Waukesha County West Nile Virus (WNV) Map – October 13, 2003

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. The Division will stop mapping the location of dead birds for this WNV season on October 31, 2003.

Map Legend

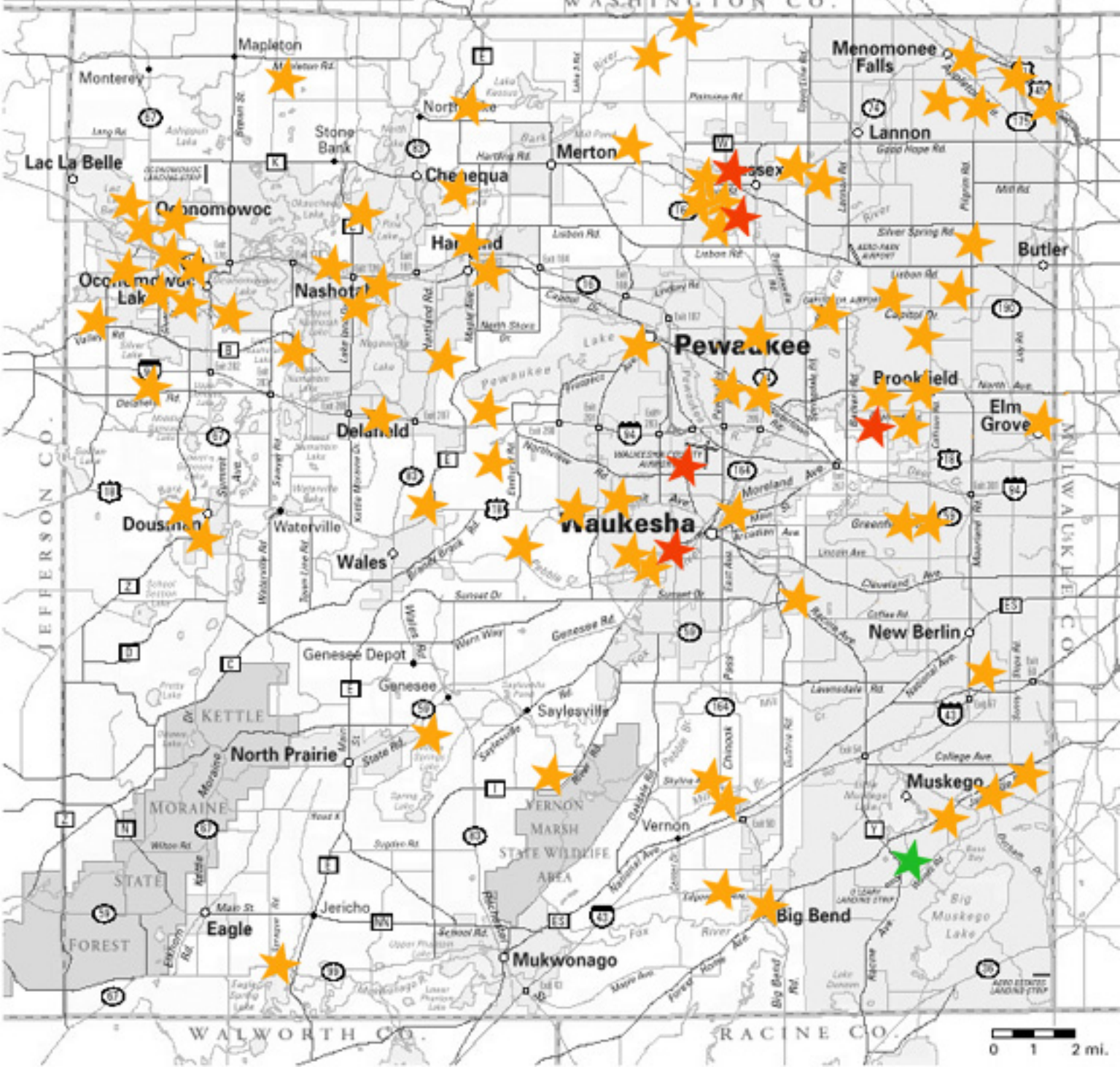
- WNV positive Bird
- Reported Dead Crows, Ravens and Blue Jays
- Confirmed Horse Infections
- Confirmed Human Infections

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 testing confirms five birds positive for the virus.

Bird Testing Update

Because of the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory limit mentioned above, as of August 20, 2003, The Environmental Health Division will no longer submit specimens of reported dead birds for laboratory testing for WNV. Five of the previously submitted bird specimens have tested positive for WNV (two from the City of Waukesha, two from the Village of Sussex and one from the City of Brookfield). The Division will continue to map WNV reports throughout the summer and fall and encourages residents to continue to report the location of dead crows, ravens, and blue jays. The Waukesha County West Nile Virus Information Line for reporting is: (262)-896-8508.

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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