

# OUTDOOR ALMANAC

## JULY 2017



**3** Daylilies are in bloom. Each individual flower opens for a single day. Watch for butterflies and bumblebees as they collect nectar and pollen, pollinating flowers as they go.

**7** Listen for the chirping chorus of tiny gray tree frogs on sultry afternoons. Young gray tree frogs are bright green while adults are mottled greenish-gray.



**9** The full **Buck Moon**, named by the Native Americans for the new antlers bucks start growing at this time of the year.

**10** Look for ripening blueberries on rocky hillsides and woodland clearings. Low bush blueberries are found in dry, shady uplands while high bush blueberries grow in sunnier, low-lying areas near wetlands.



**15** Around field edges and orchards watch for blue- and chestnut-feathered **bluebirds** feeding their newly fledged spotted young.

**19** Listen for the trills or whinnies of eastern screech owls calling in the middle of a warm night.

**20** Watch robins, catbirds, **orioles**, and mockingbirds forage for ripe blackberries, unhindered by the thorny brambles.



**25** Both white lacy meadowsweet and striking pink steeplebush flower in old fields, while purple-fringed orchids bloom in wetlands.

**26** Female goldfinches fly in search of the downy fibers of thistle to incorporate in their nest building.

**28** Look for the muted pink of **common milkweed** or brilliant orange of butterfly weed in open fields and gardens, and the reddish purple of swamp milkweed in sunny, wet meadows.



**30** The tall lavender spikes of blooming **pickerelweed** appear around the edges of shallow ponds.

