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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From April 2010

- 121** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 183 in March)
- 4.0** Observations/day
(compared to 5.9 in March)
- 564** Animals observed
(compared to 1236 in March)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Spring Peeper	138
Blue Jay	35
American Robin	32
Brown-headed cowbird	27
Red-winged blackbird	24

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

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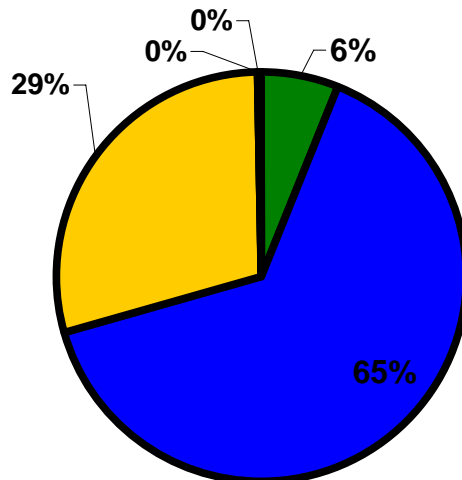
Common Nighthawk

The nighthawks return to Wisconsin in May from their winter hiatus in South America. These beautiful birds like to spend their evenings and early mornings flying through the skies eating insects such as moths. They have brown, black, and gray colored feathers, with barring on their chest and white patches near their wing tips. These birds like grassland areas where they can nest on the ground, but are also seen in urban areas. You can learn the more about the Common Nighthawk and listen to its call at the Cornell website ["All about Birds"](http://www.allaboutbirds.org).

May Phenology from EEK!

Ruby-throated hummingbirds and orioles return and the warbler migration nears its peak. Fawns try out their new legs and sandhill crane chicks begin to hatch. River otters begin to have their pups too, so watch for them playing along the banks! Phenology is from EEK! – Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, WI DNR and the Beaver Creek Reserve Calendar.

Animals Observed by Category for April 2010



Birds – 65%

Mammals – 6%

Amphibians – 29%

Reptiles – 0%

Worms – 0.2%

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 363** Birds
- 35** Mammals
- 166** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles
- 1** Worms