



# Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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## Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From June 2009

- 72** Total NatureMapping Observations  
(compared to 168 in May)
- 2.04** Observations/day  
(compared to 5.4 in May)
- 500** Animals observed  
(during 72 total NM observations)

### Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Northern Spring Peeper	108
American White Pelican	64
Red-Winged Blackbird	39
Blue Jay	38
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	25

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



Photograph courtesy of Jessica Soine.

### Green Herons

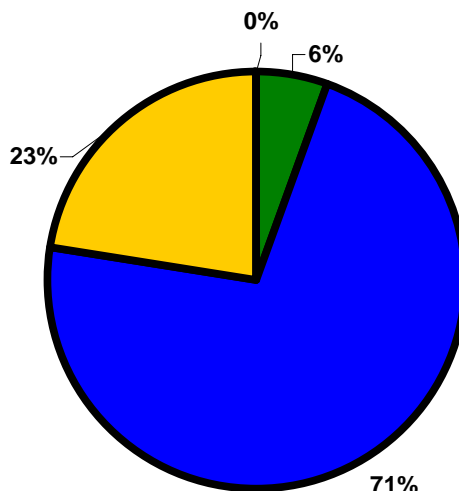
The green heron is one of many species you may see if visiting Wisconsin's waterways this summer. However, you'll have to look closely to spot the green heron as it stands motionless waiting for its prey—usually small fish, invertebrates, and frogs. The green heron will even use bait to lure fish towards it, such as crusts of bread, insects, and worms. To know that you've spotted a green heron look for its longer yellow-orange legs, green-blue back, and long, sharp beak. Three were spotted by NatureMappers in June, see if you can spot any in July!

**Please note we're having some difficulties with the website, so no turtles are represented in the Wisconsin NatureMapping numbers for June.**

### July Phenology from EEK!

July brings hot days into Wisconsin in which many flowering plants bloom. Watch for blooming plants in Wisconsin's prairies such as purple coneflower, prairie dock, and compass plant. Also, if you're visiting any lakes in northern Wisconsin keep your ears sharp for loon calls as they echo across the lake. 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 June 2009



**Birds – 71%**

**Mammals – 6%**

**Amphibians – 23 %**

**Reptiles – 0 %**

### What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 366** Birds
- 29** Mammals
- 115** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles