



*Final Season Kickoff:
Gearing Up for the Home Stretch!*

AGENDA OVERVIEW



Saturday Morning

- 9:30 **Introduction to Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II.** Nick Anich (Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator, Wisconsin DNR) and Ryan Brady (Breeding Bird Atlas Science Coordinator, Wisconsin DNR).
- 10:00 **Exciting Results from the First Four Seasons of WBBA II.** Nick Anich and Ryan Brady.
- 11:00 **Recognizing Our Volunteer Atlasers and County Coordinators.** Eva Lewandowski (Citizen-based Monitoring Coordinator, Wisconsin DNR), Nick Anich, and Ryan Brady.
- 11:30 **Funding the Breeding Bird Atlas and Donor Recognition.** Charlie Luthin (Chair, Atlas Development Committee).
- Noon **Lunch.** Lunch provided.

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00 pm **Overview of Atlas Effort: What We've Done and What's Left to Do.** Nick Anich and Ryan Brady.
- 1:45 **Break Out Groups – Planning for Success in 2019.** A job fair–style session connecting atlasers with county coordinators to ensure completion of remaining priority blocks.
- 2:45 **Break.** Snack provided.
- 3:00 **Strategies for Successfully Completing Your Atlas Block.** Nick Anich and Ryan Brady.
- 3:20 **Tips for Targeting Uncommon and Secretive Species.** Tom Prestby (WBBA II Training and Support Specialist).
- 3:40 **Meeting the Challenge of Juvenile Bird Identification.** Tom Schultz (Birding Expert, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology).
- 4:00 **Revisiting Confusing Aspects of the WBBA II Protocols and Making Those Tricky Judgment Calls on Breeding Codes.** Tom Prestby.
- 4:40 **Wrap-up and Question and Answer Session.** Nick Anich, Ryan Brady, and Tom Prestby.
- 5:00 **Adjourn.** Dinner on your own.

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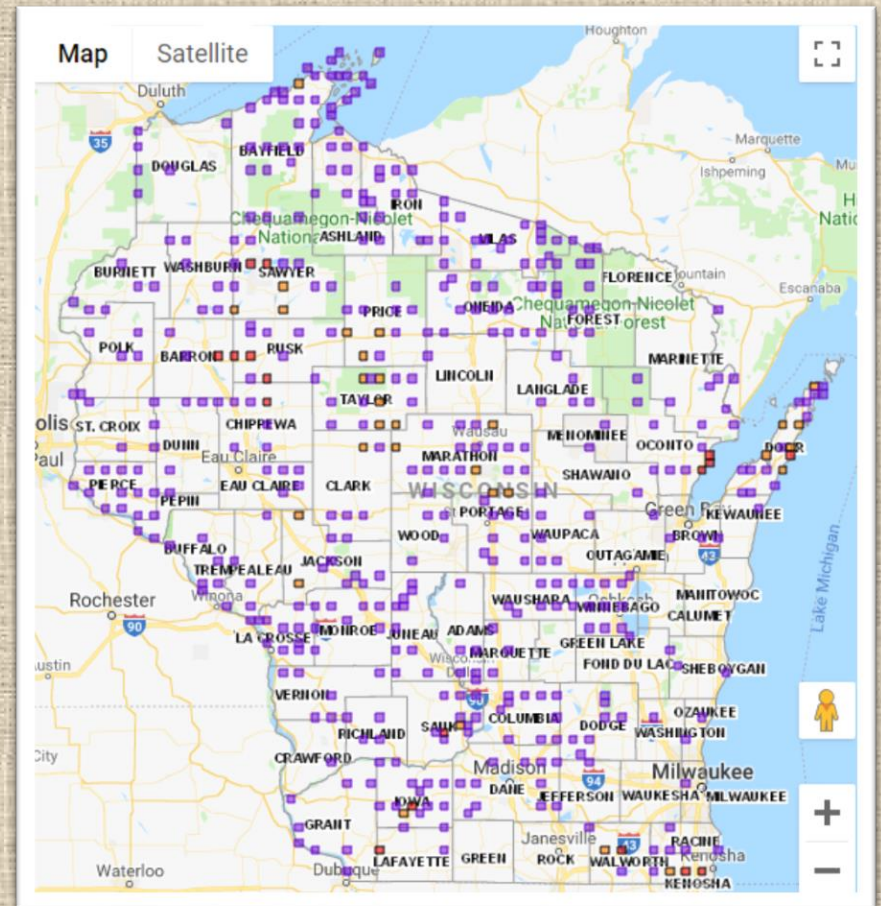
Sunday, April 7

