










April Phenology Report

Find these signs of spring and compare your observations with local phenologist, John Latimer

Organism/Event	Observations
 <p>Speckled Alder: catkins yield pollen when struck</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 2</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Look for it in low, wet areas</p>
 <p>Ruffed Grouse: First Drumming heard</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 3</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Sounds like a tractor starting</p>
 <p>Hazel Brush: First pollen or red stigma</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 8</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Most common shrub in the woods</p>
 <p>Mourning Cloak Butterfly: First seen</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 9</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Overwinter as adults in the fallen leaves</p>

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 <p>Eastern Phoebe: Heard or seen:</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 13</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Song is a short, raspy, 'fee-bee'</p>
 <p>Wood Frog: First heard</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 14</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Sounds like "Lick-em-up, lick-em-up"</p>
 <p>Spring Peeper: First Heard</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 17</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Call is a sharp, repeating 'peep'</p>
 <p>Red Maple: First flowers</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 18</u></p> <p>Your Date: _____</p> <p>* Red flowered twigs contrasted against silvery branches</p>
 <p>Bloodroot: First Flowers</p>	<p>John Latimer's average date: <u>Apr 27</u></p> <p>Your date: _____</p> <p>* Single flower on naked stem</p>

(Turn page over to record more of your observations)

What other seasonal 'firsts' did you observe?

(flowers blooming? birds heard? insects seen? trees leafing out? etc.)

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Date/Notes

Your Name: _____

*Share your observations with others by posting them on the Phenology Board in the Lab
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