

# **Yellow Flower Moon: August**

- **Prairie grasses starting to get golden hues ◇ soft indiangrass seedheads ◇ ragweed pollen begins last week of August ◇ algae blooms on water ◇ yellow flowers: goldenrods, perennial & annual sunflowers**
- **Beetles ◇ spiders on flower disks ◇ insects noisy after rain ◇ sticky elm aphid honeydew on car ◇ gnat clouds ◇ monarchs ◇ dragonflies ◇ mosquitoes ◇ chiggers ◇ daytime: cicadas, grasshoppers; nighttime: katydids, crickets**
- **Yellow goldfinches ◇ barn swallows ◇ summer molting season ◇ some songbirds begin migrating south**
- **Young mammals leaving parents incl. raccoons, opossums, skunks**
- **Cygnus/Northern Cross, Sagittarius/Milky Way high in the sky around 9pm ◇ Perseid meteor shower ~Aug. 9 - 13 (plan a campout!)**