

# Gillespie Creek Journal

## Phenology:

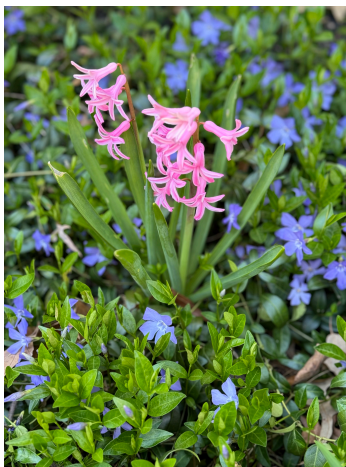
The study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life.



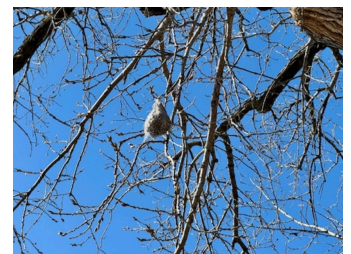
March 16, 2024  
Worker Bee Gathering Pollen on a Snowdrop Flower  
Rural Stillwater, Mn  
Photo by Michelle Gregg

The Snowdrop is one of the first flowers to appear in the spring. Folklore identifies it as a symbol of "Purity, hope and rebirth"

**Snowdrop Time**  
Ah, hush! Tread softly through the rime,  
For there will be a blackbird singing or a thrush. Like colored beads the elm buds flush: All the trees dream of leaves and flowers and light. And see! The northern bank is much more white Than frosty grass, for now is snowdrop time.  
Mary Webb



First Flowers of Spring in Seven Park, MD  
March 18, 2024  
Photo by Elizabeth



Bald Eagle Posing, Oriole Nest Awaiting Occupants  
Como Park, St. Paul, Minnesota March 10, 2024  
Photo by Courtney Billing

### March 18, 2024, Sun City, AZ, 7:43 AM Birds That Flew Above Me As I Walked

Northern Flicker  
Gambel's Quail  
Gila Woodpecker  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Costa's Hummingbird  
House Finch  
Northern Mockingbird  
European Starling

Horned Lark  
Verdin  
House Sparrow  
Lesser Goldfinch  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Curved-billed Thrasher  
Canyon Towhee

Red-winged Blackbird  
Spotted Towhee  
Say's Phoebe  
Mourning Dove



Towhee Photos by Western Birds of North America Peterson Guide