



# Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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## Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From June 2010

- 93** Total NatureMapping Observations  
(compared to 122 in May)
- 3.1** Observations/day  
(compared to 3.9 in May)
- 342** Animals observed  
(compared to 356 in May)

### Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
American Goldfinches	28
Mourning Doves	24
American Robins	20
Canada Geese	17
Red-winged Blackbird	16

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



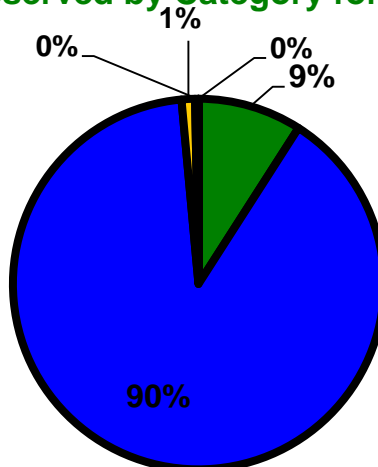
### Northern Water Snake

Did you know that the Northern water snake is NON-venomous? It is often confused with water moccasins (which are venomous) but water moccasins are NOT found in WI! So, this summer as you swim in Wisconsin's lakes and streams, you can do so knowing that you do not need to fear any snakes you see in the water. They will not hurt you. Northern water snakes like to eat crayfish, small fish, and amphibians (like frogs) and are beautiful to watch as they swim through the water. (Source: WDNR).

### July Phenology from EEK!

Monarch and Karner blue butterflies are out in July. Loons can be watched on Wisconsin lakes and young eagles begin to fledge. Although the summer is only partly over, at the end of July shorebirds will begin their fall migration! Black bears, birds, and raccoons will be out munching on black raspberries and blackberries as they ripen this month. Phenology is from EEK! – Environmental Education for Kids, [www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/), WI DNR and the Beaver Creek Reserve Calendar.

## Animals Observed by Category for April 2010



**Birds – 90%**

**Mammals – 9%**

**Amphibians – 1%**

**Reptiles – 0.3%**

**Worms – 0%**

### What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 306** Birds
- 31** Mammals
- 4** Amphibians
- 1** Reptiles
- 0** Worms