

**Lakes Area Unlimited Learning speaker: Walter Piper-
Monday, September 14, 1:30PM.**

September 14, 2026 – Walter Piper, Biologist

What can loons tell us about the health of our lakes? Quite a lot, as it turns out. Walter Piper, a biologist at Chapman University in Orange County, California, has been studying loons since 1993, first in Wisconsin and, since 2021, right here in Cass and Crow Wing Counties. His research has explored fascinating aspects of loon life, including territorial behavior, social relationships, and population changes. More recently, his work has uncovered alarming declines in both breeding success and the survival of young adult loons.

What is happening to our loons—and what might it mean for the lakes and wildlife we care about? Come hear Walter share what decades of research have taught him about one of Minnesota's most iconic birds. Walter is also the founder of loon.project.org.

The program starts at 1:30PM at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby, MN. It's free for members and \$10.00 for non-members.