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Watching The Bats Of Wisconsin

From loon-watchers to fighters of invasive species, Wisconsin is home to many groups engaged in citizen science. It's a practice in which people volunteer to monitor plant and animal species in the wild and collect local data about their status, and usually share this information with professional scientists to help inform their research. These grassroots enterprises enhance people's connections with nature and with each other — and they can help improve overall habitat for all species, including humans. One example of a citizen science effort of this type in the state is the Wisconsin Bat Monitoring Project, which tracks the presence of and identifies trends with these animals. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin DNR Will Pay Money for Bushels of Red Pine Cones, Part of Reforestation Program

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will pay over \$100 a bushel for properly collected red pine cones that will go toward its reforestation program. A release from the Wisconsin DNR states that early September is the prime time to collect red pine cones as they turn from green to a purplish brown, and reddish-brown tips begin to develop. [Read More](#)

One Million Trees Now In Wisconsin Community Tree Map

Ever since it launched in 2017, the Wisconsin Community Tree Map has been building a collective inventory of urban trees across the state. Now a milestone has been passed: over one million trees are in the database, giving users an expansive look at much of our urban forest. [Read More](#)

Many Northern Wisconsin Spots are Close to Peak Fall Color, but Eastern Lakeshore Still Green

A hefty number of northern Wisconsin locations are on the verge of peak fall color, according to observers for Travel Wisconsin's Fall Color Report. The best places to see changing fall color in Wisconsin right now include Hurley, at 85 percent; Forest County, Iron River, Merrill and the Nicolet Wolf River Scenic Byway, all at 75 percent; Land O' Lakes, at 70 percent; and Burnett County and the Phelps area, at 65 percent, according the Fall Color Report as of Sept. 28. The report states Hurley is already at peak fall color. Most other northern locations mentioned are expected to peak the first week of October. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin's Wild Elk Population Reaches Record High in 2023

Wisconsin's wild elk have had a very good year so far. In fact, the handsome, native animals set a modern-era population record. Wildlife biologists with the Department of Natural Resources estimate the state had 515 elk this summer after the annual calving period. [Read More](#)

How Cutting Down Trees Can Improve Forest Health

Is there such a thing as too many trees? The short answer is yes! For a forest to be healthy and resilient, each tree needs enough nutrients, water, and sunlight to thrive. When trees grow too close together, they have to compete for these resources. This results in weaker trees that are more susceptible to disease, insect infestations, and drought, which makes wildfires more destructive and difficult to control. [Read More](#)

England's Beloved Sycamore Gap Tree Has Been Chopped Down

For centuries, the Sycamore Gap tree stood near Hadrian's Wall in northern England, where it had been growing in a large dip in the rolling landscape. But on Thursday morning, the beloved tree's crown was discovered lying on one side of the wall, while its stump stood on the other. Based on the appearance of the stump, officials say the perpetrator likely used a chainsaw. "We have reason to believe it has been deliberately felled," according to a statement from the Northumberland National Park Authority. [Read More](#)



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