

Nature Notes and Phenology Archive 2015

11/20/15: Red male cardinal spotted briefly in the Boulder Junction area!

11/17/15: Cold temps are here, wind, little snow blowing around...snowshoe hare spotted totally white

11/15/15: Temps near 60 today?!?!

11/13/15: First 24 hour snowfall- between 1-3 inches. Did not stay much longer.

11/8/15: Weasels are transitioning into ermine: saw one at about 85% white! now we just need the snow to make that adaptation worth it!

11/3/15: A balmy 68 degrees today!!

11/2/15: Snow buntings are gone for the season!

10/16/15: Snow on the ground! Only about 1/4 inch, and it didn't last too long

10/11/15: Milkweed pods opening, seeds are a flyin'!

10/8/15: Fall colors are at their peak!

10/2/15: We raised and released 145 Monarch butterflies this season!

9/30/15: First frost was last night

9/29/15: Snow buntings coming through!

9/5/15: Jewelweed in bloom

-New mushroom found on site: the Russel's Bolete

9/3/15: Nighthawks and Monarchs are migrating

8/27/15: Canada Mayflower is fruiting

-Wintergreen fruiting

8/25/15: Hummingbirds are still here!

8/6/15: Cottongrass blooming

-Bunchberries ripening

-Blackberries/Raspberries ripening

-Indian pipe blooming

-Squirrels ate all the hazelnuts

8/3/15: Milkweed getting pods

7/17/15: Pickerel Weed blooming -Black bear spotted on interpretive trail!

7/15/15: Bee balm blooming

7/14/15: American Lotus Blooming

7/12/15: Blackberries beginning to fruit

7/11/15: Monarch butterflies emerging from chrysalis! -bunchberries beginning to fruit

7/3/15: Monarch Caterpillars forming chrysalis

6/25: Hazelnuts fruiting

6/23/15: mink frogs calling

6/19/15: Monarch Caterpillars are hatching

6/18/15: Raspberries and strawberries in bloom

6/13/15: Luna moth spotted on lodge -snapper laying eggs by ampitheatre

6/12/15: Bullfrogs calling

6/10/15: Wood Turtles laying eggs

6/6/15: Solomon's Seal and Colombine blooming - blueberries and bunchberries in bloom

6/4/15: Orange Hawkweed blooming - Baby fawn spotted by Bog Boardwalk - snapping turtle travelled across center to lay her eggs

6/2/15: The robins have fledged! - Lupines are blooming

6/1/15: Hummingbird courtship displays! - Monarch butterflies are back

5/31/15: The baby robins have opened their eyes and are growing fast!

5/29/15: Mayflower / False Lily of the Valley are beginning to bloom - Mourning warbler

5/28/15: Painted turtles are laying eggs

5/22/15: Swallowtail butterfly - Star Flower in bloom

5/19/15: Snow! enough to cover the ground- and the baby robins have hatched!

5/17/15: Wildflowers in bloom (some for a few days) Leatherleaf, wood anemone, barren strawberry, gaywings, bog laurel, bog rosemary, blueberry plants

4/28/15: Leopard frogs- Wilson's Snipe

4/27/15: American Bittern

4/24/15: Tamarack needles starting to come out- Merlin pair back at the Center!

4/20/15: Snow today! All last week was in the 70's, this week in the 20s-30's and snow most days...

4/17/15: Yellow rumped warblers, cricket frogs

4/16/15: Winter Wren and Pine Warbler!

4/15/15: Kingfisher in PI, Hermit Thrush

4/14/15: Gray comma butterfly in the garden today! First one I've seen this year! Wood frogs!

4/13/15: Phoebes back at the Center! Fox and Trees sparrow, and a snow goose fly over! Spring peepers are out as well!

4/12/15: Loons reported in Winchester! American woodcock also have arrived!

4/11/15: Ice out on Statehouse Lake! Grackles, golden-crowned kinglets, red-winged black birds, golden eyes, sap suckers

4/9/15: Song Sparrow in Lac du Flambeau!

4/7/15: The edges of Statehouse Lake are open, several feet out in some places

4/6/15: up to 7 inches of snow in some places...should melt off in a few days!

4/3/15: Walk out on Powell Marsh: sandhill cranes, trumpeter swans, ring-necked ducks, hooded mergansers, a shrike

4/1/15: No joke, woodcock are back!

3/25/15: Received about 2+ inches of snow last night- ground was almost snow free, still plenty of snow in the woods and on trails

3/21/15: Robins and Red Wing Blackbirds reported in the area

3/20/15: Happy Spring!

3/18/15: Salamanders in the basement of DC staff Anne- Canada Geese as well!

3/13/15: Temps in the upper 50's- snow is melting so fast, lots of ground showing in the open areas at the Discovery Center!

3/12/15: Hit my first moth with the car windshield on this night!

3/11/15: Raccoon!

3/9/15: With the warm weather (all week in the mid-upper 40's) the skunks are out of their torpor (mini-hibernation) and running around! Signs of spring are literally, in the air.

3/7/15: Pileated Woodpeckers starting to call and drum

2/24/15: First Canada Goose spotted near cranberry marsh off Hwy H