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SUMMARY

Of the 21 U.S. states with historical records of breeding Common Loons (Gavia immer), Alaska is one of only four with substantial loon populations remaining. Generally, the distribution of Common Loons in North America has shrunk to more remote areas as human populations have increased. Anchorage is the largest city in North America to still have nesting loons (both Common and Pacific, G. pacifica), yet disturbance and loss of nesting habitat threatens their future.

In 1985, ADF&G began loon surveys in Anchorage, and in subsequent years expanded these surveys to include developed areas of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley with the help of volunteers. In 1988, ADF&G collected observations from 36 Anchorage area lakes and 167 Mat-Su Valley lakes and ponds with the help of 156 volunteers. The numbers of loon chicks surviving per breeding pair in these areas have usually been within ranges to sustain a stable population, and loon chick production was generally high in 1988. However, the number of breeding loons remaining in Anchorage is low, and there were no surviving Common Loon young this year. At least four adult loons died in the survey area this year, however this will not affect the population size.

ADF&G has posted signs and restricted fishing at some loon nesting lakes in order to reduce human disturbance to breeding pairs and their young. Six of eight posted lakes had successfully nesting loons this year. For the first time, artificial nesting islands were built by volunteers for loons on three lakes, and one was used successfully by a pair of Common Loons. Maps of loon nesting areas used in the last four years in Anchorage have been given to the Municipality of Anchorage for protection through their wetland planning process.

Concern about lakes possibly abandoned by breeding loons prompted a study by a UAF graduate student begun this year. Preliminary results indicate that there are key habitat differences between lakes with successfully nesting loons and those with little or no use by loons.

Plans are to continue the Loon Watch in 1989 with the help of volunteers, and continue and expand efforts to protect loon nests from disturbance and development.

INTRODUCTION

Loons are significant and popular components of Alaska's wildlife because of their large size, beauty, haunting vocalizations and population status. The distribution of Common Loons in North America has shrunk to more remote areas as human populations have increased in loon nesting areas (Klein 1985). Thirteen of 21 U.S. states with historical records of breeding Common Loons either no longer have breeding loons or have greatly reduced populations (McIntyre 1988). Of the eight remaining states, only four, including Alaska, have substantial numbers of breeding Common Loons. In addition, Alaska is host to the other four species of loons found in the world - Pacific (G. pacifica), Arctic (G. arctica), Red-throated (G. stellata) and Yellowbilled (G. adamsii).

Loon population declines in other states have been related to habitat loss, disturbance and shooting (McIntyre 1986). The growing human population in Anchorage and in the nearby Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Valley, during the 1970's and 1980's substantially increased development and disturbance on loon nesting lakes. This led to concern about the future of breeding loons in these areas.

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To assess the distribution and nesting success of loons on Anchorage's lakes, ADF&G began surveys in the summer of 1985. After this, the survey area was expanded to the Mat-Su Valley between Sutton and Willow (including parts of Point McKenzie). In 1986, the survey included 45 Anchorage area lakes and 119 lakes in the Mat-Su Valley, with the help of more than 100 volunteer observers (Tankersley 1986). In 1987, the survey included 41 Anchorage area lakes and 158 Mat-Su lakes, with the help of 134 volunteers (Tankersley In 1988, the survey included 36 Anchorage area lakes 1987). and 167 Mat-Su Valley lakes with the help of 156 volunteers. Each year the survey has included all lakes used by nesting loons in the greater Anchorage area (Potter Marsh to Chugiak). Observations from a few lakes on the Kenai Peninsula and other areas of the Mat-Su Valley were also submitted by volunteers in 1987 and 1988.

The Anchorage area is a summer home to a few nesting pairs of Common Loons and Pacific Loons. Pacific Loons were formerly considered a subspecies of Arctic Loon. Based on contacts with wildlife agencies from all northern states and Canadian provinces, we have learned that Anchorage is the largest city (more than 240,000 people) in North America to have nesting loons. Lakes in the Mat-Su Valley also have breeding populations of Common and Pacific Loons. Redthroated Loons have been observed in Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley, but no nesting has been documented in these surveys. Generally, Common Loons breed on lakes larger than 10 acres, Pacifics breed on lakes between 4.5 and 35 acres, and Red-throateds breed on small ponds, less than 5 acres.

Red-necked Grebes (<u>Podiceps grisegena</u>), similar fish-eating divers, are also common on lakes in Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley, and are sometimes misidentified as loons. Overlap in lake use between loons and grebes has not been well documented.

STUDY AREA AND METHODS

In early May 1988, packets of self-addressed, stamped observation cards (Figs. 1 and 2) and instructions were mailed to volunteers. The packets included drawings of loons and grebes to aid in identification. Observations were collected from 36 lakes in the Anchorage bowl area (Potter Marsh to Eklutna, Fig. 3). In addition, observations were collected from 156 lakes (plus 11 unnamed ponds < 3.5 acres) in the main Mat-Su Valley study area (along the highway/road corridors from Sutton west to Willow including Pt. McKenzie, Fig. 3). Observations were also submitted from twelve additional Mat-Su and Kenai lakes.

Observations were made at the lakes to determine, if possible: 1) the species and number of adult loons present; 2) the nest location (if accomplished without disturbance); 3) the number of loon chicks present; and 4) the number of Red-necked Grebe adults and chicks. Observers included lakeshore residents and other volunteer observers, and ADF&G employees (Tables 1, 4, and 6).

Signs were posted at the public access points on Goose, DeLong, Otter, and Lower Sixmile lakes to alert lake users to avoid disturbing the nesting loons (Fig. 4). Areas near Pacific Loon nesting sites on DeLong and Little Campbell were closed to fishing from May 15-July 15, and posted with shoreline and floating signs with rope barricades (Fig. 5). Other generic signs (Fig. 6) were floated in the water near Common Loon nesting sites on Anderson, Wolf, and Long (in Willow) lakes in the Mat-Su Valley, and posted on the nesting islands on Crystal Lake and Lake Lucille. In addition, artificial nesting islands were floated on Flat Lake, Big Lake and Seventeenmile Lake in the Mat-Su Valley.

RESULTS

Anchorage

Only one nesting pair of Common Loons was documented this year, although another territorial pair, with no nesting documented, resided on Otter Lake (that had a nesting pair in the past) (Table 1). At least one chick was seen on Lower Sixmile earlier in the summer, however no chicks survived to fledging (Table 1). This is the first year since the survey began that no Common Loon chicks have survived in the Anchorage area (Table 2). Nonbreeding Commons were seen visiting 12 other lakes (Table 1).

There were at least eight breeding pairs of Pacific Loons on eight lakes that fledged six chicks (Tables 1, 3). This resulted in a relatively high reproductive rate compared to the past two years (Table 3). Nest sites were located for seven of the pairs (Tables 1,3). Nonbreeding Pacifics were seen visiting an additional 11 lakes (Table 1).

The fishing restrictions, floating signs, and rope barricades erected May 15-July 15 in 1987 and 1988 may have aided chick survival on DeLong and Little Campbell Lakes. Pacific Loons at both of these heavily used recreational lakes did not have any surviving chicks in 1986 when the fishing restrictions were not implemented. However, in 1987 and 1988 both pairs were able to fledge chicks at each lake. However, Pacific Loons at Goose Lake, which were also unable to fledge chicks in 1986 and 1987, again did not have any nesting success, despite shore-based signs posted at the public beach and a floating rope barricade with signs near the nest site.

An adult Pacific Loon died on Delong Lake on September 1 from ingesting a large number of rocks. It is not known whether this was one of the breeding pair. Loons typically ingest a few small rocks to aid in digestion, but the volume and size of rocks in this bird were abnormal.

No Red-throated Loon observations were submitted from the Anchorage area this year.

Thirty-four of the 36 lakes were surveyed for Red-necked Grebes on at least one date. Breeding grebes were found on 13 of these lakes, with nonbreeders seen on an additional six lakes (Table 1). Grebes were seen on both of the lakes used by breeding or territorial Commons, however breeding grebes were documented for only one of these lakes (Table 1). The overlap of lake use between grebes and Pacific Loons was much less because only two of the eight lakes used by breeding Pacific Loon pairs also had breeding grebes (Table 1).

Matanuska-Susitna Valley

Forty breeding pairs of Commons were found on 37 lakes in the study area (Tables 4, 5). Forty-three chicks survived to fledging from these pairs, which was the highest reproductive rate recorded in the past three years (Table 5). Individuals, pairs and groups of Common Loons (possible breeders and nonbreeders) were found on an additional 52 lakes. Four lakes, which have had nesting pairs in the last two years, had territorial pairs but no nesting activity this year.

Ten breeding pairs of Pacifics were found on 10 lakes in the study area (Tables 4, 5). Eight chicks survived to fledging from these pairs, which was also the highest reproductive rate recorded for this species in the past three years (Table 5). Individuals, pairs and groups of Pacific Loons (possible breeders and nonbreeders) were found on an additional 28 lakes.

