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## Flash the Ferret Receives Special Care Thanks to the Generosity of Many

*Licia Johnson, Naturalist*

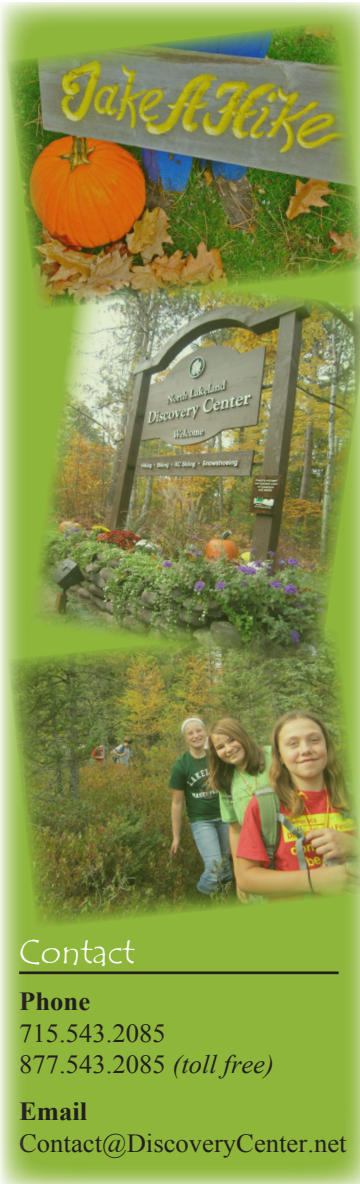
If you have ever stepped foot into our Nature Nook, one of the first things you notice is a musky scent in the air. Then you look to your right and that mysterious smell is explained. It's our resident ferret, Flash! Flash came to the Center three years ago, adopted from a local family. Since that time, he has brought hours of enjoyment to visitors and staff.

Acting cute and playing with visitors isn't the only job Flash has here at the Center. He is also one of our important educational animals. He has 'assisted' in many programs here at the Center and in local schools; including programs on tracking, mammals, mustelids and other weasels.



Flash brings a smile to children and adults who visit the Discovery Center. Here he spends a nice fall day at Statehouse Lake.

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Flash the Ferret, continued from pg. 1

Last year we noticed a small growth on the back of his ear. We took him to the Northwoods Animal Hospital for a check-up and it turned out he has a small tumor known as “abnormal mast cells.” It causes intense itching, which sometimes resulted in bleeding. They are usually benign, but on occasion a malignant form metastasizes to the spleen, liver or lung. The only cure is to surgically remove the tumor. This surgery comes with a great cost, so we had been treating him for the symptoms by giving him children’s benedryl. Many folks gave donations towards his surgery and care. Recently we heard from *Dr. Mike Hayman, DVM*, of the *Northwoods Animal Hospital*, who generously offered to have the hospital do the procedure free of charge. All funds received for his care will go to purchasing all of Flash’s specialty food, litter and other care.