- 7:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast.** Breakfast provided; available until 7:45.
- 7:45 **Atlas Quiz Time with Prizes.** Ryan Brady, Nick Anich, and Tom Prestby.
- 8:00 **Keynote Presentation – WBBA II: The Future of Atlasing in the Era of eBird.** Ian Davies (eBird Project Coordinator, Cornell Lab of Ornithology).
- 9:00 **Lessons Learned from the Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio.** Matt Shumar (former coordinator, Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II).
- 9:30 **Following the Field Work: Generating Products for the Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas.** Lee Pfanmuller (former program manager, Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas).
- 10:00 **Break.** Snack provided.
- 10:30 **Expected Products of Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II.** Nick Anich and Ryan Brady.
- 11:00 **Chat with the Experts! A panel discussion and Q&A session.** Ian Davies, Matt Shumar, Lee Pfanmuller, Nick Anich, Ryan Brady, and Tom Prestby.
- Noon **Adjourn.** Have a safe trip home!
- Noon **Special Session for County Coordinators.** Lunch provided. Ends around 1:00.



KEYS TO SUCCESS IN 2019

1. Sign-up for an unclaimed, incomplete block (30+)
2. Finish your assigned block(s)! (400+)
3. Help with nocturnal surveys
4. Assist another block owner
5. Be an "atlas ninja" by helping on short notice as needs arise
→ *New in 2019*: Mid-season checkpoints
6. Submit data after each outing
7. Communicate closely with County Coordinator and Atlas Central



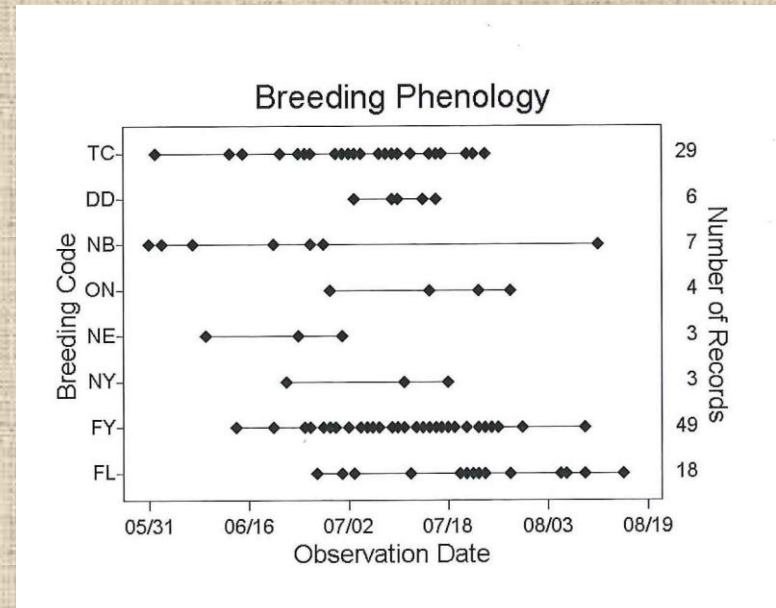
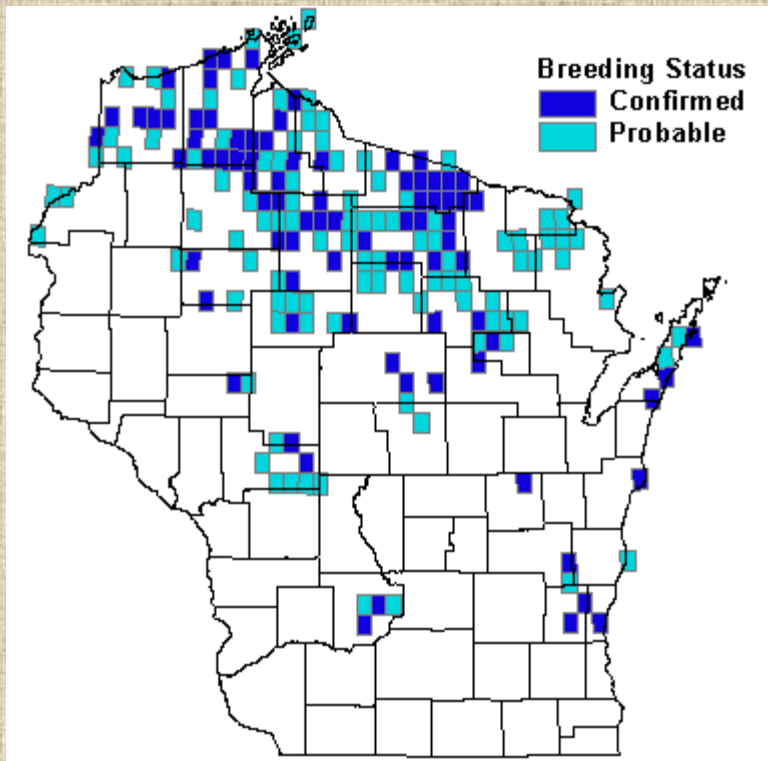