Only one lake (Anderson) of the six posted with loon nesting signs did not have successfully nesting Common Loons this year. Disturbance by people and dogs may have caused this loss. The artificial island on Flat Lake was used successfully by the resident pair, which had been hindered in the past by human disturbance and loose dogs. However, the artificial islands floated on Big Lake and Seventeenmile Lake were not used.

At least three adult Common Loons died in the study area this year. One of the breeding pair on Lake Lucille died in late July of lead poisoning, from ingesting lead fishing sinkers. This has been a cause of death of loons in other states as well (Locke, Kerr and Zoromski 1982). One of the breeding pair on Long/Twin Lakes was shot in early September, and the shooter apprehended by a volunteer and a Fish and Wildlife Protection officer. The third loon was found dying in a farmer's field in Pt. McKenzie, and died shortly after discovery. The cause of death is yet to be determined. These deaths will not impact the Mat-Su loon population, and will provide the opportunity to see how quickly the breeding territories are occupied by a nesting pair (possibly involving the surviving mate).

Up to five adult Red-throated Loons were found occasionally on three lakes in the Big Lake area (Table 4). However, no breeding Red-throated Loon pairs were located, despite checking of 11 small ponds in the Big Lake area by volunteer Gary Nilson.

Red-necked Grebes were checked on 120 of the 167 lakes and ponds on at least one date. Breeding grebes were found on 52 of these lakes, with nonbreeders seen on an additional 42 lakes and ponds (Table 4). Breeding grebes were seen on 16 of the 37 lakes that had breeding Commons, but on only two of the ten that had breeding Pacifics (Table 4).

Loon and grebe observations for 12 Mat-Su and Kenai lakes outside of the main study area are included in Table 6.

DISCUSSION AND FUTURE PLANS

The reproductive rate of Common Loons in the Mat-Su Valley

in 1988 was relatively high at 1.2 chicks/pair. Results of other studies from North America indicate that about 0.5 chicks/pair is average (McIntyre 1988). Chick production by Commons on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, an area of loon abundance, ranged from 0.30-0.67 chicks/pair (Smith 1981). The reproductive rates for Commons in the Mat-Su Valley have been near or above these rates in the past three years, so it can be assumed that the Mat-Su population is at least stable.

At least four pairs in Mat-Su maintained territories, but did not nest this year, although pairs on these lakes in the past two years have nested. Other studies have indicated that this occurs about one year out of every four or five (Sutcliffe 1980, Strong et al. 1987).

In Anchorage, only two breeding pairs of Commons remain, consequently, they are vulnerable to disappearance as a breeding species in this area. After several productive years, it appears that one pair did not nest this year, and the other pair lost their chicks. Efforts will be made to protect their nest sites from any additional disturbance and development, however both pairs use popular recreational lakes.

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Pacific Loon production in the Mat-Su Valley was also the highest recorded in three years, although the number of breeding pairs included in the survey is only a quarter of the number of Commons. This may be because there are fewer smaller lakes in the study area, and not as many small lakes are included in the survey.

Pacific Loon production in Anchorage rebounded to 0.67 chicks/pair in 1988. This may compensate for the low chick production during 1986 and 1987. The reproductive rate necessary to maintain a stable population of Arctic Loons in Scandinavia (once considered the same species as Pacific Loons) was estimated at 0.4-0.5 chicks/pair (Nilsson 1977). As in 1987, there was a low amount of overlap in use on lakes between breeding Red-necked Grebes and breeding Pacific Loons. This information may help indicate loon nesting efforts on lakes included in future ground and aerial surveys.

An area of concern has been the large number of lakes not used by breeding loons, including those known to be abandoned. Lakes formerly used by breeding loons in the Anchorage area include Turnagain Bog (Hogan and Tande 1983) and Westchester Lagoon (W. Mills, pers. commun.), and there are probably others (Jewel, Sand, Sundi, Spenard, Hood). Similar patterns may be occurring in the Mat-Su Valley where several lakes appear to have been abandoned by breeding loons (e.g. Seymour, Beverly, and Wasilla lakes; personal commun. by lake residents). However, without historical

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data for many lakes, abandonment may not be attributed to all unoccupied lakes.

A study was begun in 1988 by UAF graduate student Anne Ruggles to determine differences between lakes that had successfully nesting loons, and those that had little or no loon use. Preliminary results indicate that the amount of marshy shoreline, shallow water and the abundance of fish are key differences. So, many lakes without breeding loons may not contain suitable habitat for nesting or raising young.

Ruggles' study also revealed that successfully nesting loons often had a nearby nesting pair of Bonaparte's Gulls, which aggressively defended the area against hawks, eagles and owls, which prey on eggs or chicks. Loons appear to benefit from these gulls, which do not prey on loon eggs or chicks.

More information is needed to document nesting attempts and chick survival of loons on Anchorage and Mat-Su lakes, so that breeding and non-breeding pairs occupying lakes can be confirmed. Volunteers in 1989 will be encouraged to observe lakes primarily during late July and August to document chick survival, and to a lesser extent during June to document nesting efforts, if this can be accomplished without disturbing the pair.

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Protecting breeding habitat components (fish, clear water, marshy nest site, and a chick rearing area) and controlling human disturbance are important for the future of breeding loons in these areas. Fishing restrictions, floating signs, and rope barricades near loon nest sites appear to have benefitted loon production on several lakes. The use of artificial nesting islands this year had mixed success. Artificial nesting islands do not attract new nesting pairs to a lake (McIntyre and Mathisen 1977), and may not induce nesting if other critical habitat features are missing. This may be why the islands on Big Lake and Seventeenmile Lake were not used.

Plans for the summer of 1989 include maintaining the fishing restrictions near loon nest sites at Little Campbell and DeLong Lakes, and erection of floating signs and rope barricades at some Anchorage and Mat-Su lakes. In addition, signs will be made available for volunteers to post at public access points on lakes that have nesting loons. Also, handouts on loon biology and ways to avoid disturbing nesting loons will be available for volunteers to distribute to lakeshore residents and recreationists.

Loons traditionally nest in the same area year after year and protection of these sites is important to maintaining breeding loons on lakes (Strong et al. 1987). Maps of loon nesting sites from the past three years were given to the Municipality of Anchorage for protection through their 'wetland planning process. Loon nest sites documented in the Mat-Su Valley from the past three years will be submitted to ADF&G's Division of Habitat and the Mat-Su Borough for protection from disturbance and development.

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Fig. 2. Data form used by volunteers to submit observations.

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LOON NESTING SANCTUARY

State laws protect nesting loons and other birds.

- 1. Loon eggs and young may die from chilling or being eaten by predators while adult loons defend their nest or young from disturbance.
- 2. Keep your dog on a leash.
- 3. Pick up litter, especially fishing line and plastic 6-pack holders,
 - which can strangle and kill loons and other wildlife.

DO NOT DISTURB NESTING LOONS OR THEIR YOUNG

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BIRD NESTING AREA CLOSED TO FISHING MAY 15 - JULY 15

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Fig. 5. Sign posted and floated on loon nesting lakes where fishing restrictions applied.

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Fig.6. Sign floated or posted near loon nesting sites on some lakes.

