

# OUTDOOR ALMANAC

## JUNE 2017



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Birds(**yellow warbler**) are still singing at dawn for pair bonding, but note how little song there is during the day as they attend to their young.

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Newly metamorphosed from tadpoles, multitudes of tiny wood froglets may appear in your garden or wooded yard if you live near a small pond or wetland.



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On a midday walk you could happen upon a **garter snake**—the state reptile of Massachusetts—basking in a sunny forest clearing or grassy meadow.

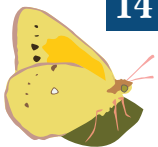
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**Full Moon.** The Strawberry Moon, named by the Algonquin, distinguishing this as the time to gather the tiny, native woodland strawberries.



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Garden butterflies are about. Watch for favorites including swallowtails, painted ladies, fritillaries, and **sulphurs**.



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**Baby birds** begin to leave their nests about this time, yet are still well attended by their parents.



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Summer solstice. It's the first day of summer and the longest day of the year.

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At nightfall, watch for flickering **fireflies** in fields and grassy areas. Each species has its own pattern of flashes.



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Gray tree frogs, often heard yet seldom seen, begin singing their birdlike trill; listen also for the nighttime bullfrog chorus at nearby ponds.

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Watch for **bats** in the evening sky.



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Check your garden for **robber flies**, which hover in midair then zip off.



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