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This week's question is brought to us by Jeff Silagy, Land & Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Jeff's question is this: Unlike most other birds, common loons have solid bones, making them less buoyant in water. This allows them to dive deeply to catch fish in northern Michigan lakes.

### **So, how deep can a common loon (*Gavia immer*) dive?**

See the answer: <http://www.huronpines.org/article/71>

To hear the unique loon tremolo sound visit:

<http://www.huronpinesamericorps.org/Files/loontremolo.wav>

Below is the 6/13/08 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Thank you!

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## **TROUT UNLIMITED TURNS UP CONSERVATION EFFORT**

Last week it was the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited out working with Huron Pines staff to do some bank stabilization work on the Au Sable. The week before, the Mason Griffith Founder's Chapter was raising some major project dollars at their annual banquet. The Challenge Chapter had just been up north helping Huron Pines out at Claybanks and they're coming back to help us with instream habitat improvement on the North Branch. Headwaters TU keeps plugging away on many different fronts. Each of these local groups are vital to protecting the coldwater streams we all enjoy. One TU Chapter we'd like to really recognize for all their efforts is the Paul H. Young Chapter.

Read what they've been up to at <http://www.huronpines.org/article/73>

## **WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

The board and staff at Huron Pines want to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of a volunteer that has had a major impact already this summer. We work with a lot of great people, but have noticed that **Tom Buhr** has been everywhere this year. Whether cleaning up rivers, stabilizing streambanks, writing up conservation news, planting trees, or serving behind the scenes on multiple project committees, we're thankful for all of Tom's efforts in helping to conserve the waters of Northeast Michigan. If you are out enjoying the river you might just see him working way; be sure to pass along a thanks; we need all the great volunteers in northern Michigan that we can get.

## **WEB CONSERVATION TOOLS**

While you're at the website, be sure to check out our new "resources" section. We've got many of our recent watershed management plans up on the site, along with greenbelt and native plant information and our Great Lakes Better Backroads Guidebook.

You can go direct to the resources page by clicking here:

<http://www.huronpines.org/program/17>

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