

The Common Loon - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

You've seen a Canadian one dollar coin, so you're probably familiar with the common loon. It's no surprise that this water bird represents our country.

[Common loons swimming]

Have you ever sat by a lake and listened to the loon's haunting calls? You probably wonder what all the noise is about.

[Common loons swimming and flapping its wings]

Its calls can mean anything from "I'm over here" to "stay away". Humans enjoy Canadian lakes just as much as loons do, but if we're not careful, the weight from our boats can destroy their nests, and lead sinkers and jigs can poison and kill loons if they swallow them.

[Common loon swimming]

So here's how you can help. Keep boats away from nesting areas and swimming birds, especially ones with chicks too young to dive or fly away. And if you're fishing, use non-lead sinkers and jigs so you won't harm the loons, and that's just a start.

[Host showing a round pack of non-lead sinkers]

If you go to hww.ca, you can learn more about loons and find ideas on how to help protect Canada's wildlife. That's hww.ca.