

Write



NESTING LOON

I'm sending you this photograph with the hopes that you will use it in your magazine. It was taken on June 22 in the town of Little Rice.

Brian Hager
Tomahawk

A GREAT LESSON

Once again I've found, in your magazine, an article that students enjoyed within a library skills lesson. This time, we used "Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey" (April 2016) by Rori Paloski to practice taking notes. Just wanted to write and thank you for making your magazine available online for us. I'm a subscriber at home, but the article online is very helpful when it comes to lesson prep at school.

Marcia Dressel
Osceola



ALBINO DEER DISCOVERY

I took this photo with my phone on March 31 near Holy Hill in Washington County.

Mike Howard
West Bend

COMMENT ON A STORY?

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ANTS AND SNAKES, OH MY!

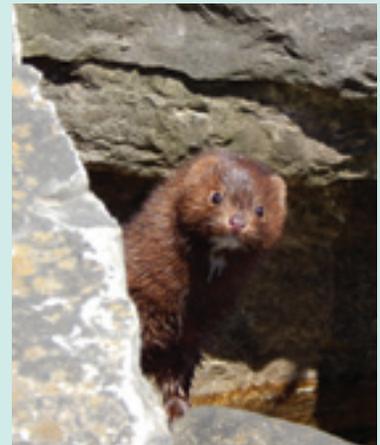
It seems I get some of my most interesting photo subjects during the spring turkey hunting season. This year was no exception. While hunting during the first week of the spring 2016 turkey season I came across an ant mound. I wanted to see if the ants were up so I poked into it with my cane and to my surprise it was filled with snakes, some of whom seemed to not appreciate my rude intrusion. There were brown, orange and adult garter snakes all burrowing deeper after I uncovered "the well of souls"! I thought other readers might find it interesting and see if anyone else had come across this before.

Vincent Thomalla
Marshfield

IT'S A MINK

I took this photo at Rowleys Bay /Door County dock on April 17, 2016. Someone said it was a river otter. I think it is a river mink. Perhaps you know the proper name of the animal. The little cutie followed me around for 3 to 4 minutes and eventually left with a small minnow in its mouth.

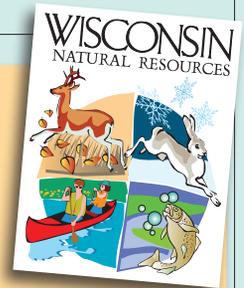
Jeff Vogt
Town of Sugar Creek



Editor's response: A mink is only 19-27 inches long, nose to the tip of the tail, while a river otter is 35-51 inches. Its tail alone is 13-20 inches (almost the size of a mink). Also, the coloration of a mink is more uniformly dark brown throughout, while an otter has grayish brown and silver on its belly, throat and muzzle.

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