



Wisconsin Citizen-based Monitoring Network Newsletter

Fall 2016

Fall CBM Projects

Are you looking for a monitoring project in which to participate this fall? Many of our most popular CBM projects take place only in spring and summer, but there are also a variety of options for fall monitoring. Consider these great opportunities:

- [Wisconsin eBird Portal](#) is your go-to website for year-round reporting of non-breeding bird observations, **whether it's a single bird you see in your backyard or a complete checklist of species you see and hear** during a birding outing. In addition to submitting data, you can view checklists from your area, see new photographs of rare birds in the state, and stay up-to-date with general eBird news.
- [Ozaukee Fish Passage Program](#) hosts a livestreaming underwater camera along the Mequon-Thiensville Fishway, **a passage that allows wildlife to safely navigate the adjacent dam. You can watch the camera's live feed from the comfort of your own home and record your sightings of fish, turtles, and other animals using the project's easy online reporting form.**
- [Wisconsin Deer Hunter Wildlife Survey](#) is a Department of Natural Resources project to which deer hunters can contribute their observations of all types of wildlife. If you see animals like badgers, skunks, grouse, and of course deer while hunting between September and January, you can report them online or by mailing in a data sheet.

Updates to WCBM Network Website

Have you visited our website at wiatri.net/cbm recently? If not, you should check it out! We've added quite a lot of new information, and we've made updates to sections that had become outdated. The changes include:

- New entries to the Monitoring Directory: [Who's Who of Citizen-based Monitoring in Wisconsin](#)
- Information on [funding opportunities](#) for CBM projects and organizations
- Information on [equipment lending programs](#)
- New handout: [Timeframe of Statewide CBM Projects](#)
- Links to national and international citizen science groups and resources

By popular demand, we will also be adding a statewide calendar of CBM events. Look for it later this year.



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Partner Updates



- [The Wisconsin Mussel Monitoring Program](#) is partnering with Grantsburg High School to explore new ways for volunteers to help the DNR gather important data on freshwater mussels. Surveying will occur in late September, and students will use bathyscopes and masks with snorkel techniques. Observations will be entered into the new Mussel Monitoring Program Project Page on [iNaturalist](#). The pilot project will allow the program to evaluate the feasibility of using bathyscopes and iNaturalist.
- [Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II](#) is a 5-year citizen-science project that seeks to determine the distribution and abundance of Wisconsin's breeding birds. It replicates the first bird atlas (1995–2000) and makes these data readily available to support the conservation of birds and their habitats. So far, over 1,100 participants submitted over 54,000 checklists. 239 bird species were reported, with 220 confirmed as breeders. There are still many areas needing coverage — get involved at www.wsobirds.org/atlas.
- [The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program](#), which began in 2013, will have trained more than 500 Master Naturalist volunteers and 80 instructors as of this fall. Master Naturalist volunteers promote awareness, understanding, and stewardship of Wisconsin's natural environment through citizen science, interpretation and stewardship service within our communities. If you'd like to learn more, check out our [website](#) or contact us at: info@wimasternaturalist.org or 608 262-0020.
- [North Lakeland Discovery Center](#) in Manitowish Waters has some great citizen science-themed events this fall. Register online at <https://discoverycenter.net/events/>.
 - ◇ **Bird Banding Demonstration**, 10/22/2016 and 11/19/2016 01:00 PM - 03:30 PM
Adults and kids will enjoy seeing live birds up close and learning about bird ecology and research through bird banding. Adopt a bird for a memorable experience releasing a banded bird. Groups of 8+ please call to schedule a banding demonstration. Suggested donation \$5 per person.
 - ◇ **Wolf Howl**, 10/22/2016 07:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Learn about wolf ecology, the status of Wisconsin wolves, and how researchers use surveys to track packs, territories, and populations. \$22 (\$18 members); \$10 Youth 16 and under.
- [The Milwaukee County Park's Citizen-based Wetland Monitoring Program](#) has trained 63 citizen-scientists that have monitored a total of 30 different wetlands throughout Milwaukee County and donated over 1200+ hours from March-June! Monitors are trained by park staff and given equipment to survey for amphibians, invertebrates, and secretive marsh birds. Thanks to support from the Citizen-based Monitoring Partnership Program, this important volunteer-effort will continue in spring of 2017!
- [Snapshot Wisconsin](#) launched in Spring 2016. Nearly 500 trail cameras have been deployed and are being monitored by 344 volunteers around Wisconsin. Enrollment is now open for Iowa, Iron, Jackson, Manitowoc, Sawyer and Waupaca counties and for educators and tribal members on tribal land statewide. Future counties will be opening in 2017 and beyond. Visit our [signup page](#) to apply for a trail camera today or help classify photos on [Zooniverse](#)!

Citizen Science Conference in Saint Paul, MN

[Citizen Science 2017](#), an international conference from the Citizen Science Association, will be held in Saint Paul, MN on May 17-20th. Proposals for presenting at the conference will be accepted through October 10th. Whether you want to present or not, having such a large citizen science conference within driving distance of Wisconsin is an amazing opportunity. Everyone involved in citizen science is encouraged to attend.

The Wisconsin Citizen-based Monitoring Network is a collaboration of individuals and organizations that works to improve the effectiveness of natural resource monitoring efforts through communications, resources, and recognition.