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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From September 2010

- 200** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 98 in August)
- 6.7** Observations/day
(compared to 3.1 in August)
- 718** Animals observed
(compared to 411 in August)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Eastern Gray Squirrels	111
Chimney Swifts	100
Wood Ducks	96
White-tailed Deer	37
American Robins and Canadian Geese	36

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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<http://nationalzoo.si.edu>



Be That a Beaver?

At this time of year, the beavers are getting ready for winter, too. You can find beavers by looking for trees with the lower bark chewed off, or for the ponds they create by damming up small streams. In the fall they reinforce their dams with mud and sticks and gather food. Since beavers eat mostly bark and twigs, they store food by dragging branches into the water near their lodge. This way they can get to it easily if ice blocks off the shore. (WDNR)

October Phenology from EEK!

Snowshoe Hares get ready for the winter snow by turning from brown to white. Amphibians and reptiles go into hibernation for the winter. Squirrels gather fallen walnuts and store them away for winter snacks. 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 September 2010

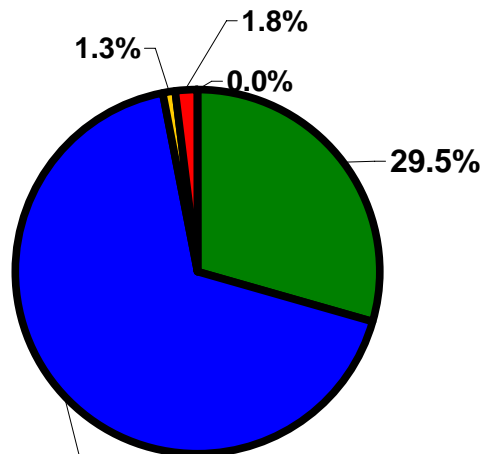
Birds – 67.4%

Mammals – 29.5%

Amphibians – 1.3%

Reptiles – 1.8%

Worms – 0.0%



What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 484** Birds
- 212** Mammals
- 9** Amphibians
- 13** Reptiles
- 0** Worms

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