



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From January 2008

- 41** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 53 in December)
- 1.3** Observations/day
(compared to 1.7 in December)
- 220** Animals observed
(during 41 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Dark-eyed juncos	39
Black-capped chickadees	28
Chipping Sparrows	20
Plains pocket gophers	20
White-tailed deer	11

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

February Programs

NatureMapping Training Session—Thursday, Feb. 7, 6 pm–7:30 pm. Recruit a friend, family, or youngster and come to this NatureMapping session and discover the joys of mapping wildlife in your area! Learn new ways and places to NatureMap!

Who's been here? Winter tracking for kids—Sat Feb. 16, 9:30 am–11 am. Kids will take a short walk out-of-doors, guided by a naturalist as they learn what to look for in order to identify who may have passed that way. Class includes making a plaster cast of a wild track to take home.

Heard of Snow Fleas?



Photo by Kenneth Christiansen

Learn more about these fascinating little insects from the EEK! Website:

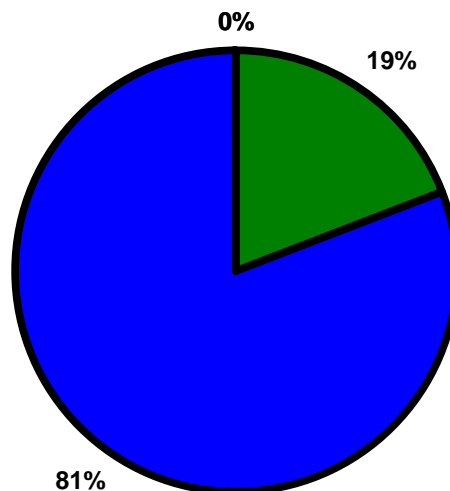
<http://www.dnr.wi.gov/caer/ce/eeek/critter/insect/snowflea.htm>

February Phenology from EEK!

Warm sunny weather triggers skunks to wander out of their dens. Snow fleas gather at the base of trees during sunny days. Look for deer and rabbit sign by looking for chew marks on twigs. If edges are clipped off cleanly at a 45 degree angle and is near the ground, it is probably from a rabbit or hare. Bark chewed off at the top of a tree might be from porcupines. EEK!-Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, Wisconsin DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for February 2008

Birds – 81 %
Mammals – 19 %
Amphibians – 0 %
Reptiles – 0 %



What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?	
178	Birds
42	Mammals
0	Amphibians
0	Reptiles