

Nature's Calendar

AUTUMN 2025

Welcome

Hello and welcome to the autumn edition of the Nature's Calendar newsletter!

Have you spotted any colourful, autumn leaves yet? It's time to choose a tree to observe this autumn and record these important dates:

Full autumn tinting: the date when all the leaves on the tree have changed colour

Leaves falling: the date you notice that some of the leaves have fallen and there are some bare twigs or branches on the tree

Bare tree: the date when the branches are completely bare

Although astronomical autumn doesn't begin until Monday 22 September, in some places the dry, warm weather this year has resulted in an early or 'false' autumn. Many trees already have some leaves that have changed colour. A volunteer in Scotland noticed silver birch leaves changing colour as early as July!



Credit Ben Lee / WTML

For the best displays of beautiful autumn colours choose to observe a beech, field maple, hawthorn, oak or rowan. We'd love to see your photos and share them on our [blog](#).

Earliest ripe brambles on record?

In the last newsletter we asked you to look for ripe brambles, and you didn't disappoint! We received an extra 100 records this year, so if you made the effort to add your first sighting, thank you!

The earliest ripe bramble was spotted on 22nd June in Greater London, and the last was spotted on 31st August in Highland, Scotland. Provisional records suggest that 2025 was an early year for 'first ripe bramble' across the UK, perhaps the earliest on record – stay tuned!

A warm welcome to new volunteers.

Within these newsletters we share project updates or news, insights into your records, reminders of what to look out for and highlights from our blog. We are here to support you in your role, if you have any questions at any point, you can ask us via our project inbox: naturescalendar@woodlandtrust.org.uk

Best wishes,
The Nature's Calendar team.

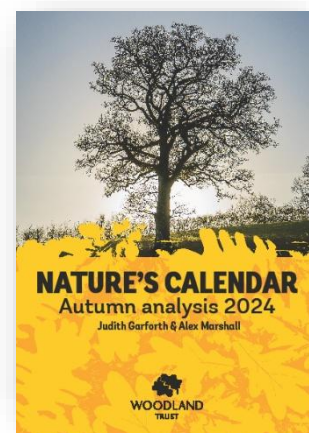
Your records

Looking back at Autumn 2024

Can you remember what the weather was like this time last year and how plants and animal were responding? How will this autumn compare?

There are 85 different seasonal events that can be recorded for the Nature's Calendar project in autumn and in 2024 our volunteers submitted over 7000 observations! We've combined and analysed all these records, and our findings are now available in the [Autumn 2024 report](#). Here's a few highlights from the report:

- *Autumn 2024 was warm, particularly December.*
- *Fruiting and leaf tinting were variable but 'first leaf fall' was consistently early.*
- *Autumn 2024 saw the lowest crop of haws on record. What a contrast after the record-breaking bumper crop of haws in autumn 2023!*
- *Fieldfare and redwing 'first recorded' dates were on average 12 and 17 days later, respectively, than during the benchmark year. Their average dates were 5 and 12 November – the second latest in the Nature's Calendar series behind 2023.*
- *All tree species had first leaf fall dates that were 2-10 days earlier than the benchmark.*



You can also keep track of records in real time as they [appear on our live maps](#), and when logged into the Nature's Calendar website, your record will appear as a red dot on the map!

What to look out for in the coming months



Full tinting

Record full autumn tinting when all of the leaves on a tree have changed colour.

It may not be possible to record full autumn tinting every year, because sometimes the leaves fall before they have fully changed colour.



Bare trees

Record bare tree when the branches are completely bare except for shrivelled leaves.



Fieldfare and Redwing

Fieldfares and Redwings are migratory birds. They are winter visitors to most parts of the UK.

Nature's Calendar monitors how early or late they arrive in the UK in the autumn/winter.



In a location that you monitor regularly (at least once a week), record the date in autumn/winter that you first see a live, active redwing after their summer absence from the UK. This is usually from mid-September.



Lawn last cut

Record the date on which you last cut your lawn at the end of autumn. This may relate to ground conditions rather than the length of the grass, but don't worry! Just record the last time you were able to cut it.

[Download our phenology calendar here](#) to see the full list of species to look out for based on the time of year.

Blog highlights

[State of the UK Climate in 2024](#)

The State of the UK Climate in 2024 report has been published, providing a summary of the weather in 2024 as well as the latest climate trends. The report found that the UK is warming, extremes are increasing, sea level rise is accelerating, and winters are getting wetter. But what does this mean for Nature? To answer the question, the report also includes a section on phenology based on observations from the Nature's Calendar project.

Credit John Bridges / WTML



[When does autumn start?](#)

Spring 2025 was the warmest on record, but what will that mean for wildlife this autumn?

Credit Ben Lee / WTML



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Has anyone had earlier than usual leaf tinting or leaf fall on the trees that you record?
I wonder if the hot and dry summer that we had has led to a 'false autumn' , or whether that is not the case. The ash tree and beech tree that I record has begun tinting already, but the beechnuts have not fallen yet!



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One of the many features of Assemble includes access to our volunteer forum. **Have you logged into [Assemble](#) and accessed the [Nature's Calendar forum](#) yet?**

The forum is a place where you can connect, share and chat with other volunteers. To ensure you get the best possible experience, **we have now turned on notifications to the forum**. This means that, whenever a staff member or volunteer posts into a group you are a part of, you will receive a message into your Assemble message centre, as well as a direct email. This ensures you can follow the latest updates, stay tuned to conversations and know when others reply or tag you in a post.

If you would like to personalise your forum notifications, open the forum via Assemble and click on your profile in the top right corner (this is a circle with either your initials or Assemble profile picture in it, then select the person icon from the drop down menu). You can then select the option to Pause notifications, or select Preferences – Emails where you can personalise your notification options.

