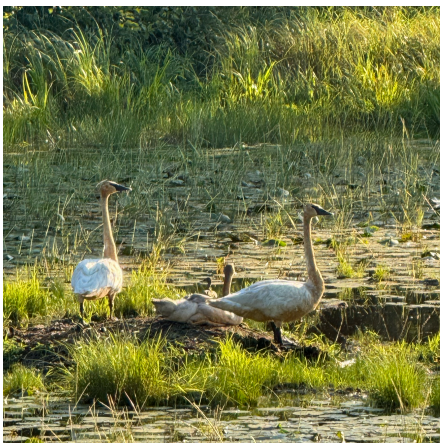


# Gillespie Creek Journal

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## Trumpeter Swan Family

Rural Siren, WI

8/21/25

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## Ripening Ground Cherries

Gillespie Creek's Wild  
Gardens

8/28/25

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Engage Your Senses

## "Pieces of Heaven"

Today I end the final journal entry of  
Summer 2025 with photos of Nature's  
tidbits to be "picked up and saved" as  
well as an inspiring poem by the late  
Willam Stafford titled

### "Any Morning"

Mr. Stafford served as the Poetry Consultant for the Library of  
Congress 1971-72. His books include **Traveling through the Dark**  
and **The Way It Is: New and Selected Poems**.

### Any Morning

*Just lying on the couch and being happy,  
Only humming a little, the quiet sound in the  
head.*

*Trouble is busy elsewhere at the moment, it has  
So much to do in the world.*

*People who might judge are mostly asleep; they  
can't*

*Monitor you all the time, and sometimes they  
forget.*

*When dawn flows over the hedge you can  
Get up and act busy.*

*Little corners like this, pieces of Heaven  
Left lying around, can be picked up and saved.  
People won't even see that you have them,  
They are so light and easy to hide.*

*Later in the day you can act like the others.*



## Monarch Chrysalis

8/25/25

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NW Wisconsin

Nature's Treasurers Abound



## Monarch !

The Following Day With  
Remnants of its Chrysalis

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