

# OUTDOOR ALMANAC

## NOVEMBER 2017



**3** Listen for woodpeckers drumming on tree trunks as they forage for insects and enlarge their cavities for seasonal shelters.



**4** **Full Moon.** The Algonquin named this the Beaver Moon, as beavers are very active during this time storing winter food in large underwater caches, and because it was a good time to trap beaver before ice formed on ponds and lakes.



**7** American robins and **cedar waxwings** forage for sumac, viburnum, and other fruit bearing trees and shrubs.

**9** Both fall field-cricket adults and spring field-cricket nymphs collect under old boards, loose stones, or in your house.



**11** Watch for wintering **snow buntings** and horned larks in fields and open areas as they search for seeds on withered, golden grasses.

**12** Field, vesper, chipping, and savannah sparrows depart this month for their wintering grounds.



**15** Late-migrating raptors such as rough-legged and **red-tailed hawks** may still be found.

**17** The Leonids, one of the most active meteor showers, peak tonight and tomorrow night just before dawn.

**18** Once most of the trees are bare, look for the distinctive golden-yellow glow of **hickories**, which keep their leaves a few weeks longer than most species.



**20** Snowy owls have arrived and will stay here through February. Look for them at Plum Island and Duxbury Beach or other open, treeless areas near the coast.

**25** You can find the perfectly round, inch-deep holes left by **striped skunks** as they forage for grubs, earthworms, salamanders, rodents, fungi, nuts, and seeds almost anywhere.



**27** Bright-red partridgeberry fruit are easy to spot along their trailing stems lying on the forest floor.

**30** Early snowfalls bring an opportunity to see wildlife tracks of **squirrels**, rabbits, foxes, and skunks, or even fishers and coyotes.