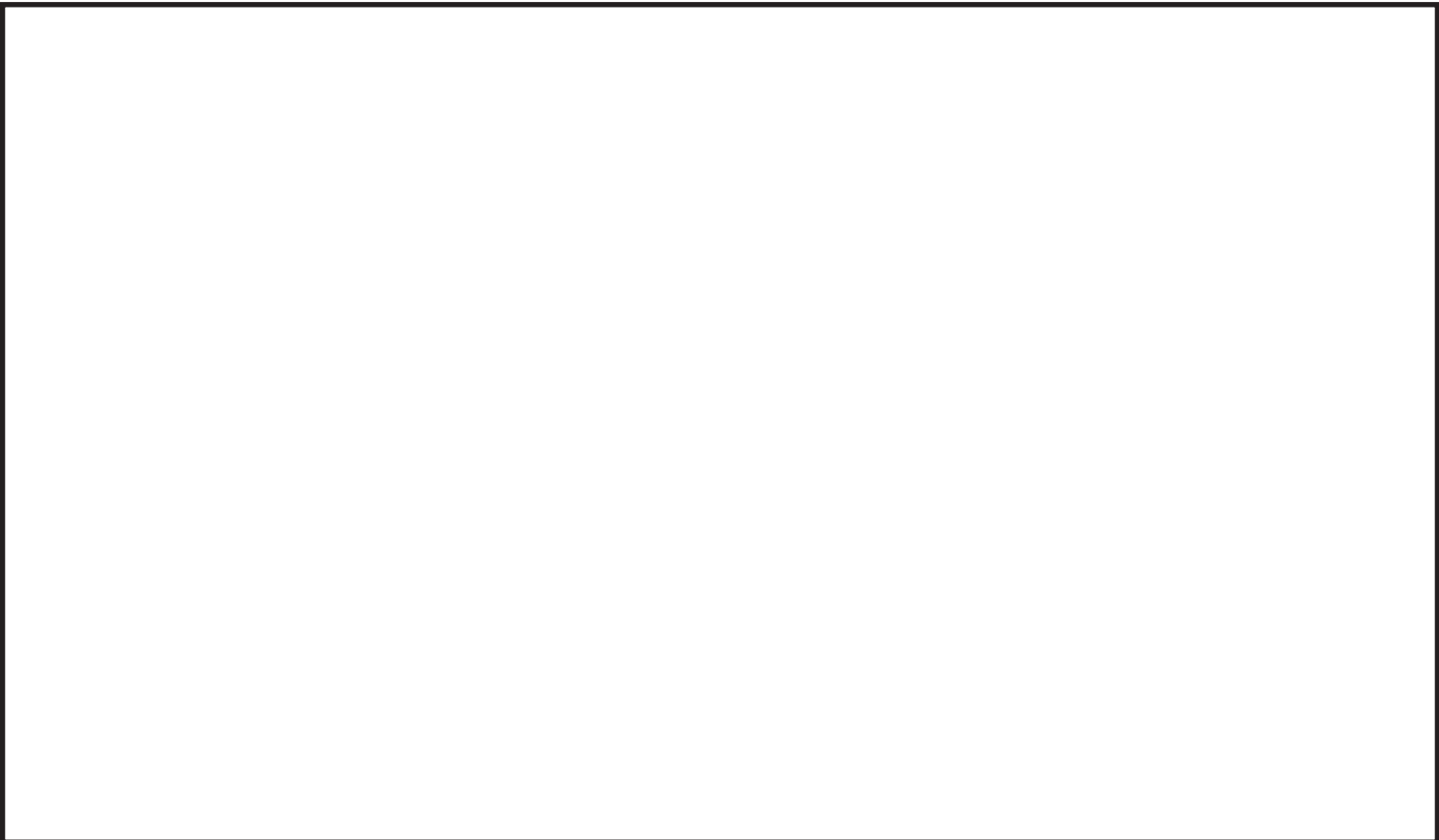
On Thursday, October 27th, Flash underwent the surgery to remove his tumor. WILL PUT UPDATE AFTER SURGERY

**Thank you to all who generously donated funds-and continue to donate- to help care for Flash- we (and Flash) greatly appreciate it!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
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The word ferret comes from the Latin word “Furonem,” which means

**A special Thank You to Dr. Mike and the staff at the Northwoods Animal Hospital!**

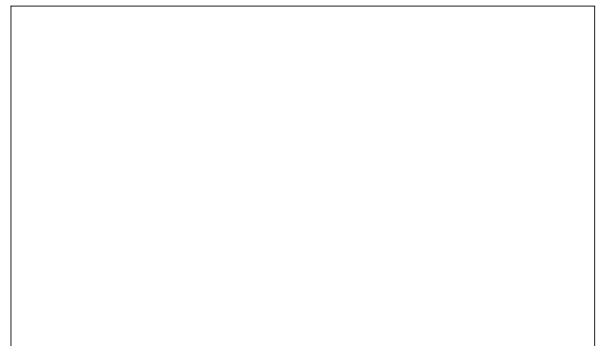
## New Programs Article (Katie)



## Naturalist Notes: Phenology: What's Happening Now?

*Licia Johnson, Naturalist*

Now



# Naturalist Notes: Loons on the Move!

Movements of five common loons that were radiomarked in Minnesota and Wisconsin this summer, can now be followed online. By using satellite tracking devices implanted in the loons from Wisconsin and Minnesota, USGS scientists expect to learn essential information about avian botulism needed by managers to develop important conservation strategies for the loon species. Botulism, which has caused more than 80,000 bird deaths on the Great Lakes since 1999, causes paralysis and death of vertebrates who ingest neurotoxin produced by the botulism bacterium.<sup>1</sup> To view the loon migration please visit the Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center website:



Biologist Jeff Wilson releasing a loon with a geolocator tag. photo courtesy [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov)<sup>1</sup>

Geolocator tag placed on the leg of an adult common loon. photo courtesy [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov)<sup>1</sup>

[http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory\\_birds/loons/migrations.html](http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory_birds/loons/migrations.html)

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Geological Survey. "Loons Tracked by Satellites Will Uncover Mysteries of Their Migration." [USGS Newsroom](http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2552) 20 July 2010 <<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2552>>.

## Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Nibbles 'N Knowledge Programs!

Our popular adult lecture series programs have been scheduled for the upcoming season. The second Thursday of every month is always reserved for our Nibbles 'N Knowledge program. This season we have lined up a great group of speakers and hope that you can join us as they share their knowledge, experiences, inspirational stories and expertise on a number of topics.

- NOV. 10 Keith McAffery, WDNR: "History of Deer Management in WI"**  
**DEC. 8 Chris Cook, Olympic Skier: "Dream Big, Achieve Greatness: A Cross Country Skiing Story"**  
**JAN. 12 Mark Naniot, Owner Wild Instincts Rehab: "Mending Orphaned and Injured Wildlife"**  
**FEB. 9 Frank Kovac, creator of Kovac Planetarium: "The Story of My Planetarium"**  
**MAR. 8 Joe Bodewes, DVM: "Circumnavigation of Lake Superior: A dad and his 3 boys"**  
**APR. 12 Zach Wilson, NLDC Naturalist: "Loons in WI: Management and Status"**

Join us this fall and winter for good food, good friends, and a fabulous program. Enjoy gourmet complementary appetizers with a cash bar starting at 5 p.m. followed by the program at 6 p.m. *Please note: all Nibbles 'N Knowledge programs are held at **CAMP JORN YMCA** through April.* Call to register for these programs, directions, or to learn how to become a sponsor.

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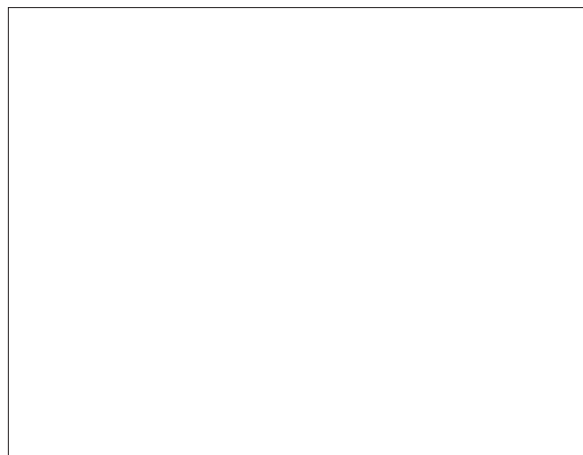
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# CA Trip (Anne)



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# NOVEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>	7 Bird Club Meeting and Program 6 p.m.	8  <b>America Recycles Day</b>	9	10 Nibbles 'N Knowledge: Bats in W/- Monitoring and Research 5 - 7:30 p.m.	11 Friday Adventure 10 a.m.	12 Soup and Hike 10 a.m.
13	14	15	16	17 Meteor Campfire 6 p.m.	18 Friday Adventure 10 a.m.	19 Nature Nook: Going Batty 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>	25	26
27	28	29 Research Reviews 3 p.m.	30	<div data-bbox="251 1270 414 1690" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>For further details on programs please call 877.543.2085 or register online at www.DiscoveryCenter.net.</p> </div>		

