



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From December 2009

- 93** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 146 in November)
- 3.0** Observations/day
(compared to 4.9 in November)
- 778** Animals observed
(during 93 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Bald Eagle	186
Dark-Eyed Junco	164
Blue Jay	91
House Finch	77
Canada Goose	50

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

Snow Tracks

Help the DNR track and monitor Wisconsin's wolf population and other forest carnivores by conducting surveys of winter tracks left in the snow. These surveys are used to determine the abundance and distribution of animals such as fishers and bobcats, in addition to wolves. Also, they can indicate the existence of rare carnivores such as Canada lynx, cougar, and wolverine. Find out the guidelines to becoming a tracker and other information at the WDNR website:



Wolf Track
Photograph
courtesy of
Wisconsin DNR

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/mammals/volunteer/>

NatureMapping Training Videos!
Check out the Online Training Videos at
<http://www.wisnatmap.org/training.htm>

January Phenology from EEK!

Watch for the January "thaw" bringing out light sleeping critters like skunks, raccoons, and opossums. Look for tracks and scat to find out if these critters are wandering about. Or, if you're looking for a skunk, just use your nose! Phenology information is from the EEK!-Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, Wisconsin DNR.

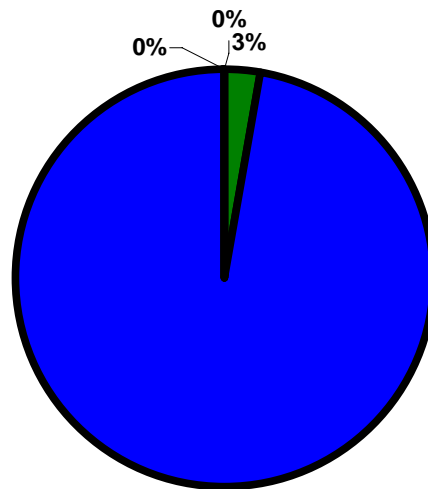
Animals Observed by Category for December 2008

Birds – 97%

Mammals – 3%

Amphibians – 0 %

Reptiles – 0 %



What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 757** Birds
- 21** Mammals
- 0** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles