



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From August 2007

- 208** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 133 in July)
- 4.2** Observations/day
(compared to 4.2 in July)
- 950** Animals observed
(during 208 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# Obs.
Common Grackle	141
Northern Leopard Frog	115
Wild Turkey	81
Sandhill Crane	72
Eastern American Toad	64

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

September Programs

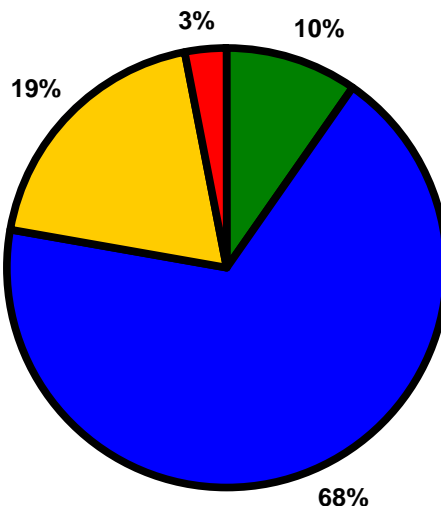
Fall Wildflowers, Birds, and Butterflies -

Thursday, September 13, 2007, 6:30-8 pm. Join reserve Director, Rick Koziel for a stroll at the Henke Farm to look for signs of the approaching fall season. Prairie wildflowers, migrating warblers, and fall butterflies should be present. Dress for the weather, bring binoculars and field guides. \$5 -\$7 upon registration until September 11

September Phenology

Sept. 1 - 7: The last Baltimore orioles leave to spend the winter in Central America. Acorns are a vital food for many animals, including wood ducks, wild turkeys, red-bellied woodpeckers, white-tailed deer, and black bears. Warbling vireos are very vocal. **Sept. 8 - 14:** Snapping turtle eggs, which were laid in late May or early June, are hatching now. First big rafts of American coots return to central and southern Wisconsin lakes for the autumn season. Mourning doves continue to nest. The last of the ruby-throated hummingbirds are leaving Northern Wisconsin. Groundhogs, dine on tender succulent plants as they prepare for hibernation. **Sept 15 - 21:** Cedar waxwings and American robins feed on ripe mountain ash and crabapple tree fruit. Flotillas of migrating American coots can be observed on numerous southern Wisconsin lakes. Most ruby-throated hummingbirds leave southern Wisconsin by September 25. Both red and gray squirrels gather fallen butternuts. **Sept. 22 - 30:** Chipmunks are busy gathering food that they store underground to eat when they awaken during the winter. Waves of American robins migrate through. In northern Wisconsin, fall colors peak and black bears begin to go into hibernation.

Types of animals observed, Wisconsin NatureMapping, August 2007



Birds – 68 %

Mammals – 10 %

Amphibians – 19 %

Reptiles – 3 %

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 713** Birds
- 102** Mammals
- 201** Amphibians
- 33** Reptiles