

To Eric Hanson:

Here are the results for our Loon count on Seymour Lake .

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Saturday July 16, 2022

0700-1100 AM

Using large Grand Laker canoe, moving slowly.

Recorded 18 Loons. All adults, no chicks

The two adult loons near the nest platform never attempted to nest.

We made two complete loops of the lake.

First loop 0700-0900 produced 18 observed loons. No duplicate observations. All sightings confirmed by both observers.

The second loop 09-11 AM produced 6 loons.

Comments.

I surveyed the lake at least 2 times per week. Almost all of these pre-survey trips observe 5-6 loons. Usually in the same areas.

2-3 loons in south area of lake, 2 loons in north area of lake. Sometimes one or more near the town beach.

Our intense early morning count this year produced 18 loons, same as our count last year, and close to our findings over the past 4 years.

Most of the sightings are very active fast moving individuals or groups, and must be loons moving from one lake to another.

I feel that there is a core group of 5-6 loons that dependably are on Seymour, and a much larger number of loons that regularly move on and off of the lake.

I also surveyed the number of houses on Seymour with Jet skis. The number has increased about 10 jet skis each year for the past 4 years. This year there are 67 jet skis on the lake.

1 house with 3 jet skis, 11 houses with 2 jet skis. The rest observed jet skis at single houses.

Thanks for all you do for loons and conservation biology in the state. Much appreciated by everybody.

Charles Woods