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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From September 2009

100 Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 93 in August)

3.3 Observations/day
(compared to 3.0 in August)

454 Animals observed
(during 100 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Worms	85
Mourning Doves	40
Northern Flicker	38
Wild Turkey	34
White-Tailed Deer	29

NOTE: Try to enter your observations on the website before the end of each month so they can be included in our monthly calculations!

Snowshoe Hares

Although this unique mammal is often mistaken for a rabbit, there are a few differences between a hare and a rabbit. Generally hares have longer ears, very large hind feet and long legs built for jumping. In addition to these differences, this hare changes its coat twice a year, trading its thin brown coat for a heavier white coat in order to survive the winter months. The ears and feet are the first parts of the body to change color and the total transformation takes about 10 weeks. This change will be taking place soon, so keep your eyes open!



Images courtesy of WDNR EEK! website



Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2nd Annual Wisconsin Warming Week! You made it a lot of fun!

October Phenology from EEK!

Buck rubs begin to appear as the rut begins and dark-eyed juncos start to arrive at feeders in some parts of Wisconsin! Amphibians and reptiles hibernate for the winter while beavers and muskrats keep busy preparing their lodges and storing food for the winter. Phenology information is from EEK! - Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, WI DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for September 2009

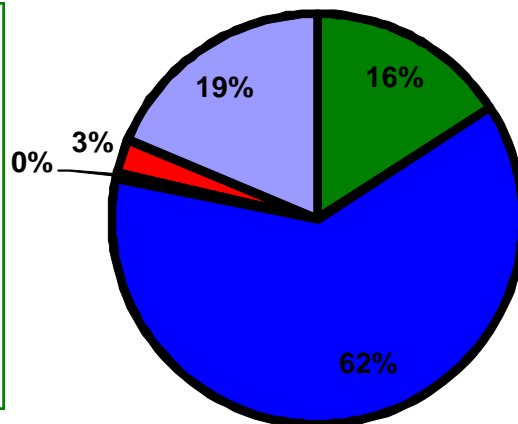
Birds – 62%

Mammals – 16%

Amphibians – 0.4%

Reptiles – 3%

Worms – 19% (NEW!)



What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

283 Birds
72 Mammals
2 Amphibians
12 Reptiles
85 Worms
(NEW!)