



Is Spring Here Yet?

This spring, people across the nation will join us in collecting important climate change data on the timing of leafing and flowering of trees and flowers through **Project BudBurst!** This national citizen science field campaign targets native tree and flower species across the country. By recording the timing of the leafing and flowering of native species each year, scientists can learn about the prevailing climatic characteristics in a region over time. With your help, we will be compiling valuable environmental information that can be compared to historical records to illustrate the effects of climate change.

Project BudBurst is ideal for teachers and students, families interested in participating in a science project, scouts and 4-H groups, gardening clubs, botanical gardens....anyone or any group with an interest in contributing to a socially and scientifically relevant research study. You'll find all the information you need to participate in Project BudBurst at www.budburst.org. So join us this spring (April through June) and be part of the Project BudBurst community!

Project Budburst is a collaborative effort of the Chicago Botanic Garden, ESRI, National Science Foundation, National Phenology Network, UCAR Office of Education and Outreach, University of Arizona, University of Montana, University of California – Santa Barbara, and Windows to the Universe. U.S. Bureau of Land Management provided funding for the spring 2007 event.

