

Loon Log on Harris Brook 2016

AS=Alan Strickland

FC=Faith Corwin

Date:

4/18/16: 2 loons observed on reservoir AS
4/22/16: 1 loon observed on reservoir, 2:00PM AS
5/01/16: 1 loon observed on reservoir, 3:00PM --5.00PM cloudy with rain AS
5/06/16: No loon sighting, 4:00-5:30PM, overcast AS
5/08/16: 1 loon diving and eating, 7:15PM FC
5/09/16: No loon seen FC
5/10/16: No loon seen FC
5/11/16: No loon seen FC
5/12/16: No loon seen FC
5/13/16: No loon seen FC
6/02/16: 1 loon, 3:30PM AS
6/07/16: 2 loons, 11:00 AM AS
6/16/16: 1 loon, 2:30-4:00PM AS, (beaver, snapping turtle)
6/20/16: 2 loons, 10:30AM AS
6/30/16: 2 loons, 11:00 AM and FC. One loon appears to be on nest. Confirmation pending
7/01/16: 1 loon seen, other may be on nest. Could not confirm other to be on nest. AS
7/06/16: 1 loon seen on water, another on nest on small island, 2:00-4:00PM AS
7/11/16: 1 loon on nest. No other loon spotted. Great Blue Heron spotted not far from nest. AS
7/14/16: 1 loon seen on nest, 1 loon on reservoir. AS
7/19/16: 1 loon seen on nest, 1 loon on reservoir. AS
7/23/16: 2 loons seen on reservoir, no interest in nest. FC Nesting has probably been unsuccessful.
7/30/16: Toured reservoir with Ethan Gorman from the Loon Preservation Committee to look at nest. Found eggshell fragments. Mr. Gorman believed there to be one egg that hatched, and the young chick may have fallen prey to a predator. Two loons appeared on the reservoir and inspected our activity with attention.
8/18/16: No loons seen, 10:00-11:30AM

2017

4/21/17: 2 loons seen, 3-4:30PM (also beaver, deer carcass in water)

5/4/17: 2 loons seen

5/14/17: 2 loons seen

5/21/17: 2 loons seen, 5:00PM

5/28/17: 2 loons seen, 5:00PM

6/20/17: 2 loons seen, 1 on nest, 4:00PM

7/02/17: 2 loons seen, 1 on nest, 2:00PM

***7/10/17:** 2 chicks hatched with 2 adults. Chicks seen in water, swimming, or on back of loons. Parents seen feeding the chicks. Occasionally,, chicks did dive. Both adult loons were seen diving for food, leaving the chicks alone on the surface.

7/12/17: Talked with John Cooley, at NH Loon Preservation Committee, 467-5666, to inform them of the loons at Harris Brook. They would like to tag the parents for study. I invited them to come to a Conservation Commission meeting to describe in detail the process of tagging loons. Probably for the 2018 season, but would talk with Commission in the fall of 2017.

7/27/17: 2 adult loons, 2 chicks seen, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

8/10/17: 1 adult loon seen, 2 chicks, 4:00PM

8/20/17: 1adult loon, 2 chicks, 5:00PM

9/15/17: 2 loon chicks, no adults, 1100:AM Also Blue Herron at north end.

2018

5/23/18: No loons seen

5/29/18: No loons seen

5.09/18: No loons seen

6/30/18: One loon seen feeding at 3:00 – 4:00PM

2019

Only one loon seen all summer. No nest, no mating pair.

2020

Good morning Alan, 4/28/20

After I saw you yesterday I only saw 1 young couple walk down to the reservoir. They didn't have a car. Later in the day a car with 5 young people and some fishing stuff went down to the reservoir and were there for several hours until it was almost dark.

Wildlife:

1 Loon

1 pair of Canada Geese

2 pair of Common Mergansers

1 pair Hooded Mergansers

1 Kingfisher

Several Yellow Rumped Warblers

About 5 Tree Swallows

Today's reservoir count (April 29): 2020

1 Loon

1 pair Common Mergansers

1 pair Canada Geese (female still on a nest)

1 Kingfisher

many Yellow Rumped Warblers

more than 5 tree swallows

Special item: when I first walked across the dam I saw 2 thrushes walking together on the dam. Then on my way back I heard a lot of leaf rustling down in the ditch at the bottom of the dam. One of the thrushes was making a nest at the base of a tree. (This confirmed to me that it was about Ovenbird). I made a mental note of the location because these nests are almost impossible to find. The dead leaves are the same color as the bird.

No people have visited today so far.

Faith