

# Nature at School 2021-2022 Summary

## Virtual Programming a Popular Option:

As COVID-19 continued to flourish, and school bussing caused problems across the nation in 2021, and into 2022, schools and field trips remained in flux. The Michigan DNR Education Team continued virtual programming this past year, building on a successful debut in the 2020/2021 school year.

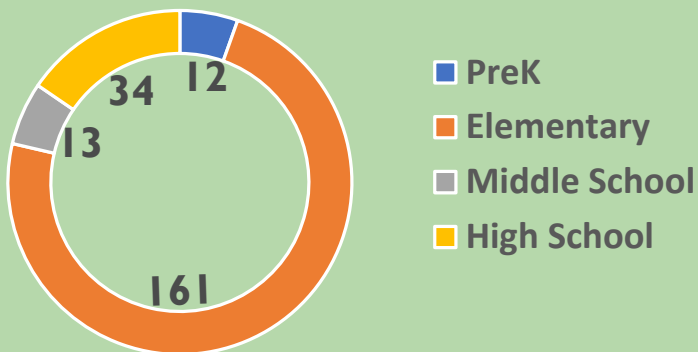
Although the COVID years had their up and downs, the demand for DNR virtual programming was high and once again, our DNR Education Team had tremendous results on teacher evaluations.

The spring of 2022 will show record student numbers at DNR visitor centers as schools, once again, long to take their students on quality field trips. But, two consecutive school years of virtual programming not only served Michigan's educational community, but gave our Education Services staff a template for future virtual programming.

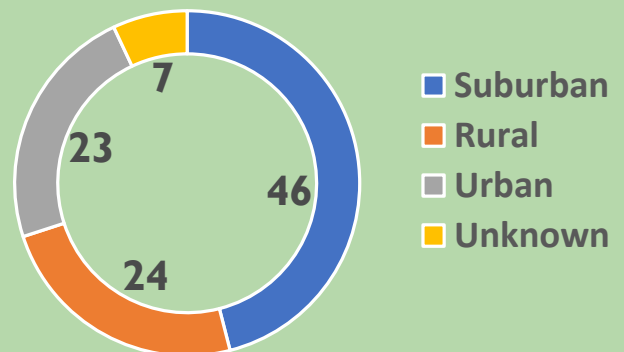
## Nature at School for the 2021-2022 school year:

7,038 students participated in live programs

### 221 programs conducted



### Demographics



## Most popular topics:

- Sea Lamprey: Vampires of the Great Lakes (invasives)
- Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes (geology)
- Hatchery to Habitat (fish rearing, ecology)
- Fins, Tails and Scales (anatomy and ecology)

59% of respondents were 3rd/4th grade teachers

## Webinars:

Each topic was offered as a public webinar and uploaded to YouTube. The webinars have had been viewed thousands of times by individual students and whole classrooms.

## Teacher evaluations:

### The program...

- content was meaningful (4.8 out of 5)
- technology worked well (4.6)
- topic fit the unit I was teaching (4.5)
- programs were correlated to standards (4.7)

### The DNR educator was...

- knowledgeable (4.9 out of 5)
- well prepared (4.9)
- enjoyable (4.8)
- interactive (4.6)