



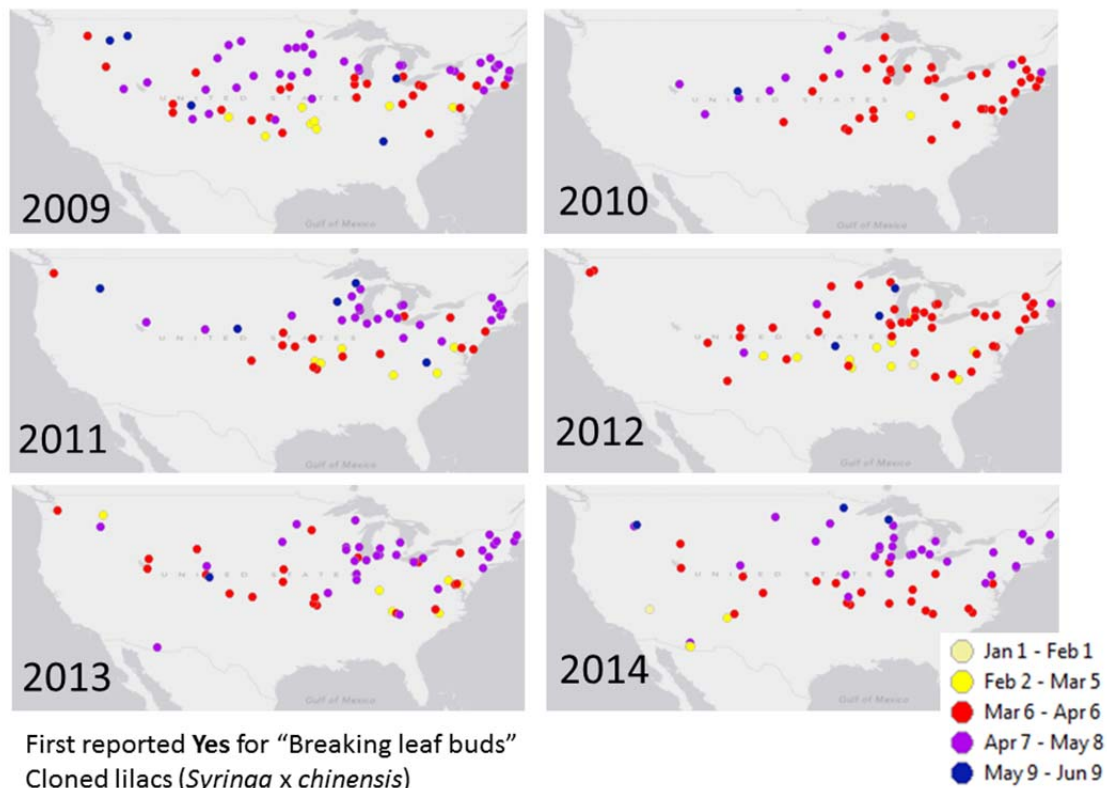
Summary of spring: What have we learned from our campaigns? Webinar summary – June 10, 2014

How are plants and animals responding to winter and spring conditions this year?

Winter and spring in much of the eastern United States has been cold and wet. In contrast, it has been hot and dry in the southwest.

The *Nature's Notebook* webinar on June 10, 2014, “A summary of spring: What have we learned so far?” explores some of the ways in which plants and animals are responding to these conditions.

For example, leaf buds on cloned lilac plants broke on March 29th, on average, for all stations reporting across the U.S. This is approximately the same leaf-out date that has been reported for cloned lilacs since 2009, with the key exception of 2012, which was a remarkably warm spring and resulted in much earlier leaf-out. The map below shows the variation in leaf-out dates across reporting stations in 2014 and the previous five years.



Learn more about lilac leaf-out dates and how other species of plants and animals are responding in the full webinar. The recording is available for viewing and download at youtu.be/NcvGMT-8l_g. You can also download the slides and recording from www.usanpn.org/nn/connect/Webinars2014#completedWebinars.