Atlas 101 – the Speed Course!



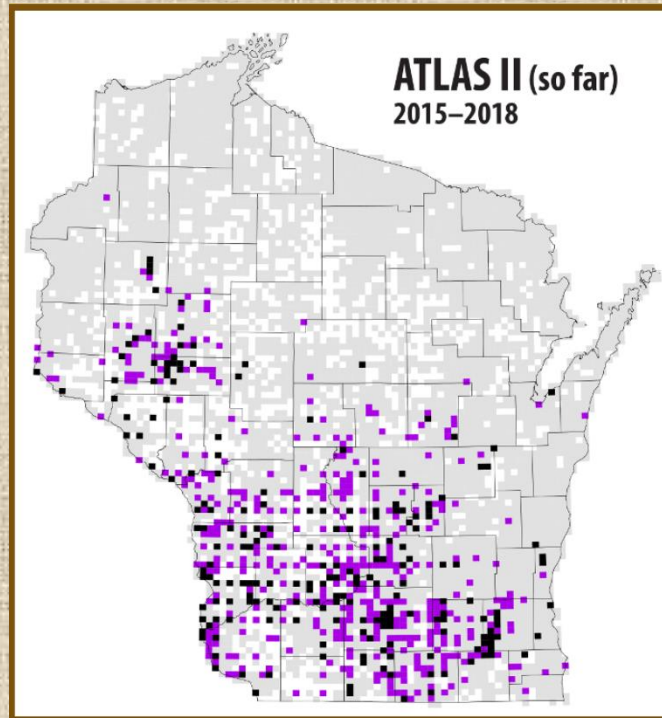
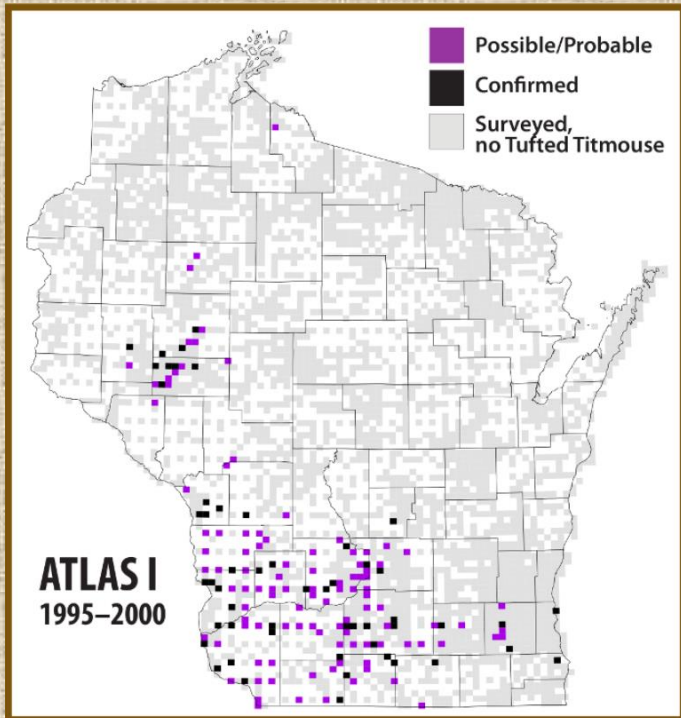
What is a breeding bird atlas?

