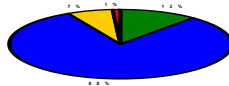




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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From June 2007

- 225** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 471 in May)
- 7.2** Observations/day
(compared to 15.2 in May)
- 712** Animals observed
(during 225 total NM observations)

Top 5 Are All Birds

| Animal | # Obs. |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Mallard | 65 |
| Canada Goose | 64 |
| Ring-billed Gull | 48 |
| Barn Swallow | 47 |
| Red-winged Black Bird | 38 |

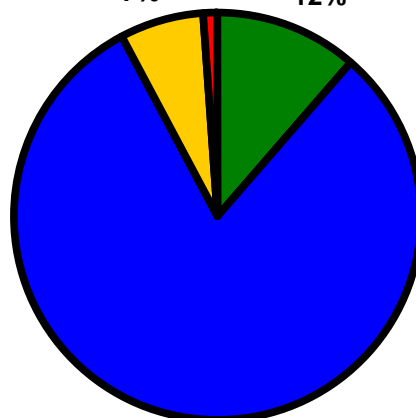
NOTE: Enter your observations on the website regularly so they are included in monthly calculations.

Wisconsin's July Phenology

1 - 6: Barn swallow young leave their nests. Tiny American toads are up on dry land. Young raccoons are out and about with their mothers. Purple martin young are hatching. Birds savor the clusters of red fruit on scarlet elderberry shrubs. Purple martins are feeding their nestlings and downy woodpeckers are bringing their fledglings to suet feeders. Common nighthawks can be observed flying, calling, and feeding in the air over most cities and towns, where they nest on flat rooftops. American goldfinches are feeding on Canada thistle seed heads. **7 - 13:** Common grackles have begun to flock together. American robins, eastern phoebes, and eastern bluebirds are nesting for the second time. Adult Baltimore orioles bring their young to backyard sugar water feeders. Purple martins begin fledging. **14 - 20:** Canada geese are beginning to fly once again; the adults have been flightless since mid-June when they molted their wing feathers. Ruby-throated hummingbirds are nesting now. The early morning chorus of birds has dropped off noticeably; fewer males are singing for territories now. Blue jays, rose-breasted grosbeaks, gray catbirds, and American robins are still busy feeding their young. House wrens are very vocal. **21 - 27:** American goldfinches feed on Canada thistle seed heads. Black bears in northern Wisconsin should be feasting on ripe wild raspberries and blueberries. **28 - 31:** House wrens continue to sing. Black bears enjoy a cool-down swim during these warm, dry days of summer. Ruby-throated hummingbirds enjoy the nectar of phlox and hosta flowers. Brown thrashers, eastern kingbirds, and Baltimore orioles are seen at birdbaths. House wrens continue their nesting season and are still vocal. Birds commonly seen at birdbaths include house wrens, blue jays, Baltimore orioles, American robins, black-capped chickadees, and gray catbirds.

Types of animals observed, Wisconsin NatureMapping, June 2007

7% 1% 12%



Birds – 80%

Mammals – 12%

Amphibians – 7%

Reptiles – 1%

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 575** Birds
- 82** Mammals
- 47** Amphibians
- 8** Reptiles

80%