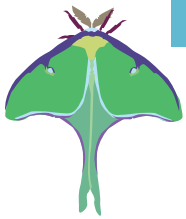


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5 After dark, look for large, light-green **Luna Moths** near porch lights; this adult phase only lives for a week.

8 Listen for the regular chirps of Snowy Tree Crickets, which can be heard any time of the day or night. They are excellent thermometers: Count the number of chirps heard in 13 seconds and add 40 to get the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.



10 Listen for the trills or whinnies of **Eastern Screech-Owls** calling as the young of the year search for territories.

11 Flocks of Sanderlings, returned from breeding grounds in the Arctic, can be seen chasing waves as they feed on tiny crustaceans in the wet sand.



12-13 Peak of the **Perseid meteor shower**. After midnight, shooting stars, as many as 60 per hour, flare through the darkened sky.

16 The incessant high-pitched, whining drone of the Dog Day Cicada is a common sound on hot days.

18 Tall, bright red **cardinal flowers** bloom in clean freshwater wetlands.



24 Watch for flocks of **migrating shorebirds** in muddy estuaries, along the coast or in open fields. Most of these birds breed in the Arctic and spend winters in Central and South America.



26 **Full moon**; many Eastern Woodland Indians called this the Green Corn Moon as corn was ready to eat fresh but not ripe enough to harvest to dry for winter.



31 **Solomon's seal fruits** hanging under the plant's curving stem have ripened to a deep blue-black. Clusters of ripened red false Solomon's seal fruits hang from the ends of the stems.

