Rio Grande Phenology Trail
A community project connecting like-minded organizations and volunteers in active, outdoor education as we ask and answer local ecological, land management and climate questions.

Partner organizations include:

1. **Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge**
2. **ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden**
3. **Santa Fe Botanical Garden**
4. **Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area**
5. **Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP)**
6. **Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge**

Launched in 2013 through the USA National Phenology Network’s pilot project with the US Fish & Wildlife Service’s Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, Trail partners conduct weekly phenology monitoring on a suite of focal species, including the Rio Grande cottonwood (*Populus deltoides* *wislizeni*) and Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*).

**Help us expand the Rio Grande Phenology Trail!**
We are looking for organizations and schools to use phenology as a science and outreach tool in existing programs. If your group:

- Provides outdoor education opportunities, teaches about ecology, science and climate literacy, and encourages spending time in nature
- Is a school or program looking to connect with a long-term scientific research project
- Has a site that is staffed by volunteers or paid staff members interested in leading programs related to phenology, one of whom can be a “Local Phenology Leader”
- Can commit to facilitating repeated phenology observation through time for our National Phenology Database

To join us or to learn more contact Rio Grande Phenology Trail Educator Tallie Segel at riograndephenologytrail@gmail.com.