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LGA Seeks Volunteers for Annual Adirondack Loon Census

Lake George, NY – July 1, 2011 – On Saturday July 16, the Wildlife Conservation Society will be conducting an annual loon census with the help of local Adirondack residents and visitor volunteers. This data provides a quick glimpse of the status of the breeding loon population in and around the Adirondack Park and across New York State. The results help guide management decisions and policies that affect loons.

The Lake George Association is coordinating census volunteers for the Lake George region. Potential volunteers Census volunteers will monitor a selected portion of the Lake from 8 – 9 am, and report the number of adult loons, chicks, and immature loons they observe. Similar loon censuses are also conducted in other states throughout the Northeast at the same time on the same day, contributing to a thorough regional overview of the population's current status.

One of the major findings of the 2010 census: The Adirondack loon population has almost doubled since the last pre-census analysis in the 1980s, and now totals some 1,500–2,000 birds.

For EVENTS CALENDAR LISTING:

Saturday, July 16, 8 – 9 am. **Annual Adirondack Loon Census.** Volunteer on Lake George to count sightings of this bird. FREE. Contact the Lake George Association, 518-668-3558, or info@lakegeorgeassociation.org.

About the LGA

The LGA is a non-profit membership organization of people interested in working together to protect, conserve, and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin. It is the nation's oldest lake association. For more information, contact the LGA at (518) 668-3558 or visit the LGA website at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

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Picture caption: Loon in the Lake George Narrows. Photo credit: Fran Sloatman