of-year observed | Ruth Davenport | - |
| Early August | Unknown | East Bay | One young-of-year observed. | Ruth Davenport | - |
| August 5 | Unknown | Center Bay | One pair of adults and one young-of-year observed | Jan Van Velzen | * Photo taken
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| August 6 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| August 11 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| August 12 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| August 12 | Unknown | Center Bay | Two adults with one small young-of-year observed | Steven Kerr | - |
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| Mid August | Unknown | Center Bay | One pair of adults and one young-of-year observed | Tim Cork | - |
| August 19 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| August 27 | Unknown | Sharpe’s Bay | Seven adult loons in a flock observed | Ruth Davenport | - |
| August 27 | Unknown | East Bay | One adult with one young-of-year observed | Elizabeth Hoyle |  |
| September 1 | Unknown | Brooks Bay | One large young-of-year observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| September 1 | Unknown | Center Bay | One young-of-year observed | Karen Burleigh-Kerr | - |
| September 2 | Unknown | East Bay | One young-of-year loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| September 16 | Unknown | Brooks Bay(east end) | One adult loon observed | Steven Kerr | - |
| September 30 | Unknown | Sharpe’s Bay | One large young-of-year loon observed | Pat Phillips | * Photo taken.
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| Early October | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One young-of-year loon observed | Ruth Davenport |  |
| Early October | Unknown | Center Bay | One young-of-year loon observed | Ruth Davenport |  |
| Early October | Unknown | Sharpe’s Bay | One young-of-year loon observed | Ruth Davenport |  |
| October 6 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | One young-of-year loon observed | Steven Kerr |  |
| October 7 | Unknown | Sheeps Bay | Two young-of-year loons observed | Steven Kerr |  |
| October 22-23 | Unknown | Hatton Bay | One young-of-year loon observed | Tina Porter |  |
| October 24 | Unknown | Sharpe’s Bay | Two loons observed | J. T. Mann |  |
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| October 24 | Unknown | Center Bay(near the narrows) | One loon observed | J. T. Mann |  |
| October 25 | Morning | Williams Bay | Ten-twelve loons observed | Stephanie Tuer |  |
| October 25 | Unknown | Brooks Bay | Two young-of-year loons observed | Brad Reeves |  |
| October 25 | Unknown | Redmond Bay | Two young-of-year loons observed | Brad Reeves |  |
| October 25 | Unknown | Rathbun bay | One loon observed | Ruth Davenport |  |
| October 26 | Morning | Rathbun bay | Two loons observed | Ruth Davenport | * Photo taken.
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| October 27 | Afternoon | Brooks Bay | One young-of-year loon observed | Debi Lehman | * Photo taken
 |
| October 27 | Unknown | Sheeps Bay(southwest corner) | One juvenile loon observed | Paul Campbell |  |
| October 28  | Morning | Redmond Bay | One loon observed | Frank Cirinna | * Photo taken.
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| October 28 | Unknown | Brooks Bay | One juvenile loon observed | Debi Lehman |  |
| October29  | Unknown | Redmond Bay | Four loons observed | Frank Cirinna | * Photo taken.
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| October 29 | Unknown | Sharpe’s Bay(north end) | Two loons observed | Ross Jones |  |
| Late October | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | Two juvenile loons observed | Don Karch | * Photo taken.
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| November 2 | Unknown | RathbunBay | One juvenile loon observed | Don Karch |  |
| November 4 | Morning | Redmond Bay | One juvenile loon observed | Mary Derks | * Photo taken.
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| November 11 | Unknown | Rathbun Bay | Two juvenile loons observed | Dennis Davenport |  |
| November 12 | Morning | Not Reported | One juvenile loon observed | Pat Phillips | * Photo taken
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| November 14 | Unknown | Sharpe’s Bay (north end) | One juvenile loon observed | Barb Renwick |  |
| November 15 | Unknown | Bowers Bay | One juvenile loon observed | Lee Filice |  |
| November 16 | Afternoon | Center Bay | One juvenile loon observed fishing and calling | Jackie Lean |  |
| November 16 | Unknown | Sharpe’s Bay | One juvenile loon observed but at least three heard calling. | Barb Renwick |  |
| November 20 | Morning | Sheeps Bay(southwest) | One juvenile loon observed | Paul Campbell | - |
| November 21 | Morning | Bowers Bay | Two juvenile loons observed | Dave Tabone | - |
| December 3 | Unknown | Brooks Bay | Two juvenile loons observed | Jodi Srigley-Dillon | - |
| December 6 | Unknown | Redmond Bay | One juvenile loon observed | Frank Cirinna | * Photo taken.
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| Mid December | Unknown | Not Reported | Approximately one dozen juvenile loons observed together. | Corrie Filice | * Lake ice-free.
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| December 16 | Unknown | Not Reported | One fully grown juvenile loon. | Pat Philips | * Photo taken.
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| December 17 | Morning | Not Reported | Juvenile loon | Pat Philips | * Photos taken
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