AREA	LAKE	LOONS & GREBES # SPECIES		OBSERVATION DATES	# CHICKS SEEN	# CHICKS SURVIVING	OBSERVERS / COMMENTS
ANCHORAGE	BASHER SW POND	0	······································	7/25			N.T.
	BAXTER BOG	1-2	GR* (N)	5/4.17.22.31	0	?	C. BERG. P. EGGLESTON
	BEHM	5	GR*?	8/?	?	?	N.T.
	CAMPBELL	0-1	CO	5/23-6/16	•		B&L BROOKS. B. PASSAGE
		2-6	GR* (N)	DATES 5/6-9/26	2	12	B&L BROOKS, B. PASSAGE, D. GRANSBURY
	CHENEY	0-1	CO	DATES 6/4-7/1	-		M. SUTTON, C. THOMPSON
		2-12	GR* (N)	DATES 5/7-8/3	7	5?	FINK/SUTTON/EGGLESTON/THOMPSON
	CONNORS	1-3	PA* (N)	DATES 5/1-8/24	1	0	G. NILSON, M. DALTON, C. BERG
		1	CO	5/25			D. HERTER
		0-6	GR*	DATES 5/1-8/18	1	0	G. NILSON
	DELONG	1-5	PA* (N)	DATES 5/1-9/11	2	1	SCHEFFEL/CHANDONNET/PASSAGE/NILSON/HAGGART/LEWIS
		0	GR	(1 PA DIES 9/1)			(SIGNS AND ROPE ERECTED 5/25-7/15)
	GOOSE	1-2	PA* (N)	DATES 5/2-8/21	1	0	W. JONES, D. MALONEY, MOA LIFEGUARD, N.T.
		0	GR	DATES 5/2-8/21			W. JONES, D. MALONEY, MOA LIFEGUARD, N.T.
	HIDEAWAY	0	GR	5/20,6/8			J & M MCCONNAUGHY
	JEWEL	0-3	CO	DATES 5/1-9/6			B. PASSAGE, M. SUTTON, J. WESTLUND
		2	PA	7/9, 9/11-16			B. PASSAGE
		1-4	GR	7/3,9,8/21,28-9/6			B. PASSAGE
	LITTLE CAMPBELL	2	PA* (N)	DATES 5/7-9/21	2	2	PASSAGE/MCCONNAUGHY/VAN DAELE/DALTON/N.T.
		0	GR	DATES 5/7-9/21			(CHICKS LAST SEEN 8/28 WITH 2 ADULTS)
	MEADOW	0-4	PA* (N)	DATES 5/1-9/2	1	1	G. NILSON
		0	GR	DATES 5/1-9/2			G. NILSON
	POTTER	0-2	PA* (N)	5/18,19,6/11,19	0	0	P. EGGLESTON, M. SUTTON, N.T.
		2-7	GR* (N)	DATES 5/18-6/17	0	?	P. EGGLESTON, B. PASSAGE, N.T.
	SPENARD/HOOD	1	PA	5/22			D. HERTER, P. EGGLESTON
		?	GR				
	SUNDI	0-4	PA	5/6-9/15			C. ASHLEY
		0-5	со	5/21-8/30			C. ASHLEY
		2	GR* (N)	5/6-8/30	2	2?	C. ASHLEY
	TAKU/CAMPBELL	0-1	PA	MOST OF SUMMER			J. HEAPE, D. HARKNESS, J. WESTLUND, J. PARSONS
		2	GR*	MOST OF SUMMER	1	?	J. HEAPE
	TURNAGAIN BOG	0-4	PA	DATES 5/3-6/17			C. BERG, M. DALTON, N.T.
		0	GR	DATES 5/3-6/17			C. BERG, M. DALTON, N.T.

Table 1. Common (CO) and Pacific (PA) Loon, and Red-necked Grebe (GR) observations from the greater Anchorage area during 1988.

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EAFB	GOLF COURSE	1	PA	6/21			E. SANDIFORD, A. RICHMON
		1	CO	NID-JUNE			A. RICHMOND
		0	GR	MID-JUNE			A. RICHMOND, E. SANDIFORD
	GREEN	1-2	СО	DATES 5/23-8/3			A. RICHMOND, E. SANDIFORD, N.T.
		1	GR	8/3			N.T.
	HILLBURG	1-2	PA	7/9,8/3			E. SANDIFORD, N.T.
		1	GR*	8/3	2	2?	N.T.
	LOWER SIXMILE	1-2	CO* (N)	5/9-EARLY SEPT.	1-2	0	A. RICHMOND, E. SANDIFORD, M. MCDONALD
		1	PA	6/28			E. SANDIFORD / FROM, OVAL?
		1-2	GR	5/3,7,6/8			P. STEFANICH, K. REINKE
	OVAL	2	PA*	8/2,3	1	1	A. RICHMOND, N.T.
		0	GR	8/2,3			A. RICHMOND, N.T.
	SPRING	1	PA	8/3			N.T. / MATE FROM OVAL?
	UPPER SIXMILE	1-2	CO	5/9,23,6/28			M. MCDONALD, A. RICHMOND, E. SANDIFORD
		?	GR				·
		0		6 /7			N 7
FI. KIUN	CLUDBERRY	1.2	<u>.</u>	0/3			
	CLUMIE	0	CD	J/(10/J			K. REINKE, H.I. 3
	CUEN	1	GR	0/J 8/Z			N. T.
	GWEN	, 0	CD CD	0/J 9/7			N.).
	OTTER	1.4	0K CO#2	0/J			N.I. O CIECN V DEINVE I LECTIIND
	OTTER	1-4 6.8		DATES 5/3-4/9	2	2	R. SIEEN, K. REINKE, J. WESILUND d' steen y deinve
		4-0	GK- (N)	DATES J/J'0/9	£	f	R. SICEN, K. REINKE V DEINVE W T
	WALDON	3	CD CD	J/0,30,0/J			N. NEINNE, N.I.
CHUCLAK	REACH	0	uk.	8/8 0			н.). м т
CHOULAR	DERCH	0	C.P.	0/0,9			N T
	EDMONDS	2		8/3			N.T.
	LUNORDJ	2	CD* (N)		n	n	
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	15	LAKES WHERE CO LO SEEN
	1	BREEDING PAIRS CO LO
	1	POSSIBLE BREEDING PAIR CO LO
	19	LAKES WHERE PA LO SEEN
	8	BREEDING PAIRS PA LO
	1	POSSIBLE BREEDING PAIR PA LO
	34	LAKES SURVEYED FOR GREBES
	19	LAKES WHERE GREBES SEEN
	13	LAKES WITH BREEDING GREBES
	1	LAKES WITH POSSIBLE BREEDING GREBES

* = breeding pair (nest, eggs, or chicks seen)

*? = possible breeding pair (pair only seen)

(N) = nest site known

1 = probably the same individual(s)

		1985	1986	1987	1988
AREA	LAKE	# CHICKS #	CHICKS #	CHICKS	# CHICKS
4		0**	0	0	0
ANCHORAGE		0**	0	0	0
		0***	0***	0***	0***
		0***	0***	0***	0***
		0	່	· 0	0
•.•	JEWEL *	0**	0	0	N.D.
	SAND	0**	0	0	0**
	SPENARD/ HOUD	0**	0**	0	0
	SUNDI	0**	0**	0	0
EAFB	GREEN	0**	- ()**	٥	0**
	HILLBURG	0*** 1+(N)	1*(N)	2*(N)	0*(N)
	LOWER SIXMILE	0 *	 	0	0
	UPPER SIXMILE	0**	n n	0**	0
FT, RICH	CLUNIE	0+*	n	0	0
	GWEN	0+	1*	2*	0*?
	OTTER	1-	0*7	0*2	0**
CHUGIAK	BEACH	0*7	0**	0. 0	0
	EDMONDS	0**	0~~	0	· ()**
	MIRROR	0**	U	0	Ū
		2	2	4	0
	DEEDING PAIRS	2	2	2	1-2
TOTAL # C	DOCCIDIE EREFNING	PAIRS 1	1	1	0
	PUSSIBLE BREEDING				
MINIMUM	-ketters + possib	le			
# chi	cks/known + pussio	0.67	0.67	1.3	0
	preeding parts	0.01			
KNOWN PR		-			
#ch	icks/known breedin	10	1.0	2.0	0
	pairs	1.0	1.3		

Table 2. Common Loon chick production from Anchorage Lakes where Common Loons have been seen during 1985-1988.

* = BREEDING PAIR (NEST, EGGS OR CHICKS SEEN)

*? = POSSIBLE BREEDING PAIR (PAIR ONLY SEEN)

** = NO COMMON LOON ADULTS REPORTED

*** = BREEDING PACIFIC LOONS PRESENT

(N) = NEST SITE KNOWN

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		1985	1986	1987	1988
AREA	LAKE	# CHICKS	# CHICKS	# CHICKS	# CHICKS
	8ASHER ^a	0**	0**	0**	0**
	CAMPBELL	0	0*?	0	0
	CONNORS	1*	1*	0*	0*(N)
	DELONG	1*(N)	0*(N)	1*(N)	1*(N)
	GOOSE	1*	0*(N)	0*(2N)	0*(N)
	JEWEL	0**	0	0	0
	LITTLE CAMPBELL	N.D.*7	0*(2N)	1*(N)	2*(N)
	NEADOW	0*	1*(N)	1*	1*(N)
	POTTER	0	0	0	0*(N)
	SAND	0**	0**	0	N.D.
	SPENARD/HOOD	0*?	0*?	0*?	0
	SUND I	0**	0	0	0
	TAKU	0	N.D.	0	0
	TURNAGAIN BOG ^b	N.D.	0**	0	0
	WESTCHESTER LAGOON C	0	0	0	0
EAFB	LOWER SIXMILE	0***	0***	0**	0***
	OVAL	N.D.	1*	0*?	1*
CHUGIAK	PSALN	2*	0*	1*(N)	1*(N)
	EDMONDS	0*?	0**	0**	0
TOTAL # CH	ICKS	5	3	3-4	6
TOTAL # BR	EEDING PAIRS	5	7	6	8
TOTAL # PO	SSIBLE BREEDING PAIRS	3	2	2	1
MINIMUN PR	ODUCTION				
# chic	ks/known + possible				
	breeding pairs	0.63	0.33	0.38	0.67
KNOWN PROD	UCTION				

Table 3. Pacific Loon chick production during 1985-88 from Anchorage area lakes where Pacific Loons have been recently seen.

