

Nature Notes for November:

Week of Nov 1-7

Woolly Bears have been thought of as winter weather predictors. However, woolly bears (the larva of the Isabella Tiger Moth) come in many color variations. In the same clutch, woolly bears can be all black, all brown, or any banded combination thereof. Interestingly, the brown bands tend to overtake the black bands closer to the pupal stage.

Week of Nov 8-14

With deer breeding season in full swing, white-tails will be crossing our roadways even more. November records the most deer-vehicle accidents. In 2009, 25,146 accidents involving deer were reported (about 70 every day!). Estimates for this year? 1 in 121 motorists will be involved in deer-vehicle accidents. Watch out!

Week of Nov 15-21

While monitoring your bird feeder, you probably notice the handsome little chickadees flitting to and from the trough. Crawford County lies on a unique boundary line for the Carolina and Black-capped Chickadees: Carolinas south of Old 30 and Black-capped north of Old 30. Correct ID only works with song and wing/tail measurements, but it is neat to know that Crawford Co., and your feeder, is host to great avian diversity!

Week of Nov 22-28

Embryonic Diapause is also known as Delayed implantation. Until an animal feels environmental conditions are right for their young to be born, the embryo floats around in the uterus, waiting to attach to the uterine wall. Due to delayed implantation, Long-tailed Weasels have gestation periods of 279 days!