



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From August 2008

- 210** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 63 in July)
- 6.7** Observations/day
(compared to 2.0 in July)
- 933** Animals observed
(during 210 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Canada Goose	134
Barn Swallow	107
Blue Jay	42
N. Spring Peeper	40
Wood Frog	40

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

Franklin's Ground Squirrel



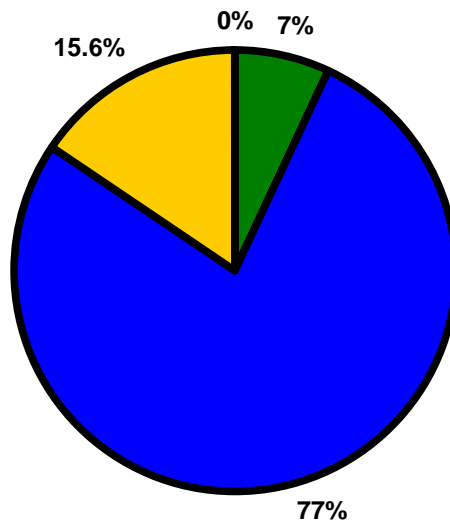
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The DNR needs YOUR help in September again to improve the distribution information available for **Franklin's Ground Squirrel** (*Spermophilus franklinii*). DNR Small Mammal Biologist Loren Ayer's told NatureMapping staff that these squirrels have 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

September Phenology from EEK!

Canada geese begin to migrate, tiger salamanders migrate to logs, buildings and gopher mounds! Phenology information is from the EEK!-Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, Wisconsin DNR.

Animals Observed by Category for August 2008



Birds – 77%

Mammals – 7 %

Amphibians – 15.6 %

Reptiles – 0 %

What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 723** Birds
- 64** Mammals
- 146** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles