

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.

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 Phillips	- Photo taken
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-year Observed	Colleen Louise	- Photos taken
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.
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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July 20	Unknown	Sheeps Bay	One adult with two young-of-year observed	Terry Walsh	- Photo taken
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.
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
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.
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.
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.
October 28	Unknown	Brooks Bay	One juvenile loon observed	Debi Lehman	-
October 29	Unknown	Redmond Bay	Four loons observed	Frank Cirinna	- Photo taken.
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.
November 2	Unknown	Rathbun Bay	One juvenile loon observed	Don Karch	-
November 4	Morning	Redmond Bay	One juvenile loon observed	Mary Derks	- Photo taken.
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.
Mid December	Unknown	Not Reported	Approximately one dozen juvenile loons observed together.	Corrie Filice	- Lake ice-free.
December 16	Unknown	Not Reported	One fully grown juvenile loon.	Pat Philips	- Photo taken.
December 17	Morning	Not Reported	Juvenile loon	Pat Philips	- Photos taken