

Fallen Timbers Backyard Activities

Backyard Phenology!

Phenology done is simply a recorded journal of what is happening in the natural world where you live over time. If you recorded data for year after year, you will be able to compare important seasonal shifts, like what day did you hear the first Red-winged Blackbird reappear in spring? When did the first Daffodil bloom? When did your favorite tree lose all its leaves? When was the first snow?

You can make your observations in your own nature notebook or on the chart provided below:

Species (plant or animal name)	Location, comments	Date
Ex: silver maple tree	My backyard, flower buds open	4/6/20
Ex: robin	Builds nest above light on garage Lays 4 eggs in nest on garage	4/9/20 4/12/20

MY 2020 BACKYARD PHENOLOGY :



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MORE PHENOLOGY RESOURCES:

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station - Nature Navigator Monthly Phenology

- Click on the month and the week that it is now and you can see what is happening in nature, here in Wisconsin, this week!
- Explore other months to see what will be happening other times of the year!

The Aldo Leopold Foundation: <u>A Lifelong Passion for Phenology</u>

- Read about how famous conservationist, Aldo Leopold, turned his observations into scientific study.
- "For <u>Aldo Leopold</u>, keeping phenological records was a way to maintain an intimate connection with nature and gain a sense of place. To the curious naturalist, these phenological records are also indicators that help us understand the inner workings of the land."

Turn Phenology into Art - Creating Phenology Wheels:

- https://raisinglittleshoots.com/phenology-wheel-guide/
- https://thesilvanreverie.com/2020/01/03/phenology-made-easy/



