

Instructions for entering Loon Surveys on VT ebird

- * Please enter your data on VT ebird: Adopt-a-lake, Casual Surveys, and LoonWatch Day.
- * For nesting and territorial loons, please forward your results to Eric Hanson, VLCP Coordinator so that he knows which lakes need surveys and which do not.
You can forward your ebird entry by "sharing with others" at the end of the data entry.
- * For non-territorial lakes and Loonwatch Day (3rd Sat. of July), you do not need to forward to Eric.

VT ebird: <http://ebird.org/content/vt>

a) Register

b) Choose: "Submit observations"

c) Choose "Find it on a map"

d) Find the lake you surveyed (use "zoom to" box to enter town name, then zoom and click, hold, and drag to find lake, OR

You can also type in lake name followed by town and VT.

e) Click red icon on lake (note # **acres** in Location box to enter later). Click "continue."

f) **Date and Effort:** Enter date. Observation type: click "other" and then choose "Loonwatch",

Fill in other information.

Comments - if only surveyed part of the lake,

make a note here (e.g., road survey of south end, paddled east end).

Click "continue."

g) **What did you see and hear:** Scroll down to "Common Loon."

Enter total number adults, juveniles (chicks), and immatures (subadults) observed.

Click "add details" for distinguishing adults, chicks, and territory/loon locations.

1) Details: if surveying a large lake with multiple loon pairs, please give location about groups of loons or each territorial pair e.g., Peacham P. SW 2 adults and 1 chick;

Peacham N - 1 adult on nest, 1 adult on water, 3 other adults in middle of pond

2) Click "age/sex" to report # of adults, juveniles (chicks), and immatures (subadults).

You will enter #'s in "sex unknown" row, even if 2 adults together.

3) Breeding code: check appropriate box if applicable.

4) Enter other bird species observed during your outing if you wish.

5) Are you entering a complete checklist. Click "no" unless you conducted a survey of all birds observed and heard. Click "submit."

h) Checklist: review your data and forward report to Eric Hanson, VLCP coordinator.

If surveying a territorial pair, nesting, or chicks, hit "share with others in your party" to send to Eric Hanson, ehanson@vtcostudies.org.

Type in the email in the "To" box and hit "share checklist."

Thank you for your submission.