

# LoonWatch! Happy 40th Birthday

- Formed before we even had the term Citizen Science
- Continental Context
- Those Loony People!!



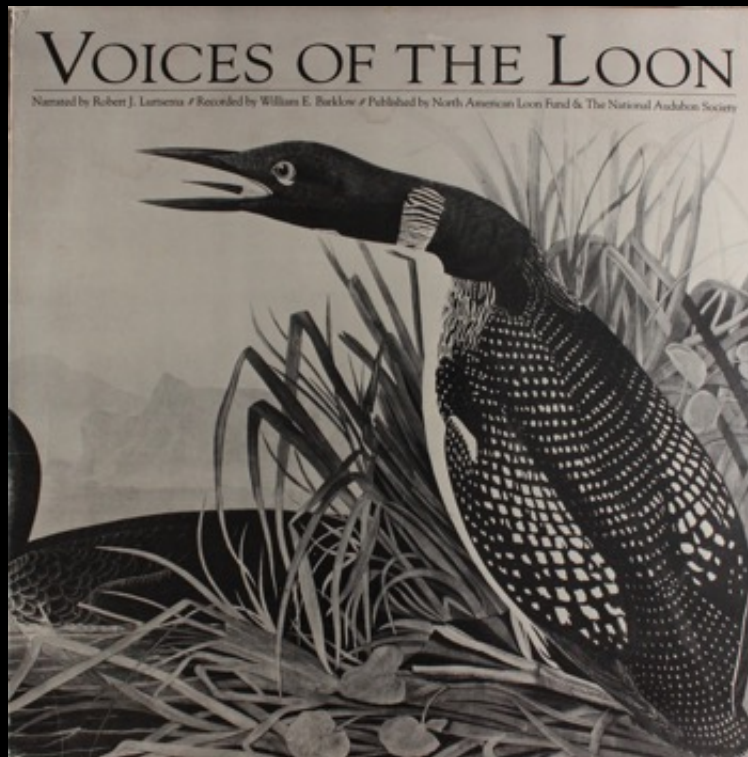
# Early Naturalists... first Citizen Science?



wikipedia

- HD Thoreau at Walden?
- American Ornithologist Union Lighthouse Keeper surveys? 1880's
- Xmas Bird Count?? 1900

# North American Loon Fund – 1975??



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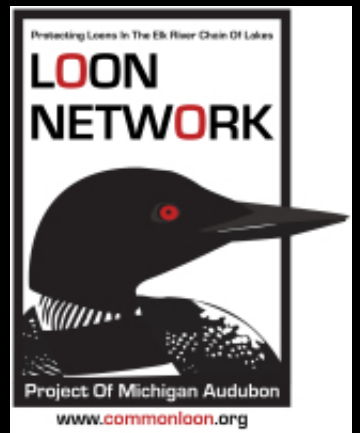
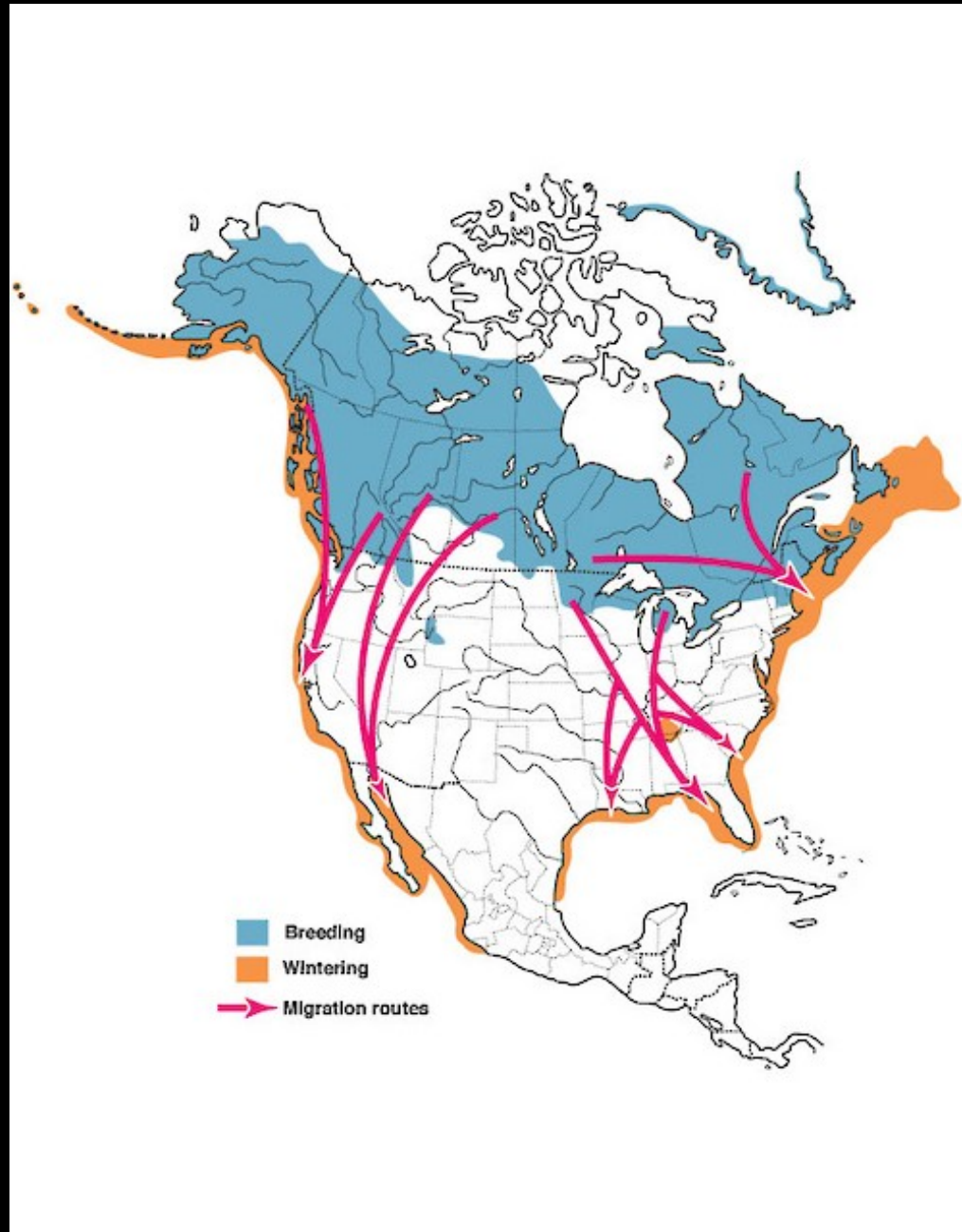
1981...





