



# Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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## Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From August 2009

- 93** Total NatureMapping Observations  
(compared to 68 in July)
- 3** Observations/day  
(compared to 2.2 in July)
- 414** Animals observed  
(during 93 total NM observations)

### Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Barn Swallows	53
Mourning Doves	37
Blue Jays	29
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	27
Black-capped Chickadees	24

**NOTE:** Try to enter your observations on the website before the end of each month so they can be included in our monthly calculations!



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### YOUR Observations!

The observation below was submitted by one of our NatureMappers in August from Vernon County! What a great sight to see!

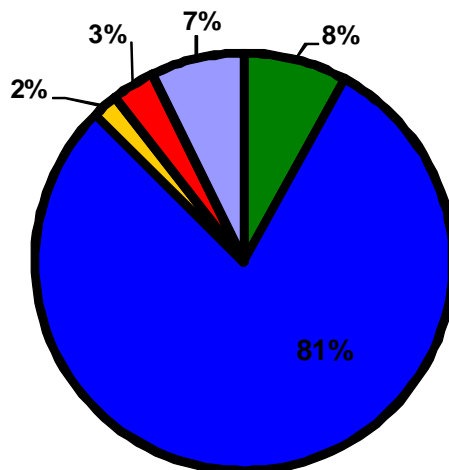
“Coyote observed at edge of stream barking and in agitated state. After some jumping and pouncing, the coyote lunged toward rocks at his feet and came up with large mink held in his mouth by the scruff of the neck. Mink hung limp and was obviously dead/incapacitated prey at that point. After several moments, the coyote detected this observer watching him and he ran off into the woods with mink still in his mouth.”

**Great Lakes Worm Watch Volunteer Training**  
Sept. 24, 2009  
Beaver Creek Reserve  
Call 715-877-2212 to register!

### September Phenology from EEK!

Beavers reinsulated their lodges and thirteen-lined ground squirrels fatten up for the winter! Phenology information is from EEK! - Environmental Education for Kids, [www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/), WI DNR.

## Animals Observed by Category for August 2009



**Birds – 81%**

**Mammals – 11%**

**Amphibians – 7%**

**Reptiles – 1%**

**Worms – 7% (NEW!)**

### What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 233** Birds
- 30** Mammals
- 19** Amphibians
- 4** Reptiles
- 30** Worms  
(NEW!)