

Phenophase Definitions

Common Loon *Gavia immer*

Directions:

As you report on phenophase status (Y, N or ?) on the datasheets, refer to the definitions on this sheet to find out what you should look for, for each phenophase in each species. For reporting animal abundance, if a specific question is included below the phenophase, choose the best answer to the question. If there is no specific question, enter the number of individual animals you observed in each phenophase.



Common Loon, USFWS Digital Library

Activity

Active individuals

One or more individuals are seen moving about or at rest.

Feeding

One or more individuals are seen feeding. If possible, record the name of the species or substance being eaten or describe it in the comments field.

Calls or song

One or more individuals are heard calling or singing. Listen to the calls of the loon [here](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/loon/Dictionary.html). (<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/loon/Dictionary.html>)



Common Loon mating display
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Reproduction

Mating

A male and female are seen coupled in a mating position, usually with the male on top of the female.

Nest building

One or more adults are seen constructing a nest or carrying nesting material.



Loon on nest
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Development

Dead individuals

One or more dead individuals are seen, including those found on roads.

Method

Individuals at a feeding station

One or more individuals are seen visiting a feeder, feeding station, or food placed by a person.