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A program of the



Cornell Lab of Ornithology

# Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute - 1972



Sigurd Olson loved being in the area near the U.S.-Canada border that would become the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.



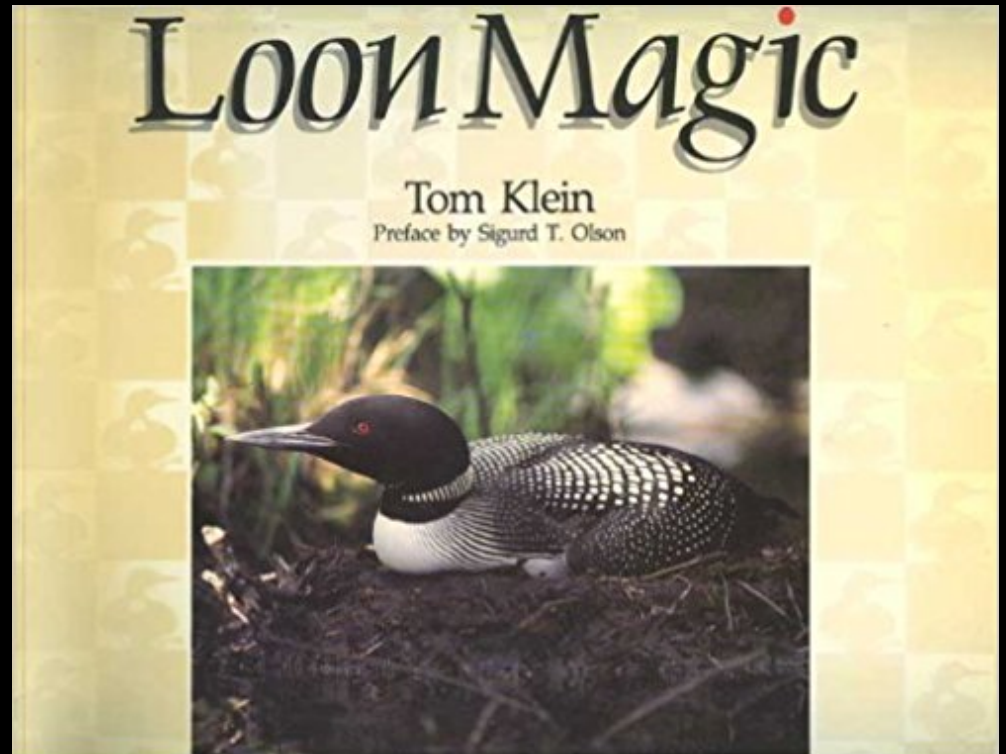
# 1978

- Sweden bans aerosol sprays
- Jimmy Carter and Middle East Peace Agreement
- Films “Grease” and “Saturday Night Fever”
- Love Canal toxic dump in the news



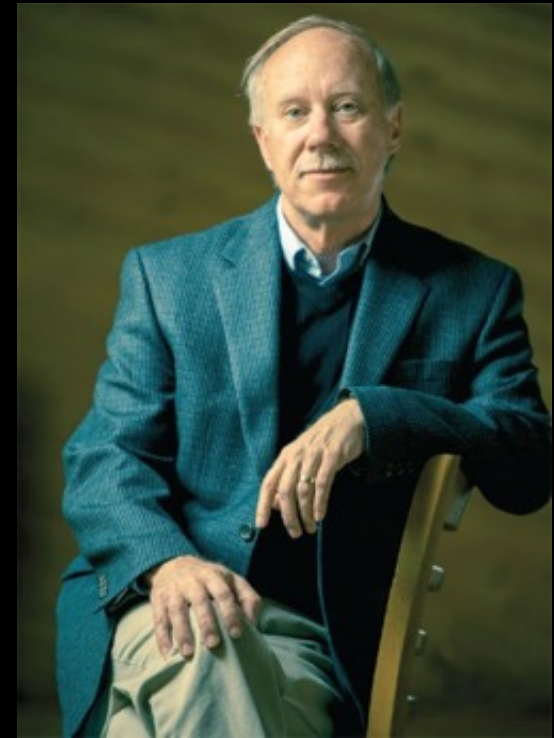


# LoonWatch Program and Tom Klein





# Putting Science in the program



# Loon Research Crew in Action



Mike Meyer

# Wisconsin Conservation Initiatives

- Northern Initiatives Lakes and Shorelines(1996)
- Knowles Nelson Stewardship (1989)
- Meyer Toxicology work
- Minnesota Zoo Captive Loon Program
- LoonWatch expanded to MN



# Connections to WI Lakes



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# Volunteers





