



Washington Lakes Association Membership Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Individual (\$10) \_\_\_ Family (\$15)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Association/Corporation (\$25)

\_\_\_ Student (\$5) \_\_\_ Sustaining (\$100)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete this form so that our records are current. Please use the mailing address you prefer to receive all WLA correspondence. Make checks payable to the Washington Lakes Association. Bring this form and your dues payment to the Annual Meeting or mail to: Liz Grinnell, Treasurer, 74 Liberty Road, Washington, ME 04574.

2006

Loon Count 2006



The up-to-the-minute 2006 loon count on Washington Pond is officially 8 adults. But, although they are **not** part of the formal

count, 4 chicks have been seen. Thank you to **Raymah Mendleson** and **Mildred Melgard** for this late news.

Audubon's time frame was 7 to 7:30 am on July 15—the official loon count period when volunteers all over the state go out to monitor sites. Though the chicks are not in the state tally we welcome them!

The Maine Loon Count was launched in 1983 by Maine Audubon and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and timed so that, typically, chicks will have hatched. High water, storms, or other hazards can force loon pairs to attempt second or third nests. We are very happy to hear that some chicks have been seen. Let's hope they survive to become adults.

**If you find a dead bird . . .** Sadly, we do find a dead bird once in awhile. Maine Audubon is assisting Tufts University with their work on loon mortality. If you find a dead loon, please contact Susan Gallo at Maine Audubon, (781-6180 ext. 216). She'll make arrangements for storing the loon and for shipping it to Tufts University.

Researchers are also interested in discovering the causes of other bird deaths. Found dead birds should be stored in a double plastic 'ziploc' bag and place in a

cool shaded place out of reach of pets or wild animals. All birds except crows, jays and ravens are accepted. Collection sites include: NEXT COLUMN

WLA CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

The Washington Lakes Association has accomplished quite a lot in its 15-year history. In addition to the repairs at the outlet described in the President's Letter, some of our other achievements are listed on the enclosed flyer. WLA thanks everyone who helped us reach our goals. Our lakes are consistently among the best because of the care we all take to obey the rules and respect the lake water and its surrounds. **THANK YOU !!**



There are 1,780 "Washington Pond" listings on Google. But only **one** is Our Washington Pond.  
Become a member and help maintain our beautiful and healthy lake and shore. Everyone who cares about the

LOON... CONTINUED

SeaNet – MAINE Friendship  
207-832-8286

Avian Haven Freedom  
207-382-6761

Sheepscot Val. Cons. Assn. Newcastle  
207-586-5616

It is important not to handle any dead bird with your bare hands. Use plastic or rubber gloves or a stick to place the bird in a plastic bag inside another plastic bag and

put it in a shaded place out of the reach of pets. Wash hands after handling birds, even when no apparent skin contact has occurred. Do not store the bird in your refrigerator, freezer, or cooler. Call one of these or an agency of your choice for advice or information.

Be LakeSmart... for Your Lake's Sake

In case you haven't heard about LakeSmart, it's program conceptualized in 2001 and implemented in 2003 to recognize homeowners in lake watersheds who manage and landscape their property in a natural, lake-friendly manner. It involves a site visit by a Soil and Water Conservation District personnel or DEP educator. Categories that are evaluated include: 1) driveway and parking areas; 2) structures and septic systems; 3) yard, recreation areas and footpaths; 4) shoreline and beach areas; and 5) the new category for 2005, undeveloped areas. Home-owners may qualify for awards and those who are recognized are listed at [www.MaineDEP.com/LakeSmart](http://www.MaineDEP.com/LakeSmart).

Anyone can request a LakeSmart site visit, attend a LakeSmart Workshop or initiate a LakeSmart Walk 'N Talk by contacting the Maine Soil & Water Conservation District or the Maine DEP.



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