

2000 LOON COUNT

from Maine Audubon Society

On July 15, 2000, 655 volunteer loon counters turned out to count 1,667 adult and 184 chicks on 288 lakes in Maine. The adult count was very close to the 1999 population but chicks were up about 40%.

The count information shows that unlike us humans, the loons didn't seem to mind the "summer that wasn't." The rain was spread out throughout the summer so there weren't problems with rising water and flooded nests. And loons are well-suited to cool temperatures, so they just enjoyed the weather.

Here's a sampling of the loon counts on lakes in our area:

	Adults	Chicks
Cold Stream Pond	19	1
Chemo Pond	5	0
Pushaw Pond	12	0
West Lake	4	0
South Branch Lake	19	2
