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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From April 2009

- 163** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 229 in March)
- 5.4** Observations/day
(compared to 7.4 in March)
- 873** Animals observed
(during 163 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
American White Pelican	136
Dark-eyed Junco	117
Blue Jay	85
American Goldfinch	66
Common Goldeneye	40

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



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WDNR EEK! website

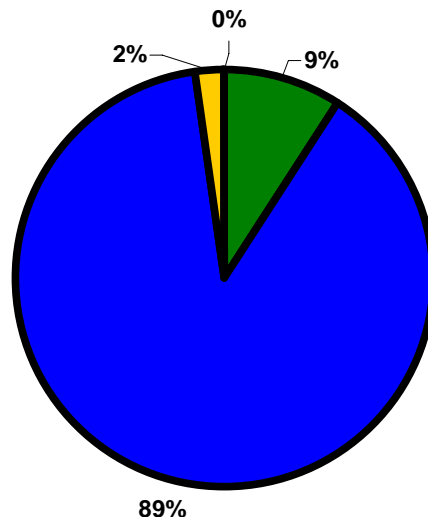
Northern Cardinals

When you step outside in the early morning you may be able to hear the whistles that denote the Northern Cardinal. Before the trees leaf-in completely it is easy to spot the male as he sings on a branch; the dusky brown female might be harder to spot, but usually she won't be far away from her mate. One reason that cardinals are easier to spot in the spring is their aggressiveness to defend their territory, which will cause them to attack other birds and even their own reflection. To learn more about Northern Cardinals and what else to look for at your backyard birdfeeder visit the Cornell Ornithology website, http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Northern_Cardinal/id.

April Phenology from EEK!

As the days get longer in May, you'll see many changes around your neighborhood. Watch as different deciduous trees leaf out and start shading the sidewalks. Or look a little lower and notice the trillium and bloodroot emerge with their delicate, white flowers. Also, you'll probably hear the mating calls of frogs and toads during the evening hours. Phenology information is from EEK!- Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, WI DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for April 2009



Birds – 89%

Mammals – 9%

Amphibians – 2 %

Reptiles – 0 %

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 774** Birds
- 79** Mammals
- 20** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles