

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

MAY 22-28, 2023

FIGHT MOSQUITOES: REMOVE STANDING WATER

Mosquitoes. Everyone's least favorite insect. But there are some things people can do to reduce the swarm! Because mosquitoes need calm, standing water to reproduce, removing those environments from your yard can help slow down the little buggers! Store barrels upside down, flip wheelbarrows over, and empty kiddie pools that are not in use to limit the number of areas mosquitoes can lay eggs.

NATURE NOTES

- Bird watching: Returning red-eyed vireos
- Migrating monarchs begin to arrive.
- White-tailed deer fawns are being born.
- Pin cherry trees, blueberries and lily-of-the-valleys are in bloom.
- Loons are on the nest.

STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society

What's happening in the starry sky this week:

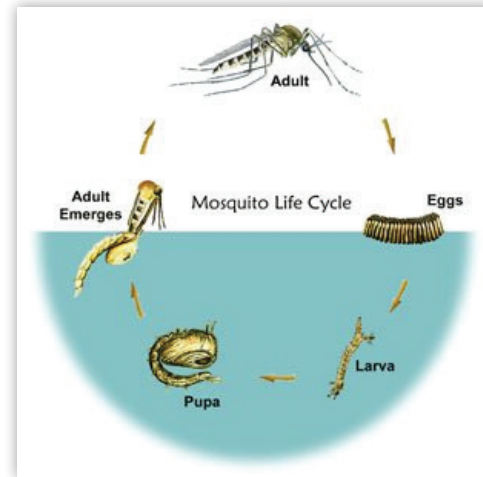
May 22: Crescent moon near Venus. Look west 9 - 10 pm.

May 22 & 24: International Space Station (ISS) passes near Polaris, the North Star. ISS appears at 9:57 pm WNW and disappears at 10:03 pm east.

May 23: Crescent moon midway between Mars and Venus, and near the star Pollux in Gemini. Look west 9:30 - 11:00 pm.

May 24: Crescent moon between Mars and the Beehive Star Cluster (use binoculars). Look west 9:30 - 11:30 pm.

May 26: ISS passes directly overhead. It appears at 9:56 pm WNW and disappears at 10:02 pm ESE. Moon is near the star Regulus in Leo.



As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natural resources, Long Lake's team of Environmental Educators will share simple, everyday Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. If everyone makes the effort to consume resources more wisely, we can help ensure a brighter future for the planet and make life better TODAY!