Outdoor Almanac

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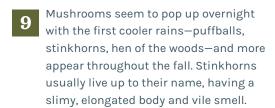
- 2 Common Nighthawks are migrating along the river valleys. Search above open fields near water and listen for their raspy peent calls as they hunt night-flying insects.
- Not all migrating orange butterflies are monarchs; Painted Ladies also migrate this time of year. The dorsal surface of their wings is orange when open but when closed the wings are spotted gray-brown on their lower surface.





Look for male **Ospreys** tending to their young. Females migrated last month; peak migration for males and their young is later this month.

Autumnal equinox. Day and night are equal length today and fall begins.



Woodland Indians this was the time to harvest ripened corn to dry and store for the winter.





- 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.
- 26 Look for fall sparrows (White-throated Sparrow) in thickets and field edges.

 Their plumage helps them blend in well but careful observation will be rewarded with beautiful patterns of grays, browns, blacks, and rufous feathers.



- Blackpoll Warblers, along with many other warbler species, migrate through on their way south.
- 27 The pollen baskets of common Eastern Bumblebees are full of bright orange goldenrod pollen.



The last generation of **Monarch** caterpillars are feeding on milkweeds before they pupate. The adults that hatch out this month will fly to Mexico for the winter.

30 Striped Skunks can be encountered foraging from early evening until after dawn. They will spend the next few months adding significant body fat to get them through the winter.