^a \approx Pacific Loons seen in 1982 (Hogan and Tande 1983)

^b = Breeding Pacific Loons here in 1982 (Hogan and Tande 1983)

^C = used in 1978, 1976 and previous years by breeding Pacific Loons (W. Mills, pers. comm.) N.D. = NO DATA

* BREEDING PAIR ON LAKE (NEST, EGGS, OR CHICKS SEEN)

*? POSSIBLE BREEDING PAIR ON LAKE (PAIR SEEN)

** NO PA LO ADULTS SEEN

*** BREEDING CO LO PRESENT

(N) NEST SITE KNOWN

(2N) 2 NESTS FOUND

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		LOONS	& GREBES	OBSERVATION	# CHICKS	# CHICKS	*
AREA	LAKE	# S	PECIES	DATES	SEEN	SURVIVIN	G OBSERVERS / COMMENTS
SUTTON	DRILL	0-1	PA	SUMMER			E & D GRAHAM
		0-2	со	SUMMER			E & D GRAHAM
		8-10	GR* (N)	SUMMER	8	2-5?	E & D GRAHAM
	SEVENTEENMILE	1-3	CO	5/13-9/1			B. ROBINSON, L. WINDLE / 2 RAFTS NOT USED
		2	GR* (N)	5/13-7/15	0	0	B. ROBINSON / GREĢE ON NEST KILLED BY OWL
PALMER	BRADLEY	••		8/17			N.T.
	ECHO	4	GR*	8/17	1	17	N.T.
	IRENE	0-1	CO	5/25-9/9			* H. ASHLEY
		2	GR* (N)	6/3-9/9	2	1	H. ASHLEY
	JOHNSON	0-1	CO	6/8,7/16,8/17			T. BRADLEY, A. RUGGLES, N.T.
		0	GR	7/16,8/17			A. RUGGLES, N.T. *
	KEPLER	0-2	CO	8/1,17			D. & J. AMON (ST. PK. VOLUNTEERS), N.T.
		0	GR	8/17			N.T.
	LONG	0-1	CO	6/19,7/16			A. RUGGLES
		Z	GR* (N)	7/16	0	?	A. RUGGLES
	MATANUSKA	0-4	CO	7/16-9/1			A. RUGGLES, D. & J. AMON, N.T.
		3-11	GR* (N)	7/16,8/17	?	?	A. RUGGLES, N.T.
	MEIRS (MCLEOD)	2	GR	5/4			C. THOMPSON
	SLIVER	2	GR	5/10			C. BAER
WASILLA	ANDERSON	2-8	CO* (2N)	4/29-9/15	0	0	R. FERGUSON, A. RUGGLES / SIGNS DON'T PREVENT
		2	GR* (N)	5/3-9/20	3	2	LOON NEST DISTURBANCE BY PEOPLE & DOGS
	BLACK			8/11			N.T.
	CHIGNAKI	2	P A*	8/17	2	2	N.T.
		0	GR				N.T.

Table 4. Common (CO), Pacific (PA), and Red-throated (RT) Loon and Red-necked Grebe (GR) observations from the main Mat-Su Valley study area during 1988.

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	AREA		LOONS & GREBES # SPECIES		OBSERVATION DATES	# CHICKS SEEN	# CHICKS SURVIVING OBSERVERS / COMMENTS	
		CORNELIUS	1-3	CO* (N)	4/30-9/28	2	2	P. ARNOLD, A. RUGGLES, J. EAKIN
			2	GR* (N)	4/14-7/15	0	0	P. ARNOLD, A. RUGGLES, J. EAKIN
		COTTONWOOD	>15	GR* (N)	8/17	?	?	N.T. / RES. HASN'T SEEN LOON CHICKS FOR 4-5 YRS
		DINKEL/WEINIE	1-3	CO	5/4-AUGUST			T. OLIGER
			2-4	PA	AUGUST			T. OLIGER / 1ST TIME SEEN IN 40 YRS
			8-12	GR*?	5/4-AUGUST			T. OLIGER
		DRY (EAST)			8/31			N.T.
		DRY (WEST)	1	GR*	8/31	1	1	N.T.
		FINGER	0-3	со	5/6,7/9,8/17			J. FRAZIER, A. RUGGLES, N.T.
			>21	GR*	7/9,8/17	>1	?	N.T., A. RUGGLES
		GOODING	2	GR	8/11			N.T.
		HART	4	GR?	8/17			N.T.
		JACOBSEN	2	CO* (N)	SUMMER	2	0	RUGGLES/COGHLAN - 2 CHICKS DISAPPEARED 8/4
			0	GR	SUMMER			A. RUGGLES, V. & G. COGHLAN
23		KINGS	2	CO* (N)	6/23-8/19	2	2	A. RUGGLES
			4	GR* (N)	6/23-8/19	2	2?	A. RUGGLES
		LOBERG	1	CO	8/31			N.T.
			1	GR*	8/31	2	2	N.T.
		LUCILLE	1-4	CO* (N)	SUMMER	1	1	COTTLE/CARNEY-1 PARENT DIED 7/24- LEAD POISONING
			>30	GR*	SUMMER	?	?	COTTLE (SIGNS POSTED ON NEST ISLAND)
		MEIER	2	GR	5/21			P. EGGLESTON
		MEMORY	2	CO (T)	JUNE, JULY			A. RUGGLES/PR MAINTAINED TERR. BUT DIDN'T NEST
			6	GR* (N)	JUNE, JULY			A. RUGGLES
		MUD	1	CO	7/9			A. RUGGLES
		NEKLASON	1-6	со	6/23-AUGUST			R & A TORDOFF, A. RUGGLES
			12	GR* (N)	6/23-AUGUST	8	?	R & A TORDOFF, A. RUGGLES
		PARADISE	2	GR*	8/31	2	2	N.T.
		REED			8/31			N.T.
		WALBY	4-6	GR* (N)	5/17,7/9	0	7	A. RUGGLES, C. BAER
		WALLACE	2	CO* (N)	5/9-10/10	2	2	T. MARSHALL, A. RUGGLES
			0	GR	5/31-10/1			
		WASILLA	1	CO	8/11,12,OTHER DATES	s		A. CURTIS, A. RUGGLES, N.T.
			>10	GR*	8/11	7	?	N.T.

AREA	LAKE	LOONS & GREBES # SPECIES		OBSERVATION a DATES	# CHICKS SEEN	KS # CHICKS N SURVIVING OBSERVERS / COMMENTS		
							•	
	WOLF	2	CO* (N)	SUMMER	2	2	J & J FAKIN, A. RUGGLES	
		- 1?	GR	4/29	-	_	J & J EAKIN	
		2	D. 40	5 (10, 20	0	2		
	FAKMEK	2 7	GR	5/19-20	U	(L. BAER, I. BRADEET	
	LORRAINE	2	CO*?	5/21	0	7	C. BAER	
		?	GR					
	THREEMILE	2	CO* (N)	6/28,8/1	2	2	J. KING & GIRL SCOUTS	
		1 -	GR	8/1			J. KING & GIRL SCOUTS	
MEADOW	BAPTIST	• -		8/11			N.T. / 1 INJURED PA LO IN ROAD IN SEPT.	
	BEHNKE	0-2	CO	SUMMER			P. BEHNKE	
		0-2	PA	SUMMER			P. BEHNKE	
		2	GR* (N)	5/4-MAY	0	0	P. BEHNKE / LEFT WHEN CABIN BUILT NEARBY	
	BEAVER POND	1-2	PA*	5/4,6/1,7/8,8/8	2	1	M. BEHNKE	
		1	GR	8/8			M, BEHNKE	
	BEVERLY	2-6	CO	5/1-10/12			J. BOCHENEK/ (NO CHICKS SEEN 1980-88)	
		0-2	GR	8/1-9/1			J. BOCHENEK	
	BLODGETT	1	CO	8/18			C. GRAUVOGEL, N.T.	
		>15	GR*	8/18	>6	>6	C. GRAUVOGEL, N.T.	
	BRUCE	2	PA*	5/24,8/11,AUG & SEPT	r 2	1	T. BRADLEY, N.T., P. NELSON (RES)	
		0	GR	8/11,AUG & SEPT			N.T., P. NELSON (RES)	
	CAROUSEL	0-1	CO	6/3,8/6,8/11			M. CARLSON, N.T.	
		2	GR	8/11			N.T.	
	CHERI	1	PA	8/25			N.T.	
		>9	GR*	8/25	>5	>5?	N.T.	
	CLOUDY	2	PA* (N)	EARLY MAY - 8/18	2	2	S. PHILLIPS, N.T., C. GRAUVOGEL	
		2	GR* (N)	EARLY MAY - 8/18	2	0?	S. PHILLIPS, N.T., C. GRAUVOGEL	
	DOUBLOON	0-2	PA	JUNE,8/?,8/18,9/5,14	6		L. SUDKAMP, N.T.	
		1-2	GR	JUNE,8/?,8/18			L. SUDKAMP, N.T.	
	FOREST (MI 52.5)			8/18			N.T., C. GRAUVOGEL	
	FROG	1	CO	7/13,8/18			A. RUGGLES, N.T.	
		2	GR* (N)	7/13,8/18	3	3?	A. RUGGLES, N.T.	

