

Moose Observations 2014

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Twenty-two observations of moose were received by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in 2014. Observations are comprised of reports by WDNR staff and members of the public utilizing the large mammal observation form available through the WDNR website. These observations were comprised of 21 adult and 1 calf moose in 9 counties in northern and West-Central Wisconsin in 2014 (Table 1, Figure 1). This is on par with the number of reports received in 2013 (n=18); however, it is decreased from the 2010-2012 average (n=41). Oneida County had the highest number of reports (n=7) followed by Iron County (n=4) and Chippewa County (n=3). Given the descriptions provided by the public coupled with the location and timing of these reports some are likely of the same animal(s).

Cows with calves have been reported in Wisconsin each year since 2008 making 2014 the first year this hasn't occurred in the past 8 years. A staff confirmed vehicle collision of a moose calf (Unknown sex) was reported in Iron County in June 2014, near the location of an adult cow observation. Three moose of unknown sex were observed at various locations and dates; however, reports indicate these were solitary adult animals.

Table 1. *Reported possible and probable observations of moose in Wisconsin in 2014.*

Date Seen	Number	Age	Sex	Township	Range	Section	County	Nearest Town
05/20/2014	1	Adult	Female	36N	9E	2	Oneida	Rhineland
05/30/2014	1	Adult	Unknown	42N	4E	9	Iron	Mercer
06/01/2014	1	Adult	Male	38N	11E	1	Oneida	Three Lakes
06/05/2014	1	Adult	Unknown	39N	9E	36	Oneida	Sugar Camp
06/--/2014	1	Calf	Unknown	-	-	-	Iron	Manitowish
07/11/2014	1	Adult	Female	42N	4E	16	Iron	Manitowish
07/27/2014	1	Adult	Female	39N	11E	1	Forest	Three Lakes
08/06/2014	1	Adult	Male	37N	12E	10	Forest	Hiles
09/13/2014	1	Adult	Male	43N	3E	28	Iron	Mercer
09/21/2014	1	Adult	Male	36N	10E	17	Oneida	Rhineland
09/21/2014	1	Adult	Male	34N	1E	13	Price	Ogema
09/23/2014	1	Adult	Male	42N	4E	7	Ashland	Clam Lake
09/30/2014	1	Adult	Male	36N	9E	6	Oneida	Rhineland
09/30/2014	1	Adult	Male	37N	7E	36	Oneida	Rhineland
09/30/2014	1	Adult	Male	31N	11W	2	Dunn	Sand Creek
10/01/2014	1	Adult	Male	35N	4E	19	Lincoln	Spirit Falls
10/01/2014	1	Adult	Male	29N	10W	9	Chippewa	Howard
10/01/2014	1	Adult	Male	29N	10W	4	Chippewa	Colfax
10/03/2014	1	Adult	Unknown	39N	8E	27	Oneida	Lake Tomahawk
10/05/2014	1	Adult	Male	27N	10W	6	Eau Claire	Union
10/07/2014	1	Adult	Male	27N	11W	13	Dunn	Elk Mound
12/15/2014	1	Adult	Male	28N	5W	29	Chippewa	Stanley
	22	21 Adults 1 Calf	15 Male, 3 Female, 4 Unknown				9 Counties	

Figure 1. Reported possible, probable and confirmed moose observations in Wisconsin during 2014.

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Moose Observed

- ⊕ Calf
- ⊕ Female (Cow)
- ◆ Male (Bull)
- ? Unknown Age/Sex

□ County Boundary

