

Little Otter Lake Loon Chicks at Four Weeks of Age

The brown fluffy feathers are now being pushed out by new adult plumage. These young ones have been observed diving down for 15-20 seconds but not catching much yet so still dependent on their parents.



Photo by Marilyn Campbell July 25th 2017

Please be careful boating and give these youngsters lots of room if you see them.

From now until freeze up these chicks need to feed and build their strength for their long flight to an ocean where they and their parents overwinter. The parents depart first around October leaving their offspring to stay until ice is forming.

How these chicks will know how to get to the ocean on their own is a mystery and one of nature's wonders.