

## Nature Notes and Phenology Archive 2014

11/22-23/14: 45 degrees and rain- snow pack down a few feet, very slushy

11/20/14: Lots of snow buntings!

11/12/14: Statehouse Lake frozen over!

11/10/14: Cold and lots of snow- 24+ inches!

11/6/14: Two trumpeter swans flew over the Center

11/4/14: Snow gone!

11/1/14: Ice has formed on small ponds

10/31/14: 9 inches of snow!

10/30/14: Lots of Snow buntings!

6/23/14: Bullfrogs out

6/13/14: Blue Flag Iris in bloom

6/10/14: Painted turtles laying eggs.

6/8/14: First monarch butterflies!

6/6/14: Snapping turtles laying eggs.

6/5/12: Swallowtail butterflies!

6/2/14: Woodland ephemerals in bloom: star flower, barren strawberry, gaywings (fringed polygala), canada mayflower (false lily of the valley)

5/31/14: Dragonflies are out, and not a moment too soon- the skeeters are horrible!

5/27/14: Wood Sorrel, Barren Strawberry, and American Fly Honeysuckle all blooming!

5/26/14: Bull head pond lily pads are starting to surface on Statehouse Lake!

5/22/14: Chestnut-sided warblers, Palm warblers gathering nest material, American Restarts, and a pair of Canada Geese with 3 goslings on Statehouse Lake!

5/21/14: Trailing Arbutus and Wood Anemone in bloom!

5/19/14: Toads trilling!

5/12/14: Gray tree frogs!

5/11/14: Leopard frogs calling and a Least Flycatcher! Also, Painted Turtles and snappers are out!

5/10/14: Bird Fest was a great success! Black and White Warbler, Ovenbird, Black throated Green Warbler, and many more joined us in the northwoods for the first time this year!

5/9/14: Chorus frogs!

5/7/14: First hummingbird spotted in the area!

5/4/12: Family of otters playing on the shores of Statehouse Lake and the first White throated Sparrow!

5/3/14: Spring peepers, wood frogs for the first time. Golden-crowned Kinglet calling at the Center.

4/29/14: Hermit thrush!

4/24/14: Loons heard in the area, they must have found open water somewhere, as most of the lakes are still covered in ice!

4/22/14: Happy Earth Day! While on the birding hike this AM we heard brown creepers, hermit thrush, had two turkeys running around

4/20/14: While in Tomahawk I heard wood frogs and spring peepers! (not this far north yet) Yellow rumped warblers in Minocqua.

4/19/14: 29 cranes counted, 22 other species as well: hooded merganser, osprey, wood duck, mallards

4/17-18/14: about 20 inches of snow fell, 16 inches of ice on the lake

4/13/14: While out conducting an owl survey, heard my first woodcock peeting!

4/12/14: First Winter Wren and Song Sparrow this morning!

4/11/14: Heard a Pine Siskin for the first time today!

4/11/14: Rescued a Pie-billed Grebe at Camp Jorn- landed in their parking lot- needs water to take off

4/10/14: Phoebe has returned to the Center!

4/6/14: Snow is melting fast with temps in the 40's this week! Squirrels are on all the maples licking up the sap, now is the time to tap those trees! More signs of spring: phoebe, killdeer, Great Blue Heron and Buffleheads all seen in the area. In Tomahawk I heard Robins, RW Blackbirds and Sandhill Cranes!

4/4/14: 12+ inches of snow fell last night into today-just what we wanted! Warmer temps next week should have it melting fast!

4/2/14: While down in Tomahawk, a barred owl was calling and a BIG BROWN BAT was flying around!

4/1/14: Still several feet of ice on the lakes, this is NOT an April Fools joke!

3/29/14: Thunder and lightning this evening! so strange to see so much snow and have a thunder storm! First of the year!

3/27/14: Geese heard flying overhead.

3/22/14: Frigid temps and still around 4 feet of snow! feels like winter!

3/18/14: The eagle population is back for the summer, so be looking for them soaring up in the sky- but also beware that they will be feeding on exposed road kill and may be a driving hazard!

3/16/14: First chipmunk sighting reported in the area!

3/15/14: Large group of goldfinches were at the feeder today! Singing away!

3/10/14: 55 degree temps today, lost quite a bit of snow, but with cooler temps predicted later this week things will get icy!

3/8/14: Tracked down a very active Porcupine at the WinMan trails today

3/4/14: A Barred Owl was spotted by a nearby member, watching the bird feeders. They are most active mid-February as they are mating, and will be sitting on nests soon- during the day they can be found sitting in the trees.

3/1/14: Nearing -30 at night for a few nights....

2/19/14: Temps in the upper 30's brought out the snow fleas today!

1/31/14: Black bear cubs are born this time of year in the den. They are born blind, hairless, deaf and weigh less than a pound!

1/18/14: For the first time in 5 years, the Bayfield Ice Caves are accessible by ice! Get out there while you can!

1/16/14: Trumpeter Swans and Goldeneyes spotted at the dam in town today.

1/6/14: Coldest temps in WI in many many years- lows in the -30's with windchills in the -60's!