



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From August 2010

- 71** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 98 in July)
- 2.3** Observations/day
(compared to 3.1 in July)
- 248** Animals observed
(compared to 411 in July)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Eastern Grey Squirrels	28
White-tailed Deer	22
Blue Jays	20
American Goldfinches	18
Northern Flickers/ American Robins	17

NOTE: Try to enter your observations on the website before the end of each month so they can be included in our monthly calculations!

Courtesy of deer-
pictures.com



Count Those Points!

Did you know that a white-tailed buck does not keep his antlers year round? They begin growing in the spring and reach their full size in the fall, when hunters eagerly seek the buck with the biggest rack. The size of a rack is gauged by the number of points on each antler. About this time in the fall, the bucks begin rubbing the "velvet" of their antlers off on trees so their points turn ivory colored. This is also in preparation for fighting with other bucks for does. In the winter, the buck sheds his distinctive feature and looks like any other deer until the antlers being growing again the next spring. (Source WDNR)

September Phenology from EEK!

Fall officially begins September 22. Birds start migrating South – watch for Canadian Geese. Deciduous tree leaves begin to change colors. Katydids, cicadas, and crickets stop whining in the evening. Mosquitos leave! 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 August 2010

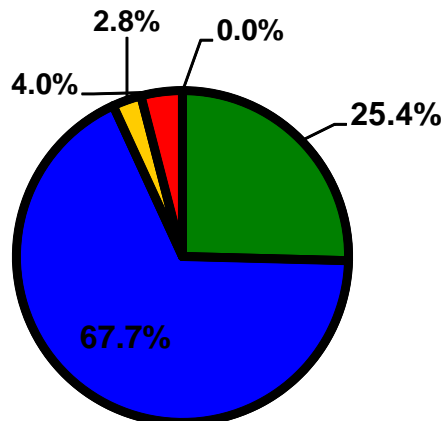
Birds – 67.7%

Mammals – 25.4%

Amphibians – 2.8%

Reptiles – 4.0%

Worms – 0.0%



What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 168** Birds
- 63** Mammals
- 7** Amphibians
- 10** Reptiles
- 0** Worms