2024 Calendar of Events at Carpenter Nature Center

Phenology from 2023 (with additional entries from CNC's past phenology notes)

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Hoppy * y Hew * * year *	January New Year's Day CNC CLOSED	2 8 hrs 52 mins of daylight	Quadrantids 3 Meteor Shower peak	4 MN Campus Trails & Ales	>12" snowfall	MN Campus Bird Hike 6 Ice Fishing at Lake Rebecca
7	American Mink on side porch of Admin Building (96')	9	Hoarfrost	New Moon Coyotes yipping	12	MN Campus 13 Morning Snowshoe Hike WI Campus Bird Hike
Black-capped	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	Five Wild Turkeys outside Admin Building door	WI Preschool Story Time Great Horned Owl calling by Farmhouse	18	MN Preschool Story Time	WI Campus 20 Morning Snowshoe Hike
21 Male Northern Cardinal singing spring song ('03)	29" snow over two days ('82)	Tail-less squirrel at bird feeders	Fox near Admin Building 24	Full Moon	26 MN Campus Evening Snowshoe Hike	WI Campus Evening Snowshoe Hike
28	29	30 Blue Jay "pump handle" song ('07)	78 Trumpeter Swans at the Confluence ('18)	February ¹	GROUNDHOC DAY	MN Campus Bird Hike WI Campus Morning Snowshoe Hike
Two Bald Eagles on floodplain nest	Water running in ravines ('91)	Two Cottontail Rabbits at feeding station ('07)	7 WI Preschool Story Time	8 MN Campus Trails & Ales	9 MN Preschool Story Time New Moon	MN Campus 10 Morning Snowshoe Hike WI Campus Bird Hike Chinese New Year
11	Eastern Bluebirds arrive ('90)	Opossum inside deer carcass ('01)	Valentine's Day 14	15	MN Campus Evening Snowshoe Hike	WI Campus 17 Evening Snowshoe Hike Ice Fishing at Lake Rebecca
Red Oak leaves falling ('03)	*HAPPY 19	First tree tapped to collect sap for making maple syrup ('98)	17 squirrels at feeders ('04)	Striped Skunk seen during moonlight snowshoe hike ('97)	23	MN Campus 24 Masters of the Sky Full Moon
25 MN Campus Masters of the Sky	26 Brown Creeper sighted	Two Raccoons by front gates this evening	Wild Common Raven outside ambassador Raven enclosure	LEAP 29	March ¹	MN Campus Bird Hike ² Sandhill Cranes overhead
3	Nightcrawler on grass ('98)	Honeybees out ('00)	Woodchuck on North River Bluff Trail ('00)	MN Campus Trails & Ales Red-winged Blackbirds have returned	8 74" of snow so far this season ('22)	9 WI Campus Bird Hike
10 Daylight Savings Time begins New Moon	First barge through Lock & Dam #2 ('98)	Chipmunks active ('21)	13 WI Preschool Story Time	14	15 MN Preschool Story Time Sap still running	MN Campus 16 Maple Syruping
St. Patrick's Day	Three Trumpeter Swans by Prescott Beach ('06)	19	First thunder of season First Day of Spring	Pussy Willow buds opening ('94)	22	MN Campus Maple Syruping
24 Eastern Bluebirds singing	Full Moon	Swans migrating all day ('00)	27 American Kestrels back on prairie	Prescribed burn in oak savanna ('12)	Great Spangled Fritillary Butterfly sighted ('99)	30 Prairie Smoke flowering ('07)
31 Easter—CNC CLOSED 6" heavy snow during overnight blizzard	April 1 Floodplain Bald Eagle nest down after blizzard	Eagles rebuilding nest 2 Ross's Goose cackling	Tree Swallows in Orchard	4	5	MN Campus Bird Hike Spring Birding Primer
7	8 New Moon Partial solar eclipse	9	10 WI Preschool Story Time	11 Painted Turtle in Water Garden	12 MN Campus Story Time	WI Campus Bird Hike Gray Tree Frog calling
Red Admiral Butterfly by Trailside Lodge	15	Dragonflies out ('04)	Osprey by oak savanna ('01)	Three Bufflehead Ducks in Wetland	19	MN Campus Hastings Area Bird Festival
Lyrids Meteor Shower peak Coyotes crossing prairie	Earth Day	Full Moon	Muskrat swimming in Wetland	25	celebrite Arbor Day	WI Campus Planting Party
28 Great Blue Heron in Wetland	Pie-billed Grebe and Hooded Merganser on Wetland	30 14 hrs 15 mins of daylight				
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