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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From May 2009

- 168** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 163 in April)
- 5.4** Observations/day
(compared to 5.4 in April)
- 918** Animals observed
(during 163 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Northern Spring	
Peeper	269
Blue Jay	81
American Goldfinch	80
White-Tailed Deer	59
Barn Swallow	41

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



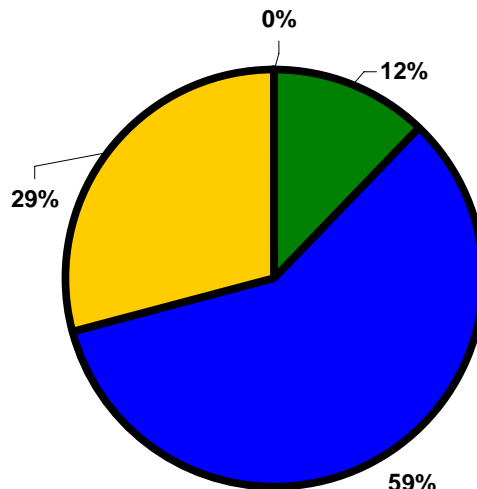
Don't Forget the Amphibians

Birds and mammals are easy to spot when you walk out your door, and this sometimes draws attention away from the small critters who call our wetlands and forests home, especially salamanders. There are four types of salamanders that live in Wisconsin, the tiger, red-backed, four-toed, and blue-spotted salamanders. Each of these can be found in woods where decaying stumps, leaf litter, and mosses provide a damp habitat; however the tiger salamander also lives in ponds and streams, and the four-toed salamander prefers swamps. So, the next time you're walking through the woods carefully flip over some rotting logs or leaf litter and take a minute to look for some salamanders to record on the WI NatureMapping website!

June Phenology from EEK!

Watch out for emerging amphibians and bugs in the warmer days in June. Sitting beside a pond or walking through a wetland will give you plenty of time to hear frogs, like the green frog or the mink frog. Also, alongside these watercourses you can watch dragonflies dart after bugs as many dragonfly nymphs turn into adults this time of year. Phenology information is from EEK! - Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, WI DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for May 2009



Birds – 59%

Mammals – 12%

Amphibians – 29%

Reptiles – 0%

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 536** Birds
- 113** Mammals
- 269** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles