



# Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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## Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From March 2009

- 229** Total NatureMapping Observations  
(compared to 106 in February)
- 7.4** Observations/day  
(compared to 4.0 in February)
- 1685** Animals observed  
(during 229 total NM observations)

### Top 5 Animals

| Animal          | # observed |
|-----------------|------------|
| Common Redpoll  | 310        |
| Sandhill Crane  | 199        |
| Dark-eyed Junco | 179        |
| Pine Siskin     | 82         |
| Blue Jay        | 81         |

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

## Arbor Day is April 27<sup>th</sup>

Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April; a day that encourages tree planting and care. Wisconsin has been celebrating Arbor Day since 1883; so, plant a tree in your yard on April 27th! Studies show that you won't just be helping the environment, but you'll be helping your own costs as well since trees shade to help lower AC costs in the summer and insulate to help with heating costs in the winter. And, if you already have enough trees in your yard, push for your town or city to plant trees along streets to improve air quality and promote businesses.

**Don't forget about Earth Day on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Owen Park in Eau Claire!**

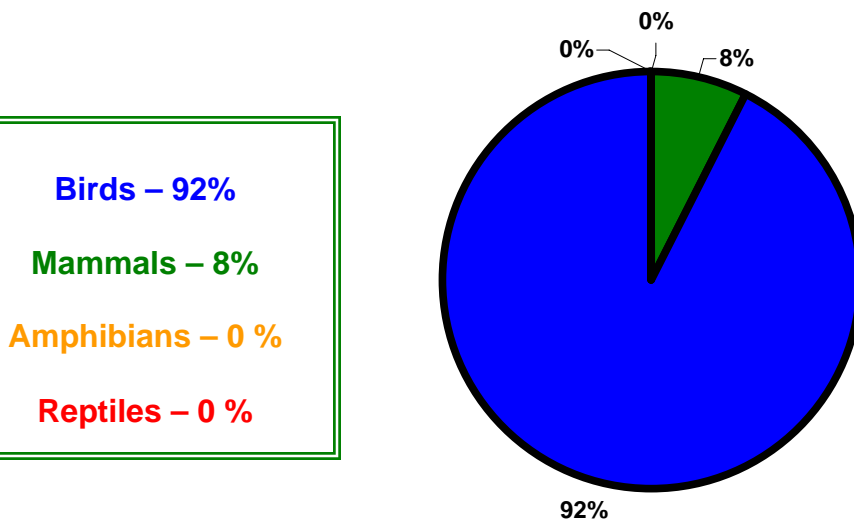


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WDNR EEK! website.

### April Phenology from EEK!

As the weather warms in April, you'll see many animals coming out of winter dormancy or migrating north. A few birds you can watch out for are the whooping crane, upland plover, and osprey as they migrate back into Wisconsin. Other animals that are coming out include spring peepers, salamanders, and honey bees; so keep looking! Phenology information is from the EEK!-Environmental Education for Kids, [www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/), WI DNR.

## Animals Observed by Category for March 2008



**Birds – 92%**

**Mammals – 8%**

**Amphibians – 0 %**

**Reptiles – 0 %**

### What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 1557** Birds
- 128** Mammals
- 0** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles