



# Volunteer Observation Log

Lake/Territory: _____	Observer: _____
Town: _____	Date(s): _____ Year: _____
Volunteer Hours (season total): _____	Mileage (season total): _____

### Instructions:

1. Please use this form to record and summarize **multiple observations for the same lake**.
2. The survey log can be used to record daily or occasional observations in each row, or summaries (see examples).
3. Forms may be submitted to LPC in late summer, or periodically during the field season. Nest activity and first-year pair activity should be reported right away to LPC field biologists or staff.

### Season Summary:

Individual or paired loons must be consistently present over a period of four or more weeks to be considered resident on the lake. Please document the duration of observed presence in the individual survey entries or comments.

- No individuals
- Transient individuals (sighted once/occasionally) Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Immature (1-3 year-old, subadult, in non-breeding plumage)
- Resident Unpaired Adult(s) Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Territorial pair. Two resident adults with pair-like behavior for 4+ weeks. Pair behavior includes foraging and resting/drifting close together without conflict, and contact calls (wails or hoots).
- Nesting pair (nest observed)
- Pair w/ chicks. Number of chicks hatched: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of chicks surviv. to mid-August: \_\_\_\_\_

Nest Site:      *Island*    *Marsh*    *Raft*    *Mainland shoreline*

Nest type:      *Bowl (raised ring of vegetation)*    *Hummock*    *Scrape (no nest material, e.g. bare sand)*

Nest timing: Nest start date \_\_\_\_\_ (+/- \_\_\_\_\_ days)      *Renest*

Hatch date: \_\_\_\_\_ (+/- \_\_\_\_\_ days)

Nest Failure - Date/range: \_\_\_\_\_ Suspected cause: \_\_\_\_\_

### Remarks (please attach additional page with sketch map, if needed):

