



# Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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## Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From May 2007

- 471** Total NatureMapping Observations  
(compared to 487 in April)
- 15.2** Observations/day  
(compared to 16.5 in April)
- 1,314** Animals observed  
(during 471 total NM observations)

### Top 6

Animal	# Obs.
Northern Spring Peeper	131
Rock Pigeon	83
Canada Goose	52
Chorus Frog	51
White-tailed Deer	50
American Robin	49

**NOTE: Enter your observations on the website regularly so they are included in monthly calculations.**

## Highlighted May Animal

### Northern Spring Peeper



Who can ignore a deafening chorus of Spring Peepers on a warm spring night? These thumbnail-sized tree frogs leave their woodland hibernation sites as early as March. Perched on grasses and sedges at the edge of ponds or roadside ditches, the males call mates with a shrill "peep peep peep". Their brown or gray color, always with a dark stripe on the sides of the head and dark markings on the back, provide excellent camouflage against the dead spring grasses. If the night is cold, Peepers retreat under leaves and stems. About 1000 eggs are laid singly on twigs and leaf litter at the pond bottom. Then adults head back to the woods for the summer, fall and winter. The males may continue to call from trees, clinging a meter or more off the ground with adhesive toe pads. Some call occasionally during the day throughout the summer and fall. The tadpoles develop rapidly and transform from July through September. This tree frog eats mostly soft-bodied invertebrates. Small spiders, moth larvae and water midges are a common food items.

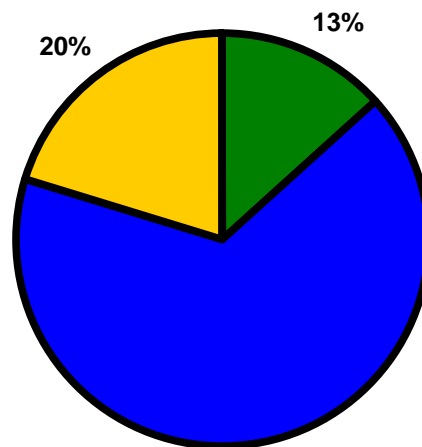
## Types of animals observed, Wisconsin NatureMapping, May 2007

**Birds – 67%**

**Mammals – 13%**

**Amphibians – 20%**

**Reptiles – 0 %**



### What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 871** Birds
- 177** Mammals
- 266** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles