Waukesha County West Nile Virus (WNV) Map – August 16, 2005

The Waukesha County Division of Environmental Health will routinely post WNV information on our website as it becomes available to us. Names and specific addresses will not be posted.

Map Legend

- WNV Positive Bird
- Reported Dead Crows, Ravens and Blue Jays
- Confirmed Horse Infections
- Confirmed Human Infections

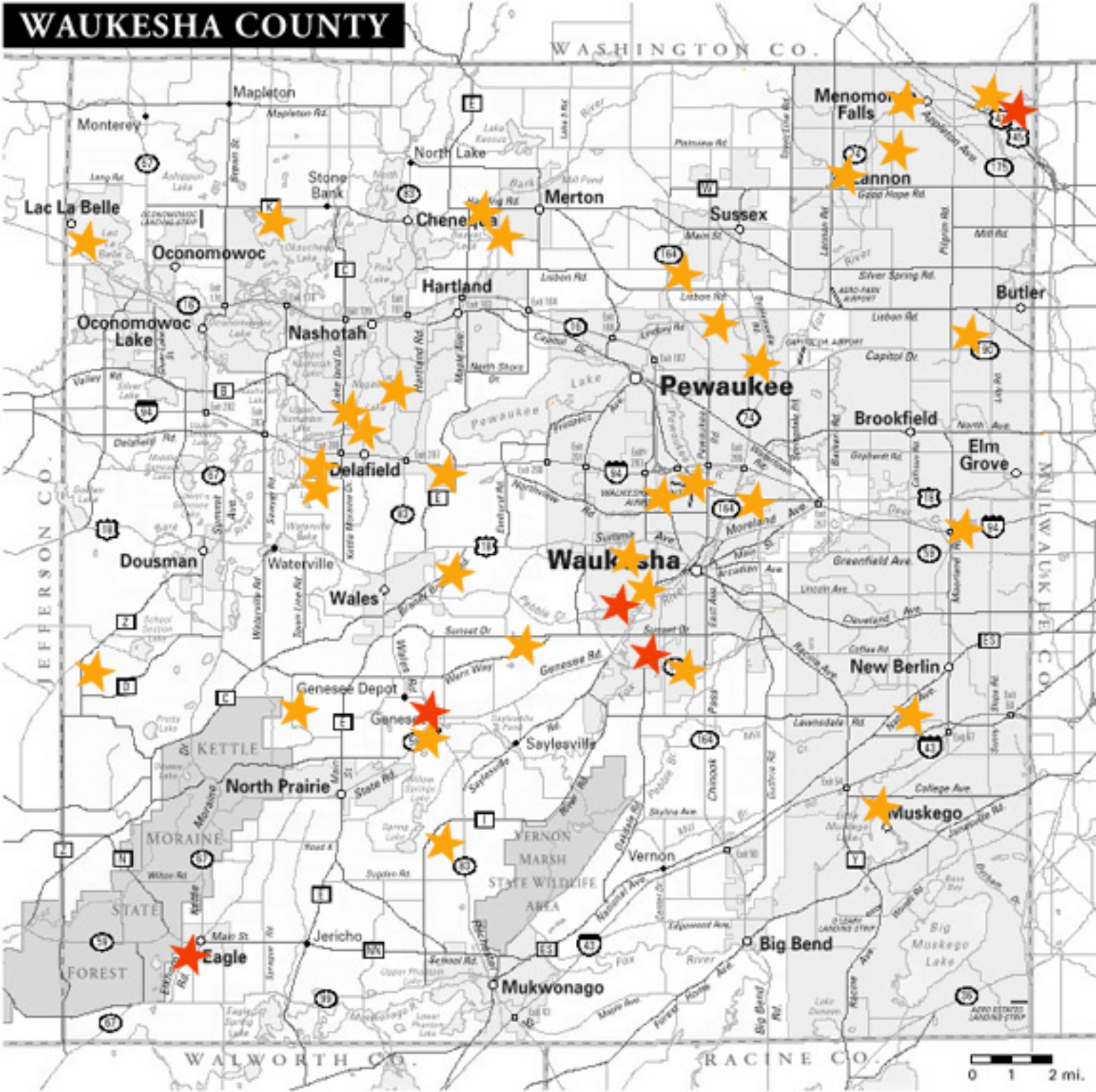
Please note, in accordance with Wisconsin Division of Health policy, public health surveillance will focus on those birds, which are highly susceptible to infection by the WNV, i.e., crows, ravens, and blue jays. Suitable specimens are submitted for WNV testing to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory until such time as testing confirms two birds positive for the virus.

The Environmental Health Division will map WNV reports throughout the summer and fall and encourages continued reporting of dead birds by the public. The Waukesha County West Nile Virus Information Line for reporting is: (262)-896-8508.

Bird Testing Update

Sixteen dead birds reported on this week's map were suitable specimens and were submitted to the laboratory for WNV testing. The Division was notified this week that five of these birds tested positive for WNV. The Division will continue to map reports of sick and dead crows, ravens and blue jays but will no longer send specimens in for testing.

How to dispose of a dead crow, raven, or blue jay

Residents are advised to transfer the bird using a shovel or gloves into a plastic bag that can then be enclosed in another plastic bag. The double-bagged bird can then be put in with the normal trash.

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