- Document bird species breeding across region
- Volunteers visit atlas blocks and report evidence of breeding

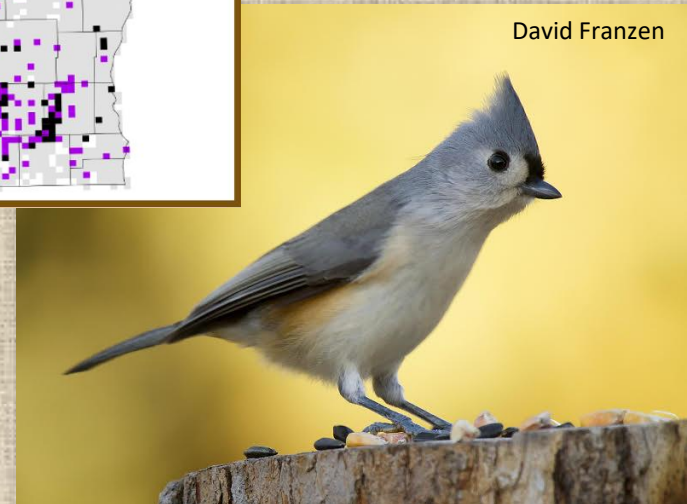




How have things changed since Atlas I (1995-2000)?



Tufted Titmouse

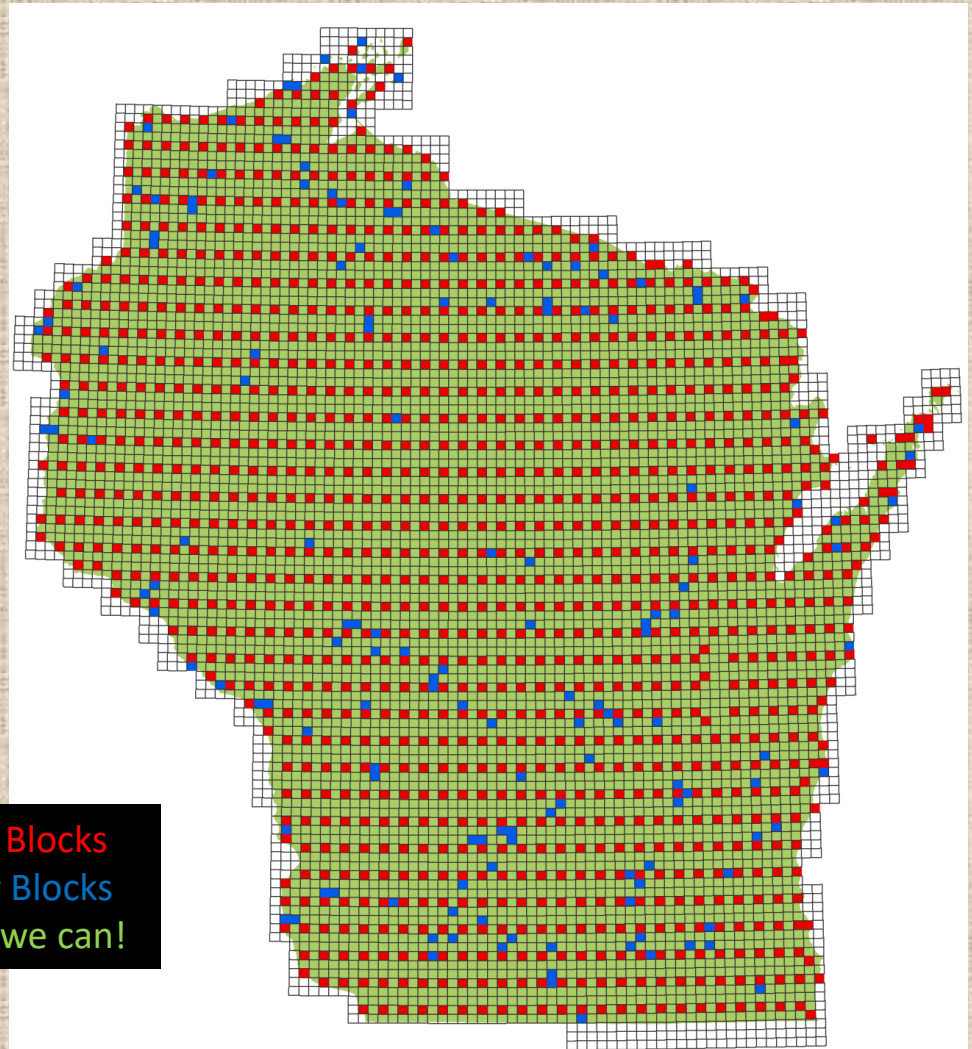




Can't survey everywhere...

