Join us!

Tucson Phenology Trail
We are recruiting volunteers to join our Citizen Science Program called Nature’s Notebook and help us collect information on plant and animal species along our trail in Tucson. No prior experience is required or long-term commitment required! We welcome amateur naturalists and botanists as well as seasoned professionals.

Learn more about phenology and help us record data for scientific research.

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What is The USA National Phenology Network (USA-NPN)? We monitor the influence of climate on the phenology of plants, animals and landscapes. We engage the public in monitoring phenological events and work with researchers.

Your data, and data from scientists will help to develop tools to support a wide range of decisions made routinely by citizens, managers, scientists, and others, including decisions related to allergies, wildfires, water, and conservation.

Phenology, or nature’s calendar, is the study of life cycle changes in plants and animals. It includes leafing and flowering, maturation of plants, emergence of insects, egg laying, and migration of birds.
Scientists and educators at the National Phenology Network, Campus Arboretum and Pima Cooperative Extension are collecting observations and analyzing data on plant and animal species along the Tucson Phenology Trail. Some questions we’d like to answer include how are bloom dates affected by temperature? Do some species bloom twice in a year given moisture conditions? What types of pollinators are visiting our plants? We need your help! Collecting data on selected species will help us build a long-term data set to answer these questions and many others!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**
**APRIL 25, 2012**