

PHENOLOGY 2026

Phenology is the study of the timing of naturally recurring processes especially in relation to climate. It involves recording the dates of clearly defined natural events e.g. the dates of flowering of plants, the arrival of migrant birds and the emergence of hibernating insects. Records made over many years have provided valuable evidence for climate change affecting natural species. The CNHS has a good collection of records from previous years and therefore our members are well placed to continue to build this valuable record of data for the Chichester area of West Sussex.

Please note the **FIRST DATE** on which you see the following species in 2026. The species selected are easy to identify and are regarded as classical indicators of Spring.

In 2026 we are going to add an opportunity to start creating a more personal record. Can you please select a specific individual tree which you can observe most days. When this tree flowers, can you please record its species and the date in the space below.

Species	Date first seen/heard	Location
PRIMROSE in flower		
CHIFF-CHAFF		
BRIMSTONE BUTTERFLY		
HONEY BEE		
FROG SPAWN		
ORANGE TIP BUTTERFLY		
SWALLOW		
HAWTHORN in flower		
HORSE CHESTNUT in flower		
LARGE RED DAMSELFLY		
SWIFT		
CUCKOO		
MY SPECIFIC TREE in flower		

Don't worry if you don't see all the above - any records are valuable. Please return completed forms whenever you wish and certainly by the end of September 2021.

Your name and address:

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Please return your records to Christian Hance either at a lecture evening or by post to 389 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis , PO21 5BU.
Address any questions to 01243 825187 or Chair@chichesternaturalhistorysociety

**WITH MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
CHICHESTER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

GARDEN BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER INSECTS IN CHICHESTER 2026

Please use this form to record the butterflies and other insects you see **in your garden** during 2026.
Wherever possible give the first date on which you saw the insect otherwise just tick the space on the right.

Butterflies	Date when first seen
Small Skipper	
Large Skipper	
Clouded Yellow	
Brimstone	
Large White	
Small White	
Green-veined White	
Orange-tip	
Small Copper	
Common Blue	
Holly Blue	
Red Admiral	
Painted Lady	
Small Tortoiseshell	
Peacock	
Comma	
Speckled Wood	
Gatekeeper (Hedge Brown)	
Meadow Brown	
Ringlet	
Small Heath	
Brown Argus	
Essex Skipper	
Dingy Skipper	
Other (please name)	
Day-flying Moths	
Cinnabar	
Garden Tiger	
Magpie Moth	
Humming-bird Hawk-moth	
Silver Y	
Other Insects	
Cockchafer (May Bug)	
Hornet	
Bee Fly	