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	AREA	LAKE	LOONS & # SPE	GREBES	OBSERVATION DATES	# CHICKS SEEN	# CHICKS SURVIVING	OBSERVERS / COMMENTS
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		FULLER	2	CO*?	8/11			N.T.
			0	GR	8/11			N.T.
		ISLAND	1-2	CO*?	DATES 5/8-9/16			PAPPERT/SUDKAMP-1 COLD EGG FOUND, LAST YR'S?
			2	GR*	7/11,17,23,31	2	2?	R. & G. PAPPERT
		JUNE	1-2?	CO	SPRING			L. RUDD (RES)
			1	GR	8/11			L. RUDD (RES), N.T., C. GRAUVOGEL
		KALMBACH	2	CO* (N)	6/17,25,8/19,20	2	2	A. RUGGLES, B. SMITH (RES)
			0	GR	6/17,25,8/19,20			A. RUGGLES, B. SMITH (RES)
		LALEN	2	CO* (N)	DATES 5/21-9/25	2	2	J. HINES, A. RUGGLES, M. WOHLGEMUTH
			2	PA	9/25			J. HINES
			0	GR	DATES 5/21-9/25			J. HINES, A. RUGGLES, M. WOHLGEMUTH
		LITTLE	?	GR	8/18	1	1?	N.T., C. GRAUVOGEL
		LOON	1	PA	8/25			N.T.
			4	GR*	8/25	3	3	N.T.
		MARYBELLE	1	CO	8/18			N.T., C. GRAUVOGEL
			0	GR	8/18			N.T., C. GRAUVOGEL
		MISTY	••		8/25			N.T.
		MOVRO	2	CO* (N)	6/16,7/10,8/18	2	2	A. RUGGLES, J. DRINGEL
			2	GR* (N)	6/16	0	?	A. RUGGLES
		PRATOR	0-1	CO	7/10,8/18			A. RUGGLES, N.T.
			3-8	GR*	7/10,8/18	3?	2	A. RUGGLES, N.T.
		RAINBOW	2(-5)	CO* (N)	DATES 5/23-8/28	2	1	EAGLE/KLEINKAUF/BERGER/D.CARLSON - PLANE KILLS
			2-MANY	GR* (N)	6/22,7/5	7	?	A. RUGGLES, R. EAGLE CHICK
		RAINBOW POND	1	GR	8/11			N.T.
		SCOTT	2-9	CO (T)	DATES 5/3-9/18			B. BUZBY / NO NESTING KNOWN THIS YEAR
			2	GR*	DATES 5/3-9/18	2	1-2	B. BUZBY
		SEYMOUR	2-3	CO	DATES 5/5-JULY			A. RUGGLES, R. MOULTON
			>30	GR*	7/20	>13?	?	A. RUGGLES
		SHERWOOD	2	PA* (N)	5/13-8/16	1	1	J. MOSES / LOONS LEAVE 8/16
			4	GR* (N)	5/13-8/16	6	6?	J. MOSES
		TOAD	2	CO*	8/18	2	2	N.T.
			0	GR	8/18			N.T.
		VISNAW	2(1-6)	CO (T)	JUNE-10/2			A. RUGGLES, M. CARLSON, T. LITECKY - NO NESTING

	AREA	LAKE	LOONS # Sp	& GREBES ECIES	OBSERVATION Dates	# CHICKS SEEN	# CHICKS Surviving	BOBSERVERS / CONNENTS
								······································
			2	GR* (N)	6/10	0	?	A. RUGGLES
	BEAVER	BEAVERHOUSE	1-3	CO*?	6/7,7/3,8/5-9/15			G. & S. FAIT / 1 ADULT DISAPPEARED 8/5
			2	GR* (N)	6/7	0	?	G. & S. FAIT
		BEAVERTAIL	3	PA	7/20			T. BRADLEY
			?	GR				
		BIG BEAVER	0-1	CO	5/12,7/22, 8/25			A. MAHURIN, N.T.
			2	PA	7/22			A. MAHURIN
			>10	GR*?	8/25	?	?	N.T.
		BOTTLE	2	PA*?	8/25			N.T.
			0	GR	8/25			N.T.
		GODIN'S POND	2	PA*?	6/7,7/3,8/5			G. & S. FAIT
		(W. AIRSTRIP)	2	GR*?	6/7			G. & S. FAIT '
26		HORSESHOE	1	CO	8/25			N.T.
			>20	GR*	8/25	>7	>7?	N.T.
		HOURGLASS	1	CO	8/25			_N.T.
			5	GR*	8/25	1	1	u.T.
		LAZY	1-2	PA*	DATES 5/7-9/12	2	0	B. RICHARDS, J. MCCORD
			1-2	CO	5/6,7			B. RICHARDS, J. MCGORD
			0	GR	DATES 5/7-9/12			B. RICHARDS, J. MCCORD
-		LITTLE BEAVER	1-2	CO*?	7/18,20			T. BRADLEY
			?	GR				
		LITTLE HORSESHOE	E					
		(WEST)	0-8	CO	MAY-AUGUST			K. SAVAGE
			1	PA	7/24			K. SAVAGE
			6-20	GR*(N)	MAY-9/30	9	9?	K. SAVAGE
		LONG/TWIN	2 **	CO* (N)	SUMMER	2	2	J. EDER/ **1 PARENT SHOT 9/4
			2	GR* (N)	SUMMER	2	2?	J. EDER
		LYNDA			8/25			N.T.
		STEPAN	>6	GR*	8/25	>1	>1?	N.T.
	BIG LAKE	BIG LAKE-BASIN	2 2	CO* (N)	DATES 6/7-7/23	0	0	G.NILSON, J. HAXBY
		BIG LAKE-BASIN !	52	CO* (N)	DATES 6/7-10/8	1	1	G. NILSON, M. NIVER, D. FOX
		BIG LAKE	2 • 14	со	DATES 5/19-9/16			MOCKERMAN, NIVER, NILSON, FOX, RONZIO

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	AREA	LAKE	LOONS & GREBES # SPECIES		OBSERVATION DATES	# CHICKS SEEN	# CHICKS SURVIVING OBSERVERS / COMMENTS		
			0-5	PA	DATES 5/27-9/14			G. NILSON, S. RONZIO, D. FOA	
			0-5	RT	DATES 6/1/-//30	•	2	NIVER FOR MOCKERMAN NILSON (TOTAL SURVEY 5/28)	
			6-128	GR* (N)	DATES 5/19-9/20	r	f	C NILSON	
		BL #1			(/3)		12		
		BL #2	3		(/3)	1 0	1 <i>:</i> 0	C NILSON	
		BL #5	0-1	PA" (N)	0/0,27,7/24,50	U	Ŭ	G. MILJON	
		D1 44	1 2	GK DA	4 / D - DE			G NILSON	
		BL #4	1-2	PA CD	0/0,23			G. 11200	
		DI 42	£	GK	6/25			G. NILSON	
		BL #2			6/25			G. NILSON	
			2	CO*(2N)	0/25 May-0/26	2	2	F. DAHL, M. HILL, N.T.	
2		CROUKED	<u> </u>	CD (2N)	MAY-0/26	-	-	F. DAHL, N.T.	
7			0-2	00	6/25 7/3.16.17			N.T., G. NILSON	
		CROOKED ODIECT	0	GR	7/3.16.17			N.T.	
			0-2	CO	7/?.8/25			L. KAYE, N.T.	
		0/WR	0	GR	7/?.8/25			L. KAYE, N.T.	
		DIAMOND	2	CO* (N?)	DATES 7/9-9/17	2	0	J. & L. PINNEO, T. BRADLEY / BA EAGLE PREDATION?	
			- 0	GR	DATES 7/9-9/17			J. & L. PINNEO	
		DUSK	-		8/25			N.T.	
		EAST PAPOOSE			6/25			G. NILSON	
			?	GR					
		ECHO	1-5	со	5/5-8/13			J. SHOCKLEY	
			2	PA	8/14			J. SHOCKLEY	
			4	GR* (N)	6/24	1	0	J. SHOCKLEY	
		FLAT	1-13	CO* (N*)	DATES 5/7-10/16	1	1	J. NILSON, W. WILLIAMS/1 EGG DIDN'T HATCH	
			1-2	RT	7/30,8/14,20,9/3			J. NILSON	
			1-5	GR* (N)	JUNE-10/16	1	1	J. NILSON	
		HOMESTEAD	1-3	PA	DATES 5/29-9/24			G. NILSON	
			?	GR					
		KATHLEEN	2	PA*?	6/25			G. NILSON	
			?	GR					
		MARION	2-3	CO* (N)	? 5/6-8/5	0	0	D. HERSCHBACH, D. FOX	

