

THE PHENOLOGY OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1922.—BY A. H. MacKay,
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These observations were made by the school children of the Province of Nova Scotia as a part of the Nature Study work prescribed. The pupils report by bringing into the school-room the flowering or other specimens when first observed, for authoritative determination by the teacher, who generally credits the first finder by placing the name and the observation on the honor roll section of the blackboard for the day. The teacher, after testing the correctness of the observation