

Reported Sightings at Loch Ness

A list of reported sightings of the Loch Ness monster can serve a number of purposes: documenting how frequent such reports have been, for example, and whether the frequency has changed or remained the same over long periods; and indicating how many of the reports can be satisfactorily explained without postulating the existence of Nessies. Until recently, the only list available was one published by Roy Mackal in *The Monsters of Loch Ness* of about 250 sightings that he judged valid; now Ulrich Magin has culled the literature for all reported sightings and has generously given permission to publish here a checklist based on his work. Magin's list includes both location of the sighting in the loch and explication of a sighting where known (e.g., hoax); to conserve space I have compressed the list to show only date, name of observer (where known), and published source of the report. An asterisk indicates that a photograph or film was taken.

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