



# Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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## Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From July 2009

- 68** Total NatureMapping Observations  
 (compared to 72 in June)
- 2.2** Observations/day  
 (compared to 2.0 in June)
- 286** Animals observed  
 (during 68 total NM observations)

### Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
American Goldfinch	31
Mourning Dove	25
Red-Winged Blackbird	17
Blue Jay	17
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	14

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



Photograph courtesy of Great Lakes Worm Watch.

### Worm Watch!

Did you know that worms are not native to Wisconsin forests? That's right! When the glaciers swept over our state many years ago, those squirmly little critters we find in our garden were likely wiped out. The earthworms you see in Wisconsin today have been introduced from Europe and Asia. Researchers are now taking a closer look at worms to see what role they play in Wisconsin forests and are finding some dramatic results! Learn more by visiting the Great Lakes Worm Watch website at: <http://greatlakeswormwatch.org/>

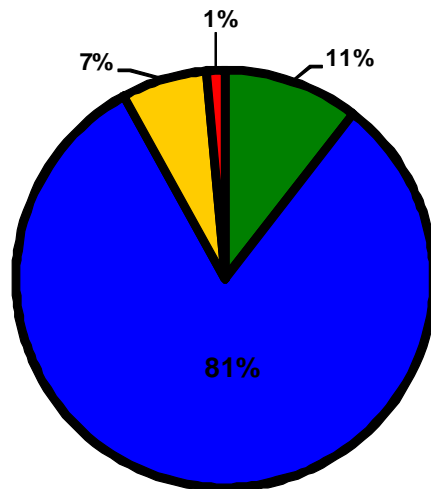
### Great Lakes Worm Watch Volunteer Training

Sept. 24, 2009  
 Beaver Creek Reserve  
 Call 715-877-2212 to register!

### August Phenology from EEK!

Warblers, shorebirds, and nighthawks begin to migrate south this month and wood duck families can be seen floating along rivers and ponds near overhanging branches and hollow standing trees! You may also run in to a bear or two nibbling on fresh ripened blackberries. August is also a great time to go worming! 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 July 2009



**Birds – 81%**

**Mammals – 11%**

**Amphibians – 7%**

**Reptiles – 1%**

### What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 233** Birds
- 30** Mammals
- 19** Amphibians
- 4** Reptiles