- Strength of atlas is in uniformity of coverage
- 3 mile x 3 mile blocks
- WBBA II will be successful if all priority and specialty blocks are completed between 2015–2019

Red = 1,130 Priority Blocks
Blue = 153 Specialty Blocks
Green = as many as we can!



Atlasing vs. birding

- Moving more slowly, observing behaviors
- Assigning behaviors to breeding codes (e.g., S- Singing male, P- Pair, FY - Feeding Young)
- Classed as Possible, Probable, Confirmed





Enter data to Atlas eBird

- Custom portal whenever you have a valid breeding code
- We encourage full checklists but incidentals are valuable at times
- Do not submit at block level – use sublocations instead
- Observations from all sublocations get rounded into block summary

Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II Submit Observations Explore Data My eBird Help Nick Anich (nickal8) Sign Out

1 2 3 Where did you bird?

Zoom to: Enter place name, address, or lat/long coordinates...

Use the "zoom to" box to zoom to a place name, address, or coordinates in decimal degrees (e.g., 42.4762, -76.45138). You can also click "+" markers to zoom in on groups of breeding hotspots or personal locations.

To choose an existing location, click on its marker.

For new locations, zoom in as far as possible and click on the map to place a green marker. This marks your new location. To reposition the marker, click anywhere on the map.

Enter Location Name

Clam Lake NE CE, Ashland County, Wisconsin, US

Suggest as a Breeding HotSpot?

Continue

Key

GROUP SINGLE

Birding Hotspot

Clam Lake CE Change Location

Ashland County, Wisconsin

Wisconsin BBA 1995-2000 Set

Overview Recent Visits

WBBA II Status: **Incomplete**

WBBA II Block Type: **Priority/Specialty**

WBBA II Effort Hours (Diurnal/Nocturnal): **0.0 / 0.0**

	OBSERVED	POSSIBLE	PROBABLE	CONFIRMED	TOTAL
Wisconsin BBA 1995-2000	2	19	14	44	79

Species Observed

SPECIES NAME	BREEDING EVIDENCE	LOCATION	DATE
Osprey	Confirmed (NY)	Clam Lake CE	7 Jul 1999
Turkey Vulture	Observed	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997
Wilson's Snipe	Confirmed (FL)	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997
Black-billed Cuckoo	Confirmed (FY)	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997
Winter Wren	Confirmed (FL)	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997
Hermit Thrush	Confirmed (FL)	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997
Mourning Warbler	Confirmed (FL)	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997
Common Yellowthroat	Confirmed (FL)	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997
Blackburnian Warbler	Confirmed (FL)	Clam Lake CE	24 Jul 1997



When is my block done?

- 20+ survey hours in a block over multiple visits.
- At least 80% of species found in block during first Atlas are detected.
- At least 50% of the species detected are confirmed as breeding.
- All habitat types within block have been visited.
- Surveys were completed at different times of year.
- At least 2 night visits have occurred.





Resources available

The screenshot shows the website for the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. The header includes the society's name, a search bar, and navigation links for DONATE, ATLAS, E-ALERT, and CONVENTION. A navigation menu below the header lists HOME, ABOUT WSO, WHAT WE DO, SUPPORT, VOLUNTEER, and CONNECT. The main content area features a large banner for the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II with the text 'ABOUT THE ATLAS'. Below the banner is a navigation bar with links for ABOUT THE ATLAS, GET INVOLVED, HANDBOOK & MATERIALS, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, and SUBMIT DATA. The main content area is titled 'About the Atlas' and includes a sub-header 'Conserve Wisconsin birds by joining our bird survey'. The text describes the importance of birds in Wisconsin's culture and ecology, and the need for a current understanding of birds that rely on Wisconsin to breed and raise their young. It mentions that the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II mobilizes volunteers across the state to document which birds are breeding in their area. A sidebar on the left contains several call-to-action boxes: 'JOIN THE FLOCK!' (Sign-up to help us on WBBA II), 'TRAINING EVENTS' (Attend a session to learn about the atlas), 'WBBA II FORUMS' (Online forums to discuss the Atlas), 'KICKOFF MEETING' (February 27-March 1 - Wausau), and 'SPONSOR-A-SPECIES' (Choose your favorite species to sponsor in the Atlas!).

- Website:
wsobirds.org/atlas
- Important materials:
 - Block Request Tool
 - Maps (static & interactive)
 - Handbook of protocols
 - Tutorials
- County Coordinators
- Atlas Central: Nick & Ryan




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