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The bold red and black color pattern warns predators to stay away from the Milkweed Leaf Beetle, much like the Monarch Butterfly, as they are both poisonous to those who eat them.

Photo by Stephen DeStefano

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>What makes Milkweed Leaf Beetles toxic to those who might eat them?</p> <p>See inside back cover for answer</p> | | | | | <p>1 (First Quarter</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Look for the first asters to appear</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p>Monarchs start migrating south</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Iridescent fruit of Blue-bead Lily appears on the forest floor</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Look for Black Bear log-rolling in search of ants and grubs</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Goldenrod begins to bloom</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Tree Swallows form large flocks and head south</p> | <p>8</p> <p>American Rubyspot damselflies appear along Millers River</p> | <p>9 ○ Full Moon "Sturgeon Moon"</p> <p>Look for Upland Sandpipers at Orange Airport</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>Shorebird migration peaks</p> <p>Pick blackberries</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Dazzling Cardinal Flowers appear along streams</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Perseid meteor showers peak</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Aeshna dragonflies feed in swarms in open areas</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Look for purple Joe Pye-Weed in bloom</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Fox kits seen without adult foxes present</p> | <p>16) Last Quarter</p> <p>Beavers mud lodges in preparation for winter</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>Fall webworms begin to appear</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Chipmunks climb high in trees for acorns</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Look for Great Egrets in marshes</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Look for white turtlehead flowers in wetlands</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Notice the fuzzy flowers of virgin's-bower vines</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Monarchs lay eggs on milkweed plants</p> | <p>23 ● New Moon</p> <p>Common Nighthawks begin fall migration</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>31</p> <p>(First Quarter</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Find woodland sunflowers along roadways</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Ironweed blooms</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Find Cedar Waxwings feasting on wild fruits</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Be alert for yellow jackets</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Asters abound</p> |



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