

Wisconsin Salamander Survey

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The Wisconsin salamander survey is the first statewide inventory of these valuable amphibians. The survey gathers baseline data useful to resource managers and researchers and brings much-needed attention to these secretive creatures.

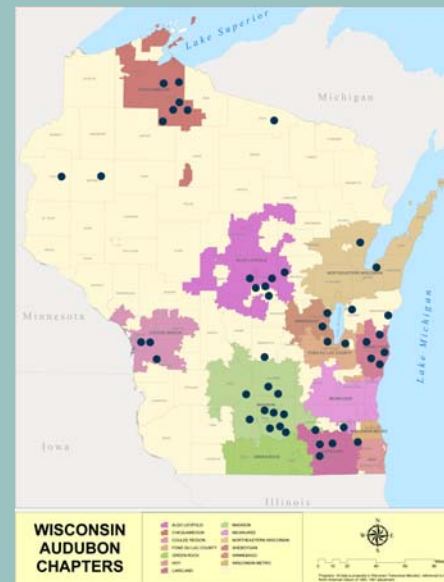
The project seeks to:

- ❖ Document salamander presence or absence in potential habitats throughout the state.
- ❖ Add to salamander geographic distribution information in Wisconsin counties.
- ❖ Provide useful baseline data to resource managers and others.
- ❖ Establish an ongoing salamander monitoring program.

Volunteer monitors selected one potential breeding habitat to survey for adult and larval salamanders. They checked five minnow funnel traps for six consecutive days in April and July. Monitors made their own funnel traps. A coordinator from each participating Audubon chapter communicated with and collected data sheets from the monitors and reported information to the project director.

Participating Audubon Chapters

Aldo Leopold Audubon Society (Stevens Point)
 Chequamegon Audubon Society (Ashland)
 Coulee Region Audubon Society (La Crosse)
 Fond du Lac County Audubon Society
 Lakeland Audubon Society (Lake Geneva)
 Madison Audubon Society
 Northeastern WI Audubon Society (Green Bay, Door County)
 Sheboygan County Audubon Society
 Winnebago Audubon Society (Oshkosh)
 Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society (West Allis)
 Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (Saronra)



Forty seven monitors surveyed over 50 potential breeding ponds for adult and larval salamanders. Monitors caught 1,046 adults at 18 locations. Blue-spotted salamanders were found at 15 locations.

