

# June Phenology

a reflective look at 2009

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**1** Black-capped Chickadee young have fledged. Juvenile Common Grackles also have fledged; parents are feeding them in lawns. Gardeners are picking their first ripe strawberries.

**2** Black Locust trees at bloom peak.

**4** The Showy Pink and White lady's slipper, Minnesota's floral emblem and our state flower, began blooming in the wildflower garden at the U of MN Landscape Arboretum (full bloom was June 14).

**6** Hooded Merganser ducklings fledged. Both Painted and Snapping turtles are coming up on dry land to dig cavities in the soil in which they deposit their eggs.

**7** The tiny fragrant flowers of the Wild Grape vine have begun opening. White-tailed Deer fawns are being born. Fireflies on the wing tonight.

**8** The Peony collection at the U of MN Landscape Arboretum is at bloom peak and beautiful.

**14** First 80 degree temperature in June. Baltimore Oriole young fledged. Peregrine Falcon nestlings are about the size of their parents.

**17** The Japanese Tree Lilac and Northern Catalpa trees are at bloom peak and very showy. Red-spotted Purple Butterflies on the wing.

**19** Some field corn in Waconia area is now 30" tall.

**20** First deer flies on the wing. Second cutting of alfalfa starting in Waconia area.

**22** First 90 degree or above day this June in the Twin Cities. The mercury hit 93 degrees. Garden roses at the U of MN Landscape Arboretum at overall bloom peak.

**23** High of 95 degrees in the Twin Cities. First Annual Cicada heard buzzing. Along the North Shore of Lake Superior, American Mountain Ash, Apple and Crabapple trees, Common Purple Lilac and Wild Lupine all have outstanding blossoms.

**24** Tree Swallow young fledged.

**28** Both in southern and northern Minnesota, many dragonflies are on the wing, and after dark the tiny lights of numerous fireflies are seen over meadows and grassy ditches not far from woodlands and wetlands.

**30** Common Elderberry shrubs and Common Milkweed are blooming nicely.



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