	AREA	LAKE		& GREBES Ecies	OBSERVATION DATES	# CHICKS SEEN	# CHICKS Survivin	G OBSERVERS / COMMENTS
					<u></u>			
			0	CP	6126			
		NARION POTHOLE	2	DT	7/1 11			
		MARION FOLLOES	0	CP.	7/1 8 11			
		NEVED - NEVED		GK	5/28 7/31			
			2	D	7/25			T. RPADIFY
		ORCHID	2	69 C	7/25			
		POCKY	، ۱.5		MAY - ALICUST			
		ROCKI	8-10	CD* /N3	INF	2	2	
		SADA	0-1		5/22 27 28 29			G. NILSON
		JANA	2-4	GR* (N)	5/22 27 28 29	0	7	G. NILSON
		SEVENNILE	2		7/14	1	17	J. SHOCKLEY / CHICK <1/2 SIZE
			2	GR	7/14	•		
28		SPICKY		UN	7/31			G. NILSON
		STEPHAN (LOWER)	2	CO*7	5/1-9/10			B. WFICH
			2	GR .	MAY			B. WELCH
		(LIPPER)	2	 CΩ*?	5/1-9/10			B. WELCH
		(,	- ?	GR	MAY			B. WELCH
		SUSAN	2	 CO* (N)	DATES 5/22-10/15	2	2	G. NILSON
		••••	0	GR	DATES 5/22-10/15	_	_	G. NILSON
		"TRANQUILITY"	2	PA*	DATES 5/29-9/24	1	1	G. & J. NILSON/ 1 EGG HATCHED 7/10-24
			?	GR				
	WILLOW		2	CO*?	5/31			S. CHARLES
			- 7	GR	5/31			S. CHARLES
		BALD	2	CO*7	5/30			J. WENGER
		2.122	2	GR .	5/30			J. WENGER
		BIG NOLUCK			5/31			S. CHARLES
		BUCKLEY	2	CO*?	9/5			A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTEER)
			7	GR	9/5			A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTEER)
		BUTTERFLY	2	CO*?	9/5			A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTEER)
			?	GR	9/5			A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTEER)
		CANDLESTICK	2	 CO*?	9/5			A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTEER)
			- 2	 GR	Q/5			A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTER)

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		CHARR	2	GR*?	5/31			s.	CHARLES
		CHICKEN	2	CO*?	5/29,31			s.	CHARLES, A. MEINERS
			?	GR	5/29,31			s.	CHARLES, A. MEINERS
		CRYSTAL	2	CO*(N)	5/10-10/3	1	1	G.	BADGER/ (FLOATING SIGN)
			0	GR	5/10-10/3			G.	BADGER
		FLORENCE	2-6	CO* (N)	DATES 6/6-9/5	0	0	s.	CHARLES, JANE JOHNSON
			?	GR	DATES 6/6-9/5			s.	CHARLES, JANE JOHNSON
		(BIG) FRAZIER	1	CO	5/31			s.	CHARLES
			?	GR	5/31			s.	CHARLES
		HONEYBEE	2	CO* (N)	DATES 5/9-6/30	?	?	D.	BLANCHARD, C. THOMPSON
			?	GR				D.	BLANCHARD, C. THOMPSON
		JACK	2	CO* (N)	5/7-AUGUST	0	0	Ε.	LYNCH
1			2	GR* (N)	5/7-AUGUST	0	0	Ε.	LYNCH / RAVEN TOOK GREBES
		JACKNIFE	1	CO	5/31			s.	CHARLES
			?	GR	5/31			s.	CHARLES
		JAMES	0-2	CO#	5/29,31,8/10	1	1?	Α.	MEINERS, S. CHARLES, R. RAYMOND
			?	GR	5/29,31,8/10			Α.	MEINERS, S. CHARLES, R. RAYMOND
		JOHN	2	CO* (N)	SUMMER	0	0	s.	CHARLES
			?	GR					
		JW#1 (LONG LK R	D)1-2	PA*?	8/10, OTHERS			J.	WENGER, R. SEPPI, T & C. PARGETER
			0	GR	8/10			J.	WENGER
		JW#2 (LONG LK R	D)1-2	PA*?	8/10, OTHERS			J.	WENGER, R. SEPPI, T & C. PARGETER
			0	GR	8/10			J.	WENGER
		JW#3	2	PA*	8/10	1	17	J.	WENGER / CHICK 1/2 SIZE - SIGN?
			?	GR	8/10			J.	WENGER
		JW#4	2	PA*	8/10	1	1?	J.	WENGER / CHICK 1/2 SIZE
			?	GR	8/10			J.	WENGER
		KELLY	1-2	со	5/8-9/15			Ρ.	COOK, J. NEWMAN, P. FOLTA
			?	GR				Ρ.	FOLTA / NESTING GREBES IN '86 & '87
		LITTLE FRAZIER	0-2?	CO*	5/31,9/5	1	1	s.	CHARLES, A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTEER)
			0	GR	5/31			s.	CHARLES
		LITTLE NOLUCK	2	PA*?	5/31,9/5			s.	CHARLES, A. BARTLEY (NESRA VOLUNTEER)
			?	GR	5/31,9/5			s.	CHARLES, A. BARTLEY (NESRA VOLUNTEER)

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	AREA	LAKE	LOONS & GREBES OBSERV # SPECIES DATE		OBSERVATION DATES	# CHICKS SEEN	S # CHICKS SURVIVING OBSERVERS / COMMENTS		
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		LONG	2-5	CO* (N)	DATES 6/16-9/12	2	2	K. ROGNESS, B. WILLIAMS/(FLOATING SIGN)	
			2-16	GR*	DATES 6/16-9/12	1-?	1-?	K. ROGNESS, L. SELTENREICH	
		LYNNE	2-11	CO* (N)	DATES 5/10-9/29	0	0	M. L. MAYFIELD / NEST W/2 EGGS ABANDONED	
			0-2	GR	SUMMER			M. L. MAYFIELD	
		LYNX	0-5	CO* (N)	DATES 5/27-9/24	1	1	S. CHARLES, A. MEINERS, B. BELLRINGER	
			2	PA	7/11-8/12.9/25	-	-	B. BELLRINGER	
			4	GR* (N)	7/11-8/12	4	?	8. BELLRINGER	
		MILO	1	PA	5/31			S. CHARLES	
			?	GR					
		NANCY	6-8	CO*?	8/21	0	?	J. THOMAS	
			0-1	PA	5/29,6/17,18			R. & B. BRITCH	
			2	GR* (N)	6/17,18	0	?	R. & B. BRITCH	
30		NORTH ROLLY	2	CO*	9/5	1	1	A. BARTLEY (NLSRA VOLUNTEER)	
			?	GR					
		OWL	1-2	CO*	5/31,8/10	1	1?	S. CHARLES, R. RAYMOND	
			?	GR					
		RAINBOW	1-2	CO* (N)	DATES 6/3-9/17	2	2	T. & C. PARGETER	
			2	GR* (N)	DATES 6/3-9/1	5	5	T. & C. PARGETER	
		RED SHIRT	8	CO*	6/13,9/5	6	6	C. THOMPSON, A. BARTLEY	
			12	GR* (N)	6/13	0	?	C. THOMPSON	
		SHIRLEY	2-3	CO (T)	5/14-8/29			M. VALLIANT, JE. JOHNSON, S. CHARLES/NO NESTING	
			1-2	GR	8/27-8/29			J. JOHNSON, S. CHARLES	
		TANAINA(DENAINA)	2	CO*?	5/31			S. CHARLES	
			?	GR				S. CHARLES	
		VERA	1-3	CO* (N)	DATES 5/28-9/18	1	0	B. MERRELL	
			?	GR					
		WILLOW	2(-8)	CO* (N)	5/4-9/30	1	1	N. UPTON, V. RICHEY, D & L DAFOE	
			1-2	GR* (N)	5/30-6/24, JULY	0	0	V. RICHEY, M. UPTON	
	HAT. PASS	SANDALWOOD (HP-1)0-2	PA (T)	DATES 5/23-9/23			R. WITTSHIRK	
			0	GR	DATES 5/23-9/23			R. WITTSHIRK	
		HP-2	• •		DATES 5/23-7/20			R. WITTSHIRK	
		HP-3	1-3	PA	DATES 5/23-9/23			R. WITTSHIRK	

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0	GR	DATES 5/23-9/23		R. WITTSHIRK	,
1	GR	6/16 6/25		R. WITISHIKK R. WITTSHIRK J. FAKIN	
1	D 1 1	0 GR 1 GR 1 CO	0 GR DATES 5/23-9/23 DATES 5/23-7/20 1 GR 6/16 1 CO 6/25	0 GR DATES 5/23-9/23 DATES 5/23-7/20 1 GR 6/16 1 CO 6/25	0 GR DATES 5/23-9/23 R. WITTSHIRK DATES 5/23-7/20 R. WITTSHIRK 1 GR 6/16 R. WITTSHIRK 1 CO 6/25 J. EAKIN

