



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From January 2010

- 166** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 115 in December)
- 5.4** Observations/day
(compared to 3.7 in December)
- 754** Animals observed
(compared to 802 in December)

Top 6 Animals

Animal	# observed
Black-capped	
Chickadee	73
Blue Jay	87
Dark-eyed Junco	78
House Finch	65
Mourning Dove	64
Gray Squirrel	51

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

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Black-legged Kittiwake

The very first observation to the WI NatureMapping database of a black-legged kittiwake was made in December in Ozaukee County. How cool! This bird may look like just another seagull, but the kittiwake has black legs and black wing tips. The gulls we typically see have light colored legs and black wing tips with white spots sprinkled in. See if you can spot one!

February Phenology from EEK!

Listen for male cardinals to sing "what cheer", chickadees to sing "fee bee" and tufted titmice to sing "peter peter peter". Skunks are lured out of their winter dens by warmer weather. Raccoons, gray squirrels, coyotes, and timber wolves breed this time of year and great horned owls begin to nest. You may even see red-winged blackbirds coming back from their winter hangouts. Watch for them in your yard! Phenology information is from EEK! – Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, WI DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for January 2010

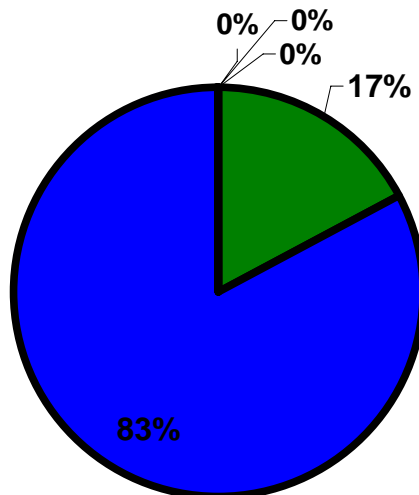
Birds – 83%

Mammals – 17%

Amphibians – 0%

Reptiles – 0%

Worms – 0%



What was Observed in Wisconsin?

- 625** Birds
- 129** Mammals
- 0** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles
- 0** Worms