

# Nature at School 2022-2023 Summary

## Virtual Programming a Popular Option:

While COVID-19 continued to make its presence known, school operations returned to something closer to the pre-pandemic normal. The Michigan DNR Education Team continued virtual programming this past year, building on a successful debut in the 2020/2021 school year, though demand for virtual programming appeared to decrease this school year.

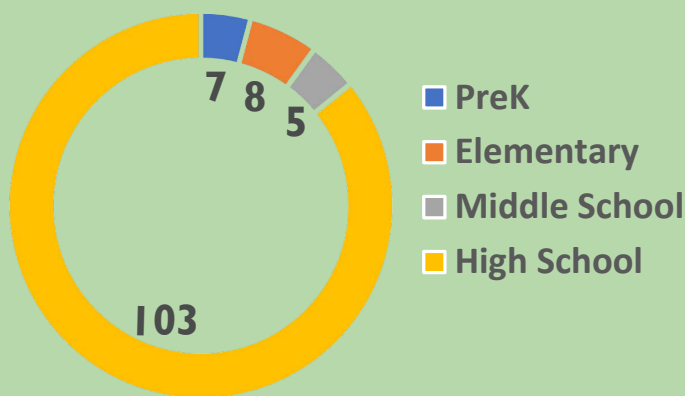
As in the past two years, our DNR Education Team had tremendous results on teacher evaluations indicating the high quality of our interpreters and our programs.

The spring of 2023 will show record student numbers at DNR visitor centers as schools, once again, long to take their students on quality field trips. But, three 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.

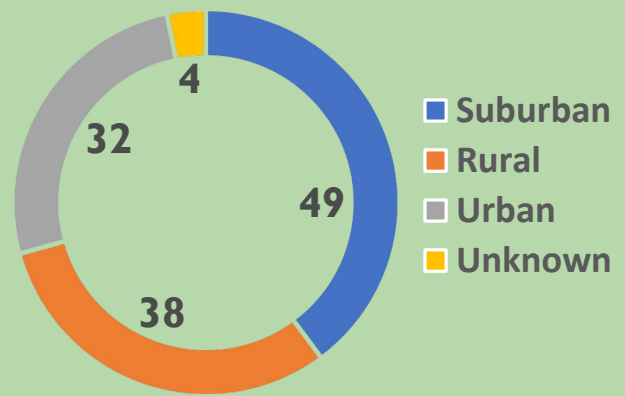
## Nature at School for the 2022-2023 school year:

**4,235 students participated in live programs**

### 123 programs conducted



### Demographics



## Most popular topics:

- Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes (geology)
- Birds of Fire: The Kirtland's warbler story (conservation and stewardship)
- Hatchery to Habitat (fish rearing, ecology)
- Owl Prowl (anatomy, behavior)

60 % 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)