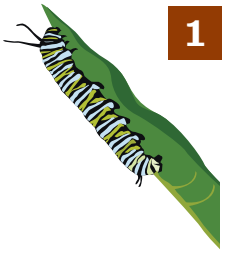


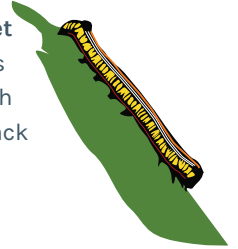
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1 The last generation of **monarch caterpillars** is feeding on milkweed before entering the pupa stage. The adults that hatch out this month will fly to Mexico for the winter.

18 Find strikingly colored **hooded owlet moths caterpillar** feeding on asters and goldenrods: green or purple with yellow stripes on goldenrod, and black with red and yellow stripes on both asters and goldenrod.



4 Migrating shorebirds can still be found on coastal beaches and mudflats as well as near shallow ponds and in open fields.

22 Autumnal Equinox. Day and night are equal in length today and fall begins.



6 **Full Corn Moon.** Time to harvest ripened corn to store for the winter.

24 Look for fall sparrows in thickets and field edges. Their plumage helps them blend in well, but with careful observation, you can spot their beautiful patterns of gray, brown, black, and rufous feathers.

9 Mushrooms seem to pop up overnight with the first cooler rains—puffballs, stinkhorns, hen of the woods, and more all appear throughout the fall.

27 The pollen baskets of common **Eastern bumblebees** are full of bright-orange goldenrod pollen.



11 On clear days with a northerly breeze look for kettles of broad-winged hawks circling high in the sky on their way to South America.

30 **White-throated sparrows** can be heard whistling their "Old Sam Peabody, Peabody, Peabody" songs.



14 **Blackpoll warblers**, along with many other warbler species, migrate through on their way south.

