



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From June 2008

- 40** Total NatureMapping Observations
 (compared to 285 in May)
- 1.3** Observations/day
 (compared to 9.1 in May)
- 182** Animals observed
 (during 40 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Barn Swallow	55
Red winged blackbird	23
Blue Jay	18
American Robin	12
Cliff Swallow	10

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

July Programs

NatureMapping Usability Testing—Would you like to help us improve the NatureMapping website? Spend an hour at the Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center with two researchers from UW-Eau Claire on August 14 or 15 to test the website and help us determine what parts are easy to use and what parts could be improved! Contact Sarah at sarah@beavercreekreserve.org or 715-877-2212 for more details!

American Goldfinch



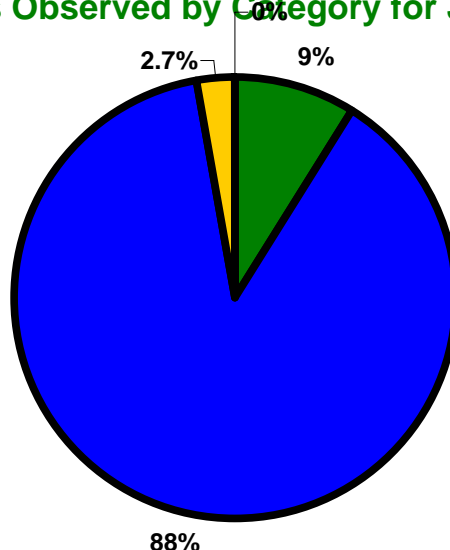
Image courtesy of WI DNR EEK!

Male Goldfinches are bright yellow with darker colored wings. The bird pictured above is a much lighter, duller yellow and is a female. Goldfinches fly in a wavy, up and down pattern and love to eat thistle seeds. Learn more at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/ee/critter/bird/birdposter/gfinch.htm>

July Phenology from EEK!

Goldfinches gather thistle seeds to build their nests. Monarch butterflies feed on blooming milkweed flowers. Loons can be seen and heard on northern lakes. Watch for black bears feeding on berries! Phenology information is from the EEK!-Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, Wisconsin DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for June 2008



Birds – 88%

Mammals – 9 %

Amphibians – 2.7 %

Reptiles – 0 %

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 161** Birds
- 16** Mammals
- 5** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles