

Photographers and others should be aware that loons are a threatened species in Maine, and as such are subject to the full protection of the law. It is illegal to harass loons at any time. While the loon is a curious bird that often investigates boaters and canoeists, there clearly is a limit to their tolerance, especially while nesting and with young chicks.

Nest disturbance is of primary concern. If loons are disturbed, they may leave the nest and if they don't return for an hour or more, the eggs can become chilled and are vulnerable to predation. Loons may also push eggs off a nest accidentally during disturbances, if forced to depart from the nest in haste.

So please keep your distance at all times. Thank you.

