



# Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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## Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From November 2008

- 146** Total NatureMapping Observations  
(compared to 98 in October)
- 4.9** Observations/day  
(compared to 3.2 in October)
- 981** Animals observed  
(during 146 total NM observations)

### Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
European Starling	135
House Finch	110
Dark-Eyed Junco	106
Blue Jay	103
Black-Capped Chickadee	77

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

## Winter Bald Eagle Watching

To find where Bald Eagles are wintering in Wisconsin it is best to identify sources of food for the birds. Open water provides eagles with fish, so it is best to watch for eagles near dams and power plants because these areas don't freeze over as lakes and rivers do. Also, any carrion in the area will likely attract eagles and oftentimes eagles can be spotted feeding on deer carcasses on the sides of roads or in fields. To learn more about Bald Eagles and how to observe them properly, visit the WDNR website:



Image courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/birds/eagle/watching.htm>

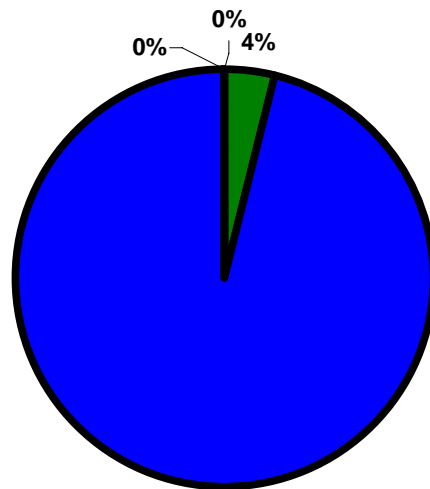
**NatureMapping Training Videos!**  
Check out the Online Training Videos at <http://www.wisnatmap.org/training.htm>

### December Phenology from EEK!

Watch for large flocks of mergansers on open water, usually the Mississippi. Also, the bird network has reports for northern owls, so watch for them or look them up as [www.wisnatmap.org](http://www.wisnatmap.org). And remember, Christmas trees near feeders make great cover for songbirds. Find other phenology information at the EEK!-Environmental Education for Kids, [www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/), Wisconsin DNR.

## Animals Observed by Category for November 2008

- Birds – 96%**
- Mammals – 4%**
- Amphibians – 0 %**
- Reptiles – 0 %**



### What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 942** Birds
- 39** Mammals
- 0** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles