

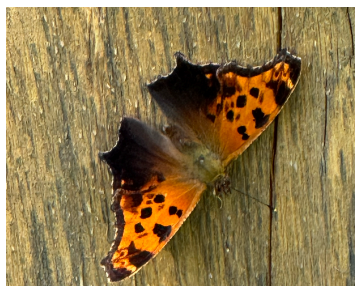
Gillespie Creek Journal

"To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heavens."

For me Spring in our 80 A plot is
a time to be especially vigilant.
Wood ticks are lurking within
every blade of grass hungry for
a drink of my blood and leave
me with an infection. Next
come the Deer Flies of June
buzzing my head, stinging
through my gloved hands. Then
come huge Horse Flies,
Mosquitos and nearly invisible
Gnats.

July begins a change. Flying
insect hatches have been pretty
well wiped out by the migratory
birds bulking up for their
eminent departure from
Northern nesting quarters.
Benign Fireflies sparkle the night
time meadows. Dew drops
condensed by the atmospheric
cooling outline hidden spider
webs.

Butterfly Days have begun !!



Comma Butterfly
7/1/25
Gillespie Creek

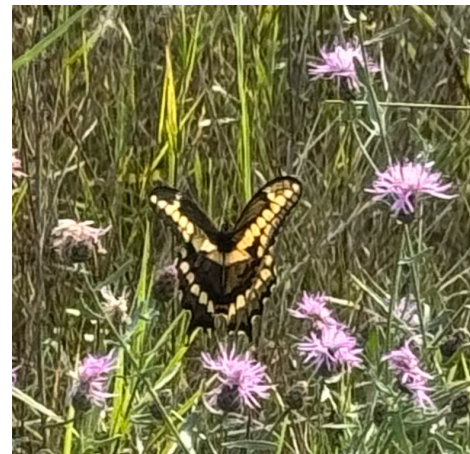
Today's Nature Notes
celebrate insects and
arachnids. Each offers
curious beauty. Their unique
specialization has evolved
with purpose within the
ecology of Northwestern
Wisconsin; specifically our
Gillespie Creek neighborhood



Spider Web
on
Big Blue Stem
Grass Early Morning
8/1/25

Poet Christina Rossetti has this
advice for me and you...

*Hurt no living thing:
Ladybug nor butterfly,
Nor moth with dusty wing,
Nor cricket chirping cheerily,
Nor grasshopper so light of leap,
Nor dancing gnat, Nor beetle fat,
Nor harmless worms that creep.*



Giant Swallowtail Butterfly
8/1/25
Gillespie Creek, WI



Zucchini Blossom
With Pollinating
Bee
8/5.25
Gillespie Creek Garden

Notice the tiny bee inside
this female zucchini
blossom. To produce a
squash, pollen must be
taken from the thin stem of
a zucchini plant's male
flower and deposited by
that bee into the swollen
base of a female flower.
Clearly this is a girl
blossom!