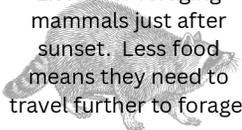


"And now we welcome the new year,  
full of things that have never been" **January**  
2026

-Rainer Maria Rilke



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>January Challenge - Winter warblers are everywhere right now. How many different kinds can you spot this month?</p>				<p>1 <b>First Day Hike</b> Start the year with a walk in nature to set intentions for adventure.</p> 	<p>2 Stormy seas caused the wreck of the steamboat SS Commodore off Florida's coast in 1897.</p>	<p>3 <b>Full Wolf Moon</b> Named for the call of the wolves in the heart of winter.</p> 
<p>4 <b>Peak Quadrantid Meteor Shower</b> A narrow but sometimes prolific shower, best seen late night to early morning hours.</p> 	<p>5 <b>Mary Barr Munroe</b>, early Florida bird defender and Everglades advocate, was born this day in 1852.</p> 	<p>6 Watch for egrets in their courting colors with bright green above their beak and beautiful, lacy plumage.</p>	<p>7 <b>Zora Neale Hurston</b>, influential Florida folklorist and writer, was born this day in 1891.</p> 	<p>8 Dry season deepens. Notice the changes at your local ponds and wetland areas.</p> 	<p>9 <b>Paul Kroegel</b>, protector of Pelican Island's birds, was born this day in 1864.</p> 	<p>10 <b>Jupiter at Opposition</b> When a planet is at opposition, it rises at sunset and stays visible all night.</p> 
<p>11 Winter's palette is subtle. Notice how the colors of grass and trees have shifted from vibrant green to duller hues.</p> 	<p>12 Mid-winter waters invite manatees to warm springs and power-plant outflows.</p> 	<p>13 Check manatee cams at locations statewide to see how temperature impacts the number of manatees congregating.</p>	<p>14 Look for kingfishers perched on branches or powerlines near retention ponds and canals.</p> 	<p>15 <b>First Battle of the Loxahatchee</b> fought near Jupiter Inlet during the Second Seminole War in 1838.</p>	<p>16 Watch for Sandhill cranes flying to roost at sunset.</p> 	<p>17 Look for brightly colored cardinals. After their Autumn molt they get their courting feathers in.</p> 
<p>18 Listen for foraging mammals just after sunset. Less food means they need to travel further to forage.</p> 	<p>19 <b>Snow fell in Miami on this day in 1977.</b> The only time in Florida history there was snow recorded this far south.</p> 	<p>20 What pollinators are still active? What time of day do you see them?</p> 	<p>21 <b>SPACE COAST BIRDING AND WILDLIFE FESTIVAL</b> January 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup></p> 	<p>22 What flowers are blooming near you? Look for camelias and other ornamental bloomers.</p> 	<p>23 <b>Moon, Saturn, and Neptune align.</b> The Moon and Saturn can help you spot Neptune with binoculars.</p>	<p>24 Look beneath oaks for fallen acorns. 2025 was confirmed as a mast year!</p> 
<p>25 Note mixed flocks of herons, egrets, and ibises as they gather alongside waterways.</p> 	<p>26 As waterlines recede in dry season, look for signs of alligator activity.</p> 	<p>27 See a large flock of birds moving together in the sky? It's likely a murmuration of European starlings.</p>	<p>28 Watch for birds of prey tending their nests and keeping eggs warm for the Spring hatch.</p>	<p>29 Listen for the drumming of downy and red-bellied woodpeckers on trees and power poles.</p> 	<p>30 Enjoy a sunset walk while the longer nights still linger.</p>	<p>31 Survey your yard for budding plants, where will you find the first signs that Spring is coming?</p>