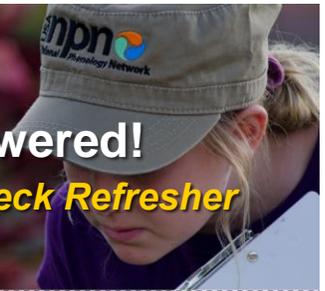


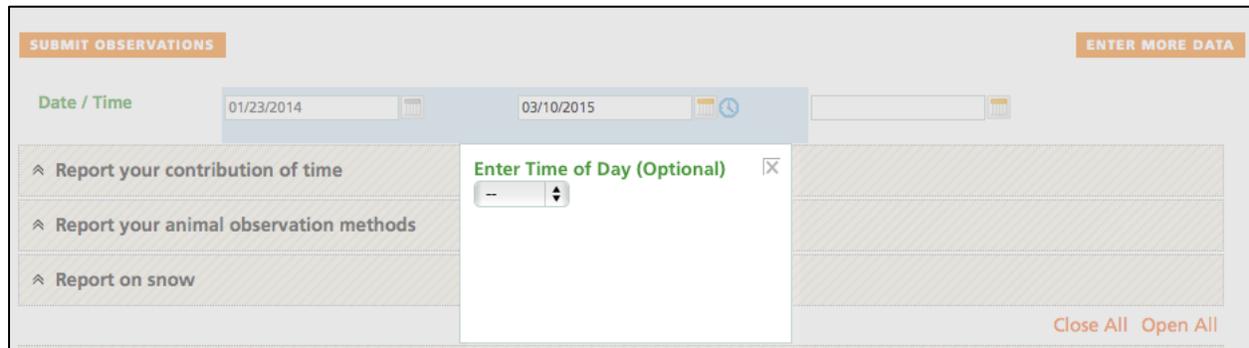
Phenology Questions Answered!

**Nature's Notebook Observation Deck Refresher
Webinar Q&A, March 17, 2015**



1. Can we add a different time for each species?

Yes, you can add a different time for each species you see. You will simply need to create a second entry for the date you'd like to add a secondary time.



2. How important is it that our plant observations and our animal observations coincide?

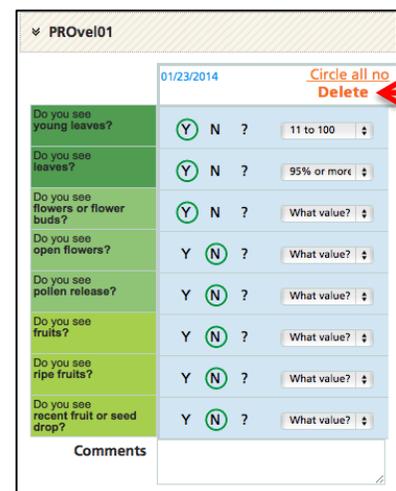
It is not necessary to add observations of plants and animals at the same time. You are welcome to observe one or the other, or both, through time. You might also be observing both and not see an animal during the time you are observing.

3. In deciduous trees, i.e. Poplar, are the seeds considered the fruit?

In general, the seeds from deciduous trees are considered fruits. We recommend studying the species you'd like to observe before you get started, so you can be *absolutely* sure what a leaf, flower, and fruit look like for it. However, if you are in the field and don't know what one of the phenophases looks like, you can always enter a ? on your datasheet until you look up the information and are comfortable with what you are seeing.

4. What are the procedures in case an input error is made? Can corrections be made?

If you make an error in your data entry you can always go back and delete the information on the Enter Observations webpage. There is a link located on the species box that says Delete, for you to click on. When you do so, you will be prompted to tell us why you are deleting the information.



PROvel01		01/23/2014	Circle all no Delete
Do you see young leaves?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	11 to 100	
Do you see leaves?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	95% or more	
Do you see flowers or flower buds?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	What value?	
Do you see open flowers?	<input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	What value?	
Do you see pollen release?	<input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	What value?	
Do you see fruits?	<input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	What value?	
Do you see ripe fruits?	<input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	What value?	
Do you see recent fruit or seed drop?	<input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?	What value?	
Comments			

5. Is data reporting available on mobile devices?

Yes, we offer mobile apps for tablets and phones, for both Android and iPhone. You can access the Android app via the Google Play Store and the iPhone app via the iTunes Store. Search for “Natures Notebook” and you should find it. More information can be found here:

<https://www.usanpn.org/nn/mobile-apps>

6. If we have a species in our yard but we're not sure exactly what it is (like Downy Serviceberry vs. Allegheny Serviceberry) can we take data on it and just fill in what specific species it once we've fully identified it? Sometimes the differences between trees can't be seen until they leaf out. Or can we change it from one to the other after some data has been entered?

We recommend that you verify what you are observing before you go out and begin. You can keep some notes on paper datasheets, if you are not sure exactly which species you are observing, but do make sure you've correctly identified it before adding the species to your Observation Deck and entering data into the National Phenology Database via the Enter Observation Data link.

As mentioned above, you can always go in and correct your data entries. You can also correct a plant species that you've added to your Plant and Animal list as well. If you visit the Add or Edit Plants link, you will find a link for Delete?

when you have the individual of the species highlighted in Your Plants list. You will be prompted to tell us why, and “misidentified species” is a choice you may select.

The screenshot shows a web interface for managing plants. On the left, under 'Your plants:', there is a list of plant IDs: PROvel01, CYLaca01, PARmic01, FERwis01, OLNtes01, CARGig01, FERwis02, PARmic02, CYLaca02, CARGig02, PARmic03, CYLaca03, FERwis03, OLNtes02, and PROvel02. The 'PROvel01' entry is highlighted. On the right, the form for 'PROVEL01' includes fields for: * Plant Species (velvet mesquite), * Nickname (PROvel01), Patch?, Shade status (Full sun), Wild? (Yes), Watered? (No), Fertilized? (No), Gender? (Unknown), and Planting date (Month, Day, Year). At the bottom of the form, there are links for 'Delete?', 'Dead?', 'Plant Image', and 'Comments', along with an 'ADD IMAGE' button and a 'SAVE THIS PLANT' button. A red arrow points to the 'Delete?' link.

7. Will this cover batch entry? We have cameras taking photos at noon daily on individual plants, so we would want to enter e.g. 30 consecutive days with the same phenophase info, then another batch with the next phenophase etc...?

Batch entry is beyond the scope of the context of this particular webinar, however we do offer the option of uploading data in bulk. If this is something you'd like to explore, contact us via the support@usanpn.org email address and we can help you get started.

8. Will a copy of this presentation be available afterwards?

Yes! You can find downloadable PowerPoint slides, the copy of the video recording, and this Q&A page on our Previously Recorded Webinars page, [here](#).

Check our website for details on this year's upcoming webinars!

www.usanpn.org/nn/connect/Webinars

Helpful links:

Become an Observer: www.usanpn.org/nn/become-observer

Learn How to Observe: www.usanpn.org/nn/guidelines

Join a Nature's Notebook Campaign: www.usanpn.org/nn/campaigns

Frequently Asked Question page: www.usanpn.org/nn/faq

