We are pleased to announce that the Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program will soon be fully integrated into the Wildlife Conservation Society’s (WCS) Adirondack Program. Based in Saranac Lake, WCS’ Adirondack Program promotes a balanced connection between communities and wildlife conservation in the Adirondacks through research, community involvement, and outreach.

WCS’ Adirondack Program has been a partner in the Loon Program since it was formed in 2001, and has provided essential support and valuable guidance for our loon research and education projects. Our parent organization, the Wildlife Conservation Society, is an international organization with field programs around the world focusing on wildlife conservation through science and community participation.

WCS is headquartered at the Bronx Zoo. You can learn more about WCS at www.wcs.org.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, BioDiversity Research Institute, and the Audubon Society of New York for their involvement in the Loon Program. Their guidance has been invaluable, and we greatly appreciate their direction and participation.

In recognition of our exciting new role and our conservation efforts, we are changing the name of the Loon Program to the Wildlife Conservation Society’s Adirondack Loon Conservation Program. We look forward to working as part of WCS’ Adirondack Program. You may also notice a new look to The Adirondack Tremolo to better reflect our full affiliation with WCS.

For more information about WCS’ Adirondack Program, please visit: www.wcs.org/adirondacks

WCS’ Adirondack Program Receives Adirondack Council’s Conservationist of the Year Award!

The Wildlife Conservation Society’s Adirondack Program is very honored to be recognized by the Adirondack Council as the 2007 Conservationist of the Year. Initiated in 1998, WCS’ Adirondack Program conducts field research on a variety of conservation issues affecting Adirondack wildlife. The results of these studies inform conservation efforts in the Park to protect wildlife, and empower local communities to include conservation in their planning. Jerry Jenkins, an ecologist with WCS’ Adirondack Program, will be the distinguished speaker at the Council’s Forever Wild Dinner on Saturday, July 14, 2007.

Please visit www.adirondackcouncil.org for information about attending the Adirondack Council’s Annual Membership Meeting and Forever Wild Dinner.
The Wildlife Conservation Society’s Adirondack Loon Conservation Program is dedicated to improving the health of the environment, particularly the protection of air and water quality, through research and education efforts focusing on the Common Loon and regional conservation issues affecting wildlife and their habitats.

The Loon Program is a project of WCS’ Adirondack Program, which promotes healthy human communities and wildlife conservation in the Adirondack Park through an information-based, collaborative approach to research, community involvement, and outreach.

The Wildlife Conservation Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that saves wildlife and wildlands worldwide through science, global conservation, education, and management of the world’s largest system of urban wildlife parks, led by the flagship Bronx Zoo. Together these activities inspire positive attitudes toward nature and help people imagine wildlife and humans living in harmony. WCS is committed to this mission because it is essential to the integrity of life on Earth.

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~ Join the Seventh Annual Loon Census ~
July 21, 2007: 8-9 am

The Annual Loon Census is a great way for Adirondack residents and visitors to observe loons on their favorite lake or pond. This citizen-science program complements the long-term research conducted by the Adirondack Loon Conservation Program.

Information collected from the census allows the Loon Program to assess the number of breeding loons and their distribution within the Adirondack Park. This data is consolidated with similar loon surveys in the Northeast conducted the same date and time, enabling scientists to examine long-term trends in regional loon populations.

~ Recruit your Friends ~
Help the Loon Program Reach our Goal of 300 Lakes!

In 2005 and 2006, over 1,100 loons were observed and reports were received from 221 lakes. We would like to expand upon this notable achievement, by surveying 300 lakes in the Adirondacks this summer.

SIGN UP FOR A CENSUS LAKE!
To sign up for a lake, please contact adkloon@wcs.org, or leave a message at (518) 891-8872 with your name and phone number. Please include the name of the lake or pond you would like to survey, and the Town and County where it is located. Census forms will be sent by mail and e-mail to all observers who sign up for a lake by July 10th.

Instructions on how to sign up for a lake and 2007 census forms are available to download from our website. A list of assigned lakes is posted to the Loon Program websites and will be updated regularly throughout July. Please check the websites to find out which lakes have already been assigned, and which are still available. To prevent duplicate observations, we request that all census observers contact the Loon Program to sign up for a lake. If you will be observing on the same lake that you surveyed in 2006, please confirm with us before July 10th.

