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NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND GRANTS

The North American Loon Fund announces availability of 1999 grants in support of management, research, and educational projects directly related to the conservation of the family Gaviidae. Proposals in the range of \$500–3000 are most likely to be considered for funding. High priorities include projects designed to: (1) identify and refine locations of important habitat areas for all loons during migration and winter, and for juvenile loons during summer; (2) obtain more information on the population dynamics of all species of loons, including the average age of initial breeding, annual survival rate, longevity, and dispersal and sources of mortality; (3) devise management methods to minimize the impact of pollution or human practices on loon populations, including direct practical techniques as well as techniques to assess the social and economic value of loons.

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