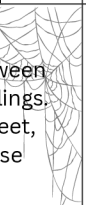
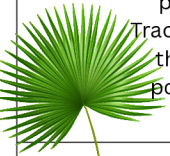


"The fervent heat, but so much more
endurable in this pure air"

-Walt Whitman - A July Afternoon by the Pond

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 The FWC began work on this day in 1999. Learn how it protects one Florida species you love.	2 Visit the same plant morning and afternoon. Have its leaves or flowers changed with the heat?	3 The Migratory Bird Treaty Act was signed today in 1918, helping end the killing of birds for the feather trade.	4 World Firefly Day It's not just fireworks that light up the sky. Celebrate these amazing natural light-makers.
5 Watch a wading bird feed. Does it stalk, sweep its bill, stir the water or dash after prey?	6 Even though Florida is near its warmest time of year, Earth reaches aphelion today , its farthest point from the Sun.	7 Look for ghost crab burrows on a sandy beach. Which have fresh tracks or scattered sand? 	8 A love of nature that knew no bounds. Guy Bradley gave his life protecting Florida's plume birds on this day in 1905.	9 Search tree trunks for empty cicada shells. Can you find where each adult climbed out? 	10 The Florida Python Challenge begins today as hunters head into the Everglades to remove invasive Burmese pythons.	11 If you see a brown and white ibis, it is a juvenile white ibis. Watch through the season as they change to their white adult feathers.
12 Famous Florida Highwayman painter Al Black was born today. His paintings captured Florida's vivid skies, palms, waterways and landscapes.	13 In 1733, a hurricane sank a Dutch-built treasure ship. Today, it forms part of San Pedro Underwater Archaeological Preserve State Park.	14 Look for a spiderweb between branches or railings. Is it an orb, sheet, funnel or loose tangle? 	15 Hold a leaf to the light and search for pale, winding trails left by leaf-mining insects. 	16 Look for leaves folded or rolled into insect shelters. Observe, but do not disturb.	17 Look west after sunset for the crescent Moon near Venus as the evening sky grows darker.	18 Search dry sand for cone-shaped antlion pits. A tiny hunter may be waiting beneath each one.
19 Study a saw palmetto leaf. Trace its folds from the stem to its pointed, fanlike tips. 	20 Near wet ground, look for mud chimneys built above crayfish burrows. Are any freshly made? 	21 Florida author Ernest Hemingway was born today in 1899. His Key West years inspired much of his writing.	22 Florida conservationist Nathaniel Pryor Reed was born today in 1933. He helped protect the Everglades, wetlands and endangered wildlife.	23 World Whale and Dolphin Day 	24 Have you ever found a crab shell with a neat split? That is where the crab exited during molting.	25 Find a strip of habitat joining two wild places. What animals might use it as a travel corridor?
26 Mangrove Conservation Day. See how many places mangroves grow around the world!	27 Compare two leaves by touch. Which is smooth, waxy, fuzzy, leathery or rough? 	28 World Nature Conservation Day. How wonderful that nature lovers all around the world are celebrating alongside you today.	29 This full moon is the Buck Moon, named after the new antlers that emerge from a buck's forehead around this time of the year.	30 The Moon may be bright, but you may still catch sight of a shooting star from the Southern Delta Aquariids meteor shower.	31 Giving Florida's Treasure Coast its name, a Spanish treasure fleet was wrecked off the east coast during a hurricane on this day in 1715. 	