

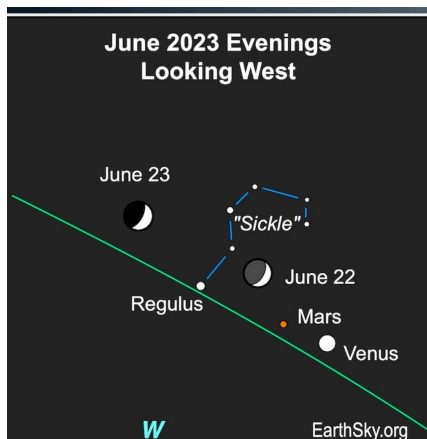
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All in all the summer season demands casting off the binding demands of winter's cold darkness.

Flip flops become the footwear of choice.

Celebrations: BBQ's, chicken roasts, parades, queen coronations, softball tournaments, concerts and fireworks bring people together.

Meanwhile Nature, our every moment foundation, is putting on its own celebrations. Bright colors, camouflaged creatures, captivating aromas, choral ensembles all celebrate the summer solstice, Fireflies ignite our dreams. A kaleidoscope of heavenly events emit light to invigorate our imaginations.



**Evening Sky 6/22/23 by
Earth and Sky**

Engage Your Senses

Today's Journal Celebrates the Arrival of Summer North of the 36th Parallel on our North American Continent



Eight Species of Wild Flowers Bloom at the Farm at Gillespie Creek, Wisconsin

Fireflies in the Garden

By Robert Frost

*Here come the real stars to fill the
upper skies,
And here on earth come emulating
flies,
That though they never equal stars in
size,
(And they were never really stars at
heart,)
Achieve at times a very star-like start,
Only of course, they can't sustain the
part.*

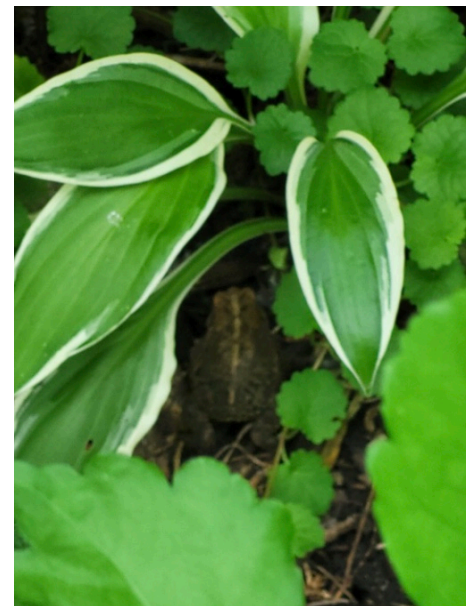
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A Blue Bird Parent is Attending to a Clutch of Babies Henderson, North Carolina Photo by Julie Butler



**A Toad Sheltered
by Hosta in
Palos Park, Illinois
Photo by B Ward**

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