



Wisconsin NatureMapping Newsletter

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Wisconsin NatureMapping Data From September 2008

- 148** Total NatureMapping Observations
(compared to 210 in August)
- 4.9** Observations/day
(compared to 6.7 in August)
- 628** Animals observed
(during 148 total NM observations)

Top 5 Animals

Animal	# observed
Gray Squirrel	178
Canada Geese	139
Eastern Cottontail	35
Mourning Dove	33
Northern Cardinal	32

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

Dark-eyed Juncos



Image courtesy of [WDNR EEK!](#)

The DNR needs YOUR help in October to improve the distribution information available for **Dark-eyed Juncos** (*Junco hyemalis*). These birds have soot colored upper bodies and a white underbelly. They like to eat millet and cracked corn from bird feeders. Juncos are often called “snowbirds” and seeing large numbers of them migrate through is a good indication that winter is not too far away!

NatureMapping Training Videos!
Check out the Online Training Videos at
<http://www.wisnatmap.org/training.htm>

October Phenology from EEK!

Watch for Whooping cranes migrating down to Florida behind an ultralight aircraft. Blackbirds and woodcock begin migration in late October. Snowshoe hares turn from brown to white and snakes begin to hibernate. Muskrats and beaver build lodges and begin to prepare for winter. Phenology information is from the EEK!-Environmental Education for Kids, www.dnr.wi.gov/eeek/, Wisconsin DNR.

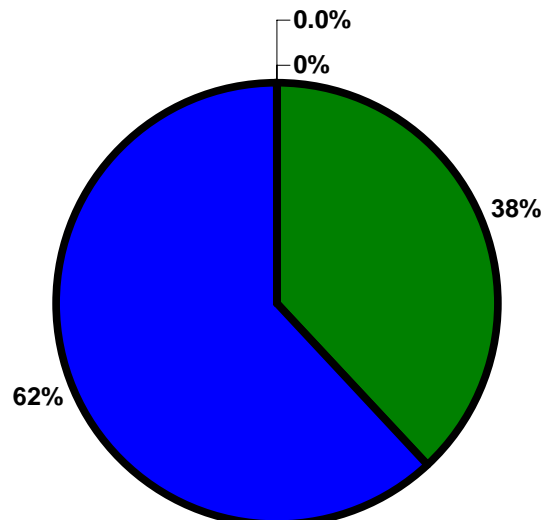
Animals Observed by Category for September 2008

Birds – 62%

Mammals – 38 %

Amphibians – 0 %

Reptiles – 0 %



What's Being Observed in Wisconsin?

- 389** Birds
- 239** Mammals
- 0** Amphibians
- 0** Reptiles