* = breeding pair

*? = possible breeding pair

(N) = nest site known

(N*) = nest on artificial island

(2N) = 2 nests found

(T) = territorial pair, but no nesting

N.D. = no data

		ESTIMATED		1986	19	87-	1988		
AREA	LAKE	AREA (ACRES)	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^a	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^{&}		SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^A
SUTTON	DRILL		(CO,PA)		(PA)		, ⁻	(PA,CO)	<u>.</u>
	FISH		N.D.				4.1	N.D.	٠
	IDA	46	N.D.					N.D.	c
	SEVENTEENMILE	100	CO*?	0	CO*?	0		(00)	
PALMER	BAIRDS		(PA)		N.D.			N.D.	<i>م</i> ر.
	BRADLEY	13						••	
	CANOE	21						N.D.	
	ECHO	23							
	HIGH RIDGE				(CO?)				
	IRENE	18	* *		(0)		2	(00)	
	JOHNSON	40	N.D.		(CO)			(00)	
	KEPLER	45	CO*	0	(CO)			(00)	
	KLAIRE	9			••			N.D.	
	LONG	74			"			(CD)	
	MATANUSKA	62			(00)			(CO)	
	MEIRS (MCLEOD)	17							
	SLIVER	7			• •		•		
	VICTOR	14						N.D.	
WASILLA	ANDERSON	135	CO*(N)	0	CO*(N)	2 ^b		CO*(N)	0 ^b
	BLACK				••				
	CHIGNAKI		••		PA*	2		PA*	2
	CORNELIUS	48	CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	0		CO*(N)	2
	COTTONWOOD	262	CO*?	0					
	DINKEL/WEINIE		N.D.		N.D.			(CO,PA)	
	DRY (EAST)		N.D.		(CO)			- •	
	DRY (WEST)							••	
	FINGER	362	(00)		(CO)			(CO)	
	GAIL DR. POND		••					N.D.	
	GOOD I NG	58	••						

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Table 5. Loon observations from Mat-Su lakes in the main study area observed during 1986-88.

Table 5 (cont.)

		ESTIMATED		1986	19	87	19	88
AREA	LAKE	AREA (ACRES)	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^a	SPECIES	# CHICKS Surviving ⁸	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^E
	HART		(PA)	<u></u>	(PA)		• •	
	JACOBSEN		CO*(N)	1-2	CO*	0	CO*(N)	0
	KENNEDY		N.D.				N.D.	
	KINGS	154	CO*(N)	1	CO*	2	CO*(N)	2
	LOBERG				(CO)		(00)	
	LUCILLE	362	CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	0 ^b	CO*(N)	1 ^b
	MEIER						••	
	MEMORY	84	CO*(N)	2	CO*	1	CO (T)	
	MI 46 POND						N.D.	
	MUD	55					(CO)	
	MUD POND		N.D.		••		N.D.	
	NEKLASON	72	CO*	0 -	CO*?	0	(CO)	
	PARADISE							
	REED	20						
	WALBY	54						
	WALLACE		CO*(N)	0	CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	2
	WASILLA	374	(CO)		(CO)		(00)	
	WOLF	62	CO*(N)	1	CO*(2N)	0	CO*(N)	2
PT. MCKENZ	CARPENTIER	176	N.D.		C0*	1	N.D.	
	FARMER	21	N.D.		PA*?	?	PA*?	
	LORRAINE	132	N.D.		CO*?	?	CO*?	
	THREEMILE		CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	2	CO*(N)	2
	TWIN ISLAND	151	N.D.		(CO)		N.D.	
MEADOW	AIROLO						N.D.	
	BAPTIST		(PA)		••		••	
	BEAR PAW	45	(PA)		(PA)		N.D.	
	BEHNKE		PA* (CO)	2	(00)		(CO,PA)	
	BEAVER POND		N.D.		P A*	2	P A *	1
	BEVERLY	42	(CO)		(CO)		(00)	
	BLODGETT	58	••		(00)		(00)	
	BRUCE	27	PA*	2	PA*	1	P A *	1
	CAROUSEL						(CO)	
	CHERI						(PA)	
	CLOUDY		PA*	2	PA*(N)	0	PA*(N)	2
	DOUBLOON		PA*?	0			(PA)	
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AREA	LAKE	SURFACE AREA (ACRES)	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^B	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^B	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^B	
					CO*7	0	(CO)		• *
	FROG				(00)	· •	CO*?		
	FULLER				• *		N.D.		
	HAWK LANE		CO#2	0	CO*?	• 0	CO*?		
	ISLAND			-	••		(CO)		
	JUNE		ND		• • •		N.D.		*•
	KABN TOWER POND	125	ru.#	1	CO*(N)	1	, CO* (N)	2 *.	
	KALMBACH	125	CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	0	(PA), CO*(N)	2 •	* '
	LALEN	92	60-(N)	•	••		••	*, *	
	LITTLE			٥	(PA.CO)		(PA)		
	LOON	108	PA~ 7	2	CO*?	0	(00)	*	
	MARYBELLE		CO*?	5			N.D.		
	MEADOW LKS CNR.						- •		
	MISTY		N.D.	0	CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	2	
	MORVRO	87	CO*	U	(DA)	•.	(00)		
	PRATOR	9 8	••	_		n	••		
	RAINBOW		CO*(N)	1	CO. (N)	v	1 		
	RAINBOW POND		÷ -				N.D.		
	RR-PITTMAN POND	2			Cot (II)	0	CD (T)		
	SCOTT		CO*(N)	1	LU~(W)	Ű	(0)		
	SEYMOUR	229	(CD)	-		* 0	(00) DA*(N)		
	SHERWOOD		PA*	0	PA=(2N)	1	CD*	2	
	TOAD		CO*?	0		1	(T) 00 *	_	
	VISNAW	131	CO*(N)	1	CO*	10	cuta		
REAVER	BEAVERHOUSE	33	CO*	N.D.	CD*	17	(DA)		
DENTE	BEAVERTAIL	27	N.D.		N.D.		(FA)		
	(BIG) BEAVER	161	• •		CO*?	U	(LU,PA)		
	BOTTLE		N.D.		PA*?	0	PA-?		
	COLT		N.D.		• •		N.D.		
			N.D.		(PA)		PA*7		
	NOBSESHOE	160	N.D.		CO*?	0	(00)		
			CO*?	0	CO*?	0	(00)	0	
		23	P A *	2	PA*	2	(CO),PA*	U	
	LALI		N.D.		CO *	1	CO*?		
	LITTLE DEAVER	HOF					(CO,PA)		
		uge 1	N.D.		CO*?	0		~ `	
	(WESI)	1.1.167		0	CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	2	
	LONG/TWIN	44/03	~~						

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Table 5 (cont.)

		ESTIMATED		1986	1987	7	1988	
AREA	LAKE	AREA (ACRES)	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^a	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^a	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING
	LYNDA	11	••		(PA)		•-	
	ROGERS RD CORNER		N.D.				N.D.	
	STEPAN	60	••		CO*?	0	••	
	WEST BEAVER	103			••		N.D.	
BIG LAKE	BIG LAKE	2998	3 CO*, (PA,RT)	0,1,2	2 CO*(N) (PA,RT)	1,1	2 CO*(N), (PA,RT)	0,1
	BIRCH		N.D.		(PA)		N.D.	
	BL #1		N.D.		N.D.			
	BL #2		N.D.		N.D.			
	BL #3		N.D.		N.D.		PA*(N)	0
	BL #4		N.D.		N.D.		(PA)	
	BL #5		N.D.		N.D.			
	BL #6		N.D.		N.D.		••	
	CROOKED	250	CO*(N)	2	CO*(2N)	2	CO*(N)	2
	CROOKED OUTLET		N.D.		(CO)		(00)	
	DAWN	12	N.D.		(CO,PA?)		(00)	
	DIAMOND	139	N.D.		N.D.		CO*	0
	DUSK		N.D.					
	EAST PAPOOSE		N.D.		N.D.			
	ECHO		CO*?	0	(CO)	L	(CO,PA)	۲.
	FLAT	296	(CO,RT)		CO*(N)	1 0	CO*(N*),(RT)	1 ^D
	HOMESTEAD		N.D.		N.D.		(PA)	
	KATHLEEN		N.D.		N.D.		PA*?	
	MARION	113	N.D.		CO*?	0	CO*	0
	MARION POTHOLE S	S.	N.D.		N.D.		(RT)	
	NEVER - NEVER	31	N.D.		N.D.		••	
	ORCHID	19	N.D.		N.D.		PA*?	
	ROCKY	59	••		••		(CO,PA)	
	SARA	44	(00.)		(00)		(00)	
	SEVENMILE	158	N.D.		N.D.		C0*	1?
	SPICKY		N.D.		N.D.		••	
	STEPHAN-LOWER		N.D.		CO*?		C0*?	
	STEPHAN-UPPER		N.D.		CO*?		CO*?	
	SUSAN		CO*(N)	1	C0*	2	CO*(N)	2
	"TRANQUILITY"		N.D.		N.D.		PA*	1
	WOODY		N.D.		(00)		N.D.	
WILLOW	ARC				N.D.		N.D.	

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		ESTIMATED SURFACE		1986	19	87	. 1700	
		AREA		# CHICKS		# CHICKS		# CHICKS
AREA	LAKE	(ACRES)	SPECIES	SURVIVING -	SPECIES	SURVIVING -	SPECIES	SURVIVING
	ARDAW	* <u>************************************</u>	C0*?	0	CO*?	?	CO*?	
	BAINS		N.D.			· •	N.D.	
	BALD		PA*	0	PA*?(CO)	0	CO*?	
	BIG NOLUCK	68	PA*	1	CO*?	• ?		
	BOOT		N.D.		(00)		N.D.	
	BROOKS (MI 68.3)	PA*	N.D.	PA*	1	N.D.	
	BUCKLEY		N.D.		CO*?	?	CO*?	-
	BUTTERFLY	295	N.D.		CO*	1	CO*?	
	CANDLESTICK		N.D.		N.D.	ч.	CO*?	*. *
	CHARR				CO*?	?		
	CHICKEN	138	(00)		CO*	1?	CO*?	
	CRYSTAL	132	CO*(N)	1	C0*	2 ^b	CO*(N)	1 ^b
	ECHO PONDS		N.D.		(CO)	*	N.D.	
	FLORENCE	55	CO*?	?	CO*	1	CO*(N)	0
	(BIG) FRAZIER		CO*?	0	CO*?	?	(CO)	
	HONEYBEE	58	CO*?	?	CO*(N)	1	CO*(N)	?
	JACK		N.D.		C0*	1	¹ CO*(N)	0
	JACKNIFE		(PA)		(CO,PA)		(CO)	
	JAMES	104	(00)		CO*?	?	C0*	1?
	JOHN		CO*(N)	0	CO*(N)	• 1	CO*(N)	0
	JW#1 (LONG LK R	D)	PA*(N)	0	PA*(N)	• 0	PA*?	
	JW#2 (LONG LK R	D)	PA*(N)	0	PA*	2	PA*?	
	J₩#3 (MI 1 NLSR	A)	PA*(N)	0	PA*(N)	0	• PA*	1?
	JW#4		PA*(2N)	0	PA*?	0	PA*	1?
	KELLY	30	N.D.		C0*	0	(CO)	
	LITTLE FRAZIER				C0*?	?	CO*	1
	LITTLE LONELY	56	N.D.		(CO?)		N.D.	
	LITTLE NOLUCK	34	PA*	1	PA*	17	PA*?	
	LONG		CO*(N)	0	CO*(N)	1 ^b	CO*(N)	2 ^D
	LYNNE	70	CO*(N)	0	CO*(N)	0	CO*(N)	0
	LYNX		N.D.		(PA,CO)		CO*(N),(PA)	1
	MILO	60			CO*7	?	(PA)	
	NANCY	761	N.D.		CO*	0?	CO*?,(PA)	
	NORTH ROLLY		N.D.		N.D.		C0*	1
	OWL	60	CO*?		CO*?	?	CO*	1?
	RAINBOW		(CO)		N.D.		CO*(N)	2

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	•	ESTIMATED SURFACE		1986	19	87	19	88
AREA	LAKE	AREA (ACRES)	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^a	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^a	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^B
	RED SHIRT	1183	N.D.		N.D.		4 CO*	6
	SHIRLEY		CO*(N)	0	C0*	0	CO (T)	
	SKEETNA	66			CO*?	?	N.D.	
	SOUTH ROLLY	108	CO*	1	CO*?	?	N.D.	
	TANAINA(DENAINA)	(00)		CO*?	0	CO*?	
	VERA	111	N.D.		CO*	0	CO*(N)	0
	WILLOW	143	CO*	0	CO*(N)	2	CO*(N)	1
HAT. PASS	SANDALWOOD		N.D.		N.D.		PA (T)	
	HP-2		N.D.		N.D.		••	
	HP-3		N.D.		N.D.		(PA)	
	HP-4		N.D.		N.D.		·	
	HP-7 (CABIN LK)		N.D.		N.D.			
	SUMMIT		N.D.		N.D.		(CO)	
	TWELVEMILE	56	N.D.		PA*	2	N.D.	

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^a = chicks seen >1/2 adult size

b = signs placed near nest site

CO = Common Loon(s)

PA = Pacific Loon(s)

(CO) or (PA) = nonbreeder(s) seen only

CO* or PA* = breeding pair

CO*? or PA*? = possible breeding pair

(N) = nest site known

(N*) = nest on artificial island

(T) = territorial pair, but no nest

		ESTIMATED		1986	1'	987	、 1	788 788
REA	LAKE	AREA (ACRES)	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^B	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^a	SPECIES	# CHICKS SURVIVING ^B
TOTAL #	LAKES SURVEYED		119		158		156	
# IAKES	LISED BY COMMON	S	53 (44)	2	90 (575	•	(plus 11 <3.5 89 (57	8C) X)
# LAKES	USED BY BREEDI	NG COMMONS	29 (24)	ε, ε,	37 (23)	4) X)	37 (24)	2) 2)
# CO BR	EEDING PAIRS		31	• •	39	•	40	-,
# POSSI	BLE CO BREEDING	PAIRS	12		28		. 15	
# TERRI	TORIAL PAIRS WI	TH NO NEST	N.D.		N.D.		4	٠
# CO CH	ICKS			21		31	*E	43*(from 36 pairs)
KNOWN C	OMMON LOON REPR	ODUCTIVE RATE						
	# chicks/#	breeding pairs		0.68		0.85		1.2
MINIMUM	I COMMON LOON RE	PRODUCTIVE RATE						
	# chicks/#	known + possible	+ terr.	0.49		0.48		0.78
	br	eeding pairs						
# LAKES	S USED BY PACIFI	CS	22 (18	%)	29 (18	٤)	38 (24)	%)
# LAKES	S USED BY BREEDI	ING PACIFICS	13 (11)	٤)	12 (8)	%)	10 (6	%)
# PA BF	REEDING PAIRS		13		13		10	
# POSSI	BLE PA BREEDING	G PAIRS	2		6		7	
# TERRI	ITORIAL PAIRS WI	TH NO NEST	N.D.		N.D.	•	1	
# PA CI	ICKS			10		· 12		8 (from 8 pairs)
KNOWN F	PACIFIC LOON REP	PRODUCTIVE RATE						
	# chicks/#	breeding pairs		0.77		0.92	•	1.0
MINIMUN	A PACIFIC LOON F	REPRODUCTIVE RATE						
	# chicks/#	known + possible	+ terr.	0.67		0.63		0.44
	bi	reeding pairs						

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		LOONS	& GREBES	OBSERVATION	# CHICKS	# CHICKS	
AREA	LAKE	#	SPECIES	DATES	SEEN	SURVIVING	OBSERVERS/COMMENTS
KENAI	BEAR COVE (KACH.)2	CO*	DATES 5/14-7/31	2	2?	D. FARNSWORTH
	BISHOP	0-3?	CO	SUMMER			N. EVANSON
		YES	GR	SUMMER			N. EVANSON
	JEROME	1	со	7/19			B. PASSAGE
		0	GR	7/19			B. PASSAGE
	LITTLE (MACKEY)	2	PA* (N)	5/8,28,7/14,22	1	0	A. FRANZMANN/BALD EAGLE ATE CHICK
	MARIE	2	CO* (N)	5/7-OCT	2	1	N. EVANSON
		0	GR	5/7-OCT			N. EVANSON
MAT-SU	TRINITY	1	со	7/16			J. GRANSBURY
TALKEETNA	LIFE - MI. 127	2	CO*?	5/30			L. D. O'CALLAGHAN
NO. WILLOW	MIDDLE CASWELL	2	CO*	SUMMER	2	2	M. BIGGAR
		3	GR	7/30			M. BIGGAR
NW. WILLOW	DIVENS (UNNAMED)	2	PA*?	9/4			D. & M. DIVENS
	FLORINE	2(-8)	CO*	DATES 5/13-9/16	1	1	D. LAW
		2(-6)	GR* (N)	DATES 5/13-9/16	1	1	D. LAW
	SEVENMILE	2-4	CO*?	DATES 5/27-8/28			J. & B. COLES/LAST CHICKS SEEN IN 1984
		0	GR	DATES 5/27-8/28			J. & B. COLES
	WARNIERS(UNNAMED)4	PA*	DATES 5/28-8/?	4	4	J & P. WARNIERS, J. LAUB
		0	GR	DATES 5/28-8/?			J & P. WARNIERS

Table 6. Common (Co), and Pacific (PA) Loon, and Red-necked Grebe (GR) observations submitted from outside the main study area during 1988.

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