



Citizen Science Phenology Monitoring

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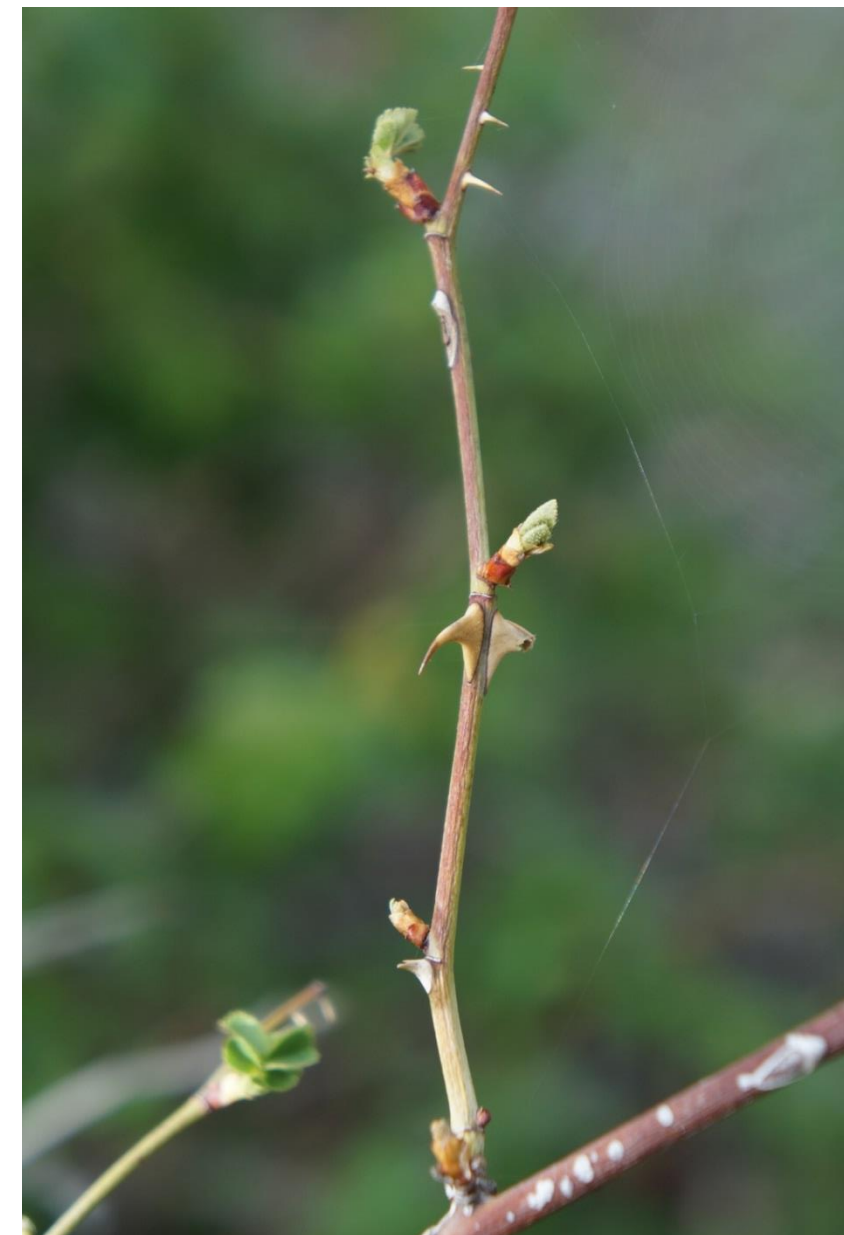
Get Involved as a Citizen Scientist!

At the DESFBNWR EEC, we are currently monitoring two individuals each of four species of plants using the protocols established by the California Phenology Project (CPP) and recording the data online via USA National Phenology Network's (USA-NPN) Nature's Notebook.

Join us and follow along to learn how to monitor the California wildrose (*Rosa californica*)!

Species: <i>Rosa californica</i>	
Common Name: California wildrose	
Nickname: California wildrose-CS 1	
Do you see...?	Check when data entered online: <input type="checkbox"/>
Breaking leaf buds	y n ? ___
Leaves	y n ? ___
Increasing leaf size	y n ? ___
Colored leaves	y n ? ___
Falling leaves	y n ? ___
Flowers or flower buds	y n ? ___
Open flowers	y n ? ___
Fruits	y n ? ___
Ripe fruits	y n ? ___
Recent fruit or seed drop	y n ? ___

Monitoring is fun and easy! Simply observe and record the...



of breaking leaf buds



% of canopy full with leaves



% of full size most leaves are



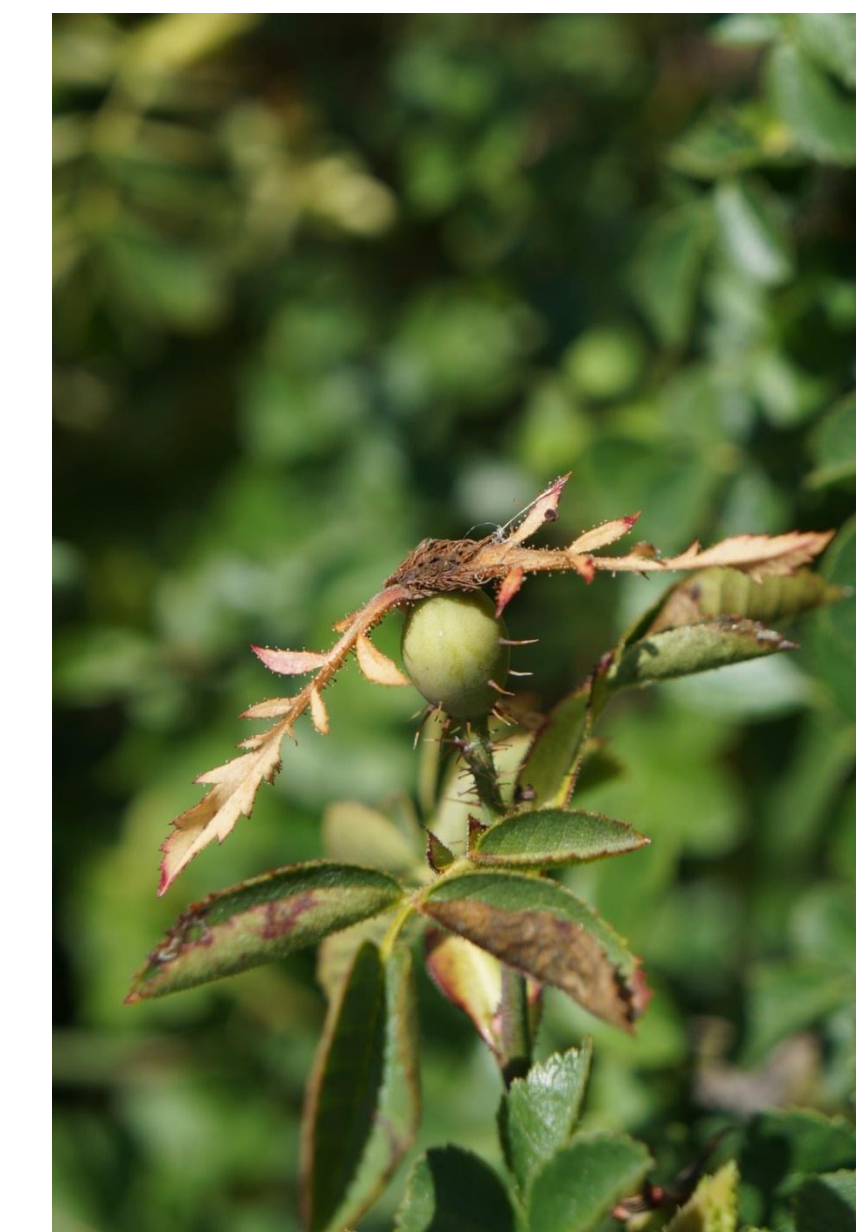
% of leaves colored and presence of fallen leaves



of flowers and flower buds



% of flowers open



of fruits



% of fruit ripe and # of fallen fruit

What is Phenology?

- Phenology is the study of the timing of plant and animal life cycle stages (e.g., leafing and flowering, emergence of insects, and migration of birds).
- It is also the study of these recurring plant and animal life cycle stages (i.e., phenophases) in response to weather and climate.
- From the Greek word phaino, meaning to show or appear.

source: USA National Phenology Network, www.usa.npn.org

“Phenology... is perhaps the simplest process in which to track changes in the ecology of species in response to climate change.” - IPCC 2007