

Signs of Spring



First Cardinal Whistling
 Date _____



"Fee Bee" call of the Chickadee
 Date _____



Maple Syrupping
 Date _____



First Spring Wildflower
 Date _____

Maple syruping: The maple sap begins to "run", when the temperature goes above 40° F. After the sap is collected, it needs to be boiled down to make syrup. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup.



First active Chipmunk
 Date _____



Squirrels Chasing (mating behavior)
 Date _____



First Redwing Blackbird
 Date _____



First Canada Geese/swans/Ducks
 Date _____

Squirrel mating behavior: In late winter, the squirrels start chasing each other around. Some are males who are battling for a home territory. Others are males chasing females around.

First redwing blackbird: In mid March the male redwings migrate into the cattail marshes. You can hear their sweet call, "okalee-okalee" as the males set up their territories before the females arrive.



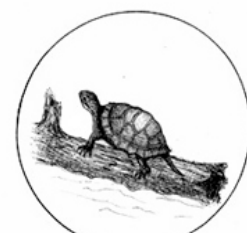
First Robin
 Date _____



First Frog calling or seen
 Date _____

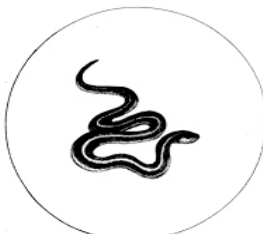


First Dandelion blooming
 Date _____



First turtle on a log
 Date _____

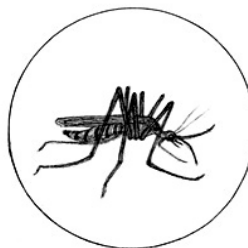
There are several species of frogs that come to the ponds to call and breed.



First garter snake
 Date _____



First Woolly Bear Caterpillar
 Date _____



First mosquito
 Date _____



First Butterfly
 Date _____

Garter snakes hibernate in groups under the ground. After a few warm spring days, garter snakes may appear. In fact, you might see several garter snakes sunning near their winter hibernaculum (underground home.)