

# JUNE

## OUTDOOR ALMANAC



**02** If you live near a vernal pool, multitudes of tiny wood froglets may appear in your garden or yard on their way to wooded uplands.



**03** Look for Bobolinks in fields and grasslands. Males are easily recognizable with their distinctive pale-yellow feathers on the back of an otherwise black head.



**05** Coyote pups are active now. These can be mistaken for red fox kits, as they both have sandy fur when young. But red fox kits always have a white-tipped tail; coyote pups do not.

**07** National Trails Day. Head outside and explore a new trail or a familiar favorite.



**08** World Ocean Day. Celebrate by enjoying some of Massachusetts' beaches. Keep an eye out for sandy-colored **Piping Plover chicks** running between the shoreline and their nests.

**12** Watch for snapping turtles crossing the road. This time of year, the females emerge from their resident ponds, particularly during rainy days, just long enough to dig a hole and lay eggs before returning to the water.



**17** Young birds begin to leave their nests about this time. They often have some downy fuzz left and are still attended to by their parents, but they will soon be on their own.

**18** After dark, look for large, lime green Luna Moths on the side of buildings where there are no lights. They use their long hindwings, or "tails," to confuse the sonar signals of bats and avoid capture.

**20** Summer solstice. It's the first official day of summer and the longest day of the year.

**23** At nightfall, watch for **flickering fireflies** in fields and shrubby areas. Each species has its own pattern of flashes.

**25** Carnivorous plants, including **sundews**, are found in bogs. Sundews use their fragrant, sticky fluid tipped "hairs" to trap small insects. They then digest them with specialized enzymes.

**26** The larvae of Baltimore Checkerspot Butterflies are feeding and pupating—the beautiful black and orange adults emerge about 10 days later.

**29** Full moon

### PHOTOS

Coyote Pups © John Harrison  
Piping Plover Chick  
Gray Catbird Fledgling  
Firefly  
Sundews © Mark Rosenstein