SELECT A RANDOM CENSUS LAKE IN 2007!
The Loon Program encourages census observers to choose a lake from a list of randomly selected lakes and ponds in the Park. Information from these lakes allows the Loon Program to use statistical techniques to better estimate the number of common loons summering in the Adirondack Park.

Please visit the website to view the list of randomly-selected lakes.

~ To Sign up for a Census Lake and Download a 2007 Census Form, please visit: ~
WWW.WCS.ORG/ADIRONDACKLOONCENSUS

Thank you to the many observers that make the Annual Loon Census a true success – we look forward to your participation, and a great day on the water!
Beginning with this issue, the Loon Program will increase the e-mail version of *The Adirondack Tremolo*. The combination of our growing mailing list (thank you!), rising mailing costs, and a limited budget have led to the expansion of our e-mail newsletter. As an e-mail recipient of *The Tremolo*, you will receive a color version of the newsletter that you can readily send to your friends.

Please help us save paper and cut costs – if you are currently getting a paper copy of the Tremolo, please send your email address to adkloon@wcs.org to ensure that you receive the e-version of the newsletter.

However, if you prefer to receive the paper newsletter, or if you do not have an e-mail address, you don’t need to do anything; we will continue to mail a small number of paper copies.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE LOON PROGRAM!**

A new brochure “*Cycle of the Common Loon*” is available to download from the Loon Program’s websites. This brochure provides an overview of the seasonal cycle of Common Loons and conservation concerns affecting their populations. We are grateful to Mike Prescott for his initiative in adapting this brochure from Maine Audubon’s “*Living in Loon Territory*”. **HAPPY READING!**

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**Yes! I Would Like To Support The Wildlife Conservation Society’s Adirondack Loon Conservation Program!**

Your tax-deductible donation payable to the Wildlife Conservation Society supports the Loon Program’s exciting and innovative research and education endeavors.

Enclosed is my donation:

- [ ] I have enclosed a check, in the amount of $________ (Please make check payable to WCS.)
- [ ] Please charge my donation of $________ to: [ ] Visa [ ] Mastercard [ ] American Express
  
  Card #: ____________________________

  Signature: ____________________________

  Expiration Date: __________

- [ ] I would like to make a contribution to the WCS Loon Conservation Fund at the Adirondack Community Trust to support the Loon Program’s long-term efforts. Enclosed is my check in the amount of $________, payable to the “WCS Loon Conservation Fund at ACT”.

- [ ] I am unable to contribute a donation at this time, but I am interested in learning more about the Loon Program’s projects. Please keep me informed about future activities.

- [ ] I would like to volunteer with WCS’ Adirondack Loon Conservation Program! I am interested in helping with:
  - [ ] The Loon Program’s loon mercury research (e.g.: monitoring banded loons)
  - [ ] The Loon Program’s education projects (e.g.: public or school presentations, newsletter)
  - [ ] ASNY’s Loon Ranger Program, monitoring loons on a lake near me

Name: ____________________________
Street Address: ____________________ Phone: ____________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________ E-Mail: ____________________________

**Please Clip This Form and Return It To:**

WCS’ Adirondack Loon Conservation Program, 7 Brandy Brook Ave., Suite 204, Saranac Lake, NY 12983

*Thank you for your support! Your contributions will enable us to continue this vital conservation and education effort.*
**Summer Field Trips**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

WCS' Adirondack Program will host two loon field trips this summer, on August 7th in the Tri-Lakes area, and August 17th in the Old Forge area, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the WCS field staff and learn more about wildlife research and conservation programs in the Adirondacks.

There is no cost for the field trips, but participation is limited to 20 people. Rain dates will be available.

If you would like to participate in a field trip, please register by e-mail at accp@wcs.org or by phone at (518) 891-8872.

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**Adirondack Wildlife Art Show**

**July 28-29, Saranac Lake Harrietstown Hall**

*Like wildlife art? Join WCS’ Adirondack Program and many other organizations on July 28-29 for a show highlighting Adirondack wildlife painting, sculpture, and photography. For more information:**


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**Volunteer with the Loon Program!**

- Participate in the 2007 Annual Loon Census
- Help monitor banded loons
- Become a “Loon Ranger” – contact Fred Realbuto at the Audubon Society of New York State, Inc.: (518) 767-9051x15; frealbuto@auduboninternational.org

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