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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From July 2008

- 63** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 40 in June)
- 2.0** Observations/day
(compared to 1.3 in June)
- 274** Animals observed
(during 63 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Barn Swallow	49
Blue Jay	35
Mourning Dove	24
Cliff Swallow	20
American Robin	19

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

Franklin's Ground Squirrel



Image courtesy of <http://www.fgs.info/>

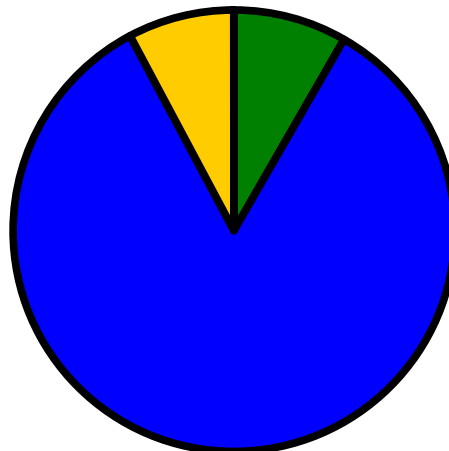
The DNR needs YOUR help to improve the distribution information available for **Franklin's Ground Squirrel** (*Spermophilus franklinii*). DNR Small Mammal Biologist Loren Ayer's told NatureMapping staff that these squirrels have been spotted several times already this month. He would like to have YOUR eyes on the look out for these little critters as well! Franklin's ground squirrels prefer brushy or wooded areas and are often seen at roadside rest areas. It is between 8-10" long and 5-6" tall, has gray hair that is black-tipped, giving it a peppery appearance and has a prominent white ring around each eye (Mammals of WI, Takiela 2005). Find out more at: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/wwap/plan/pdfs/Mammals_FranklinsGroundSquirrel.pdf

August Phenology from EEK!

Bobcat kittens are born in dens and warblers begin to migrate south! Phenology information is from the EEK!- Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, Wisconsin DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for July 2008

7.7% 0% 8%



Birds – 84%

Mammals – 8 %

Amphibians – 7.7 %

Reptiles – 0 %

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 230** Birds
- 23** Mammals
- 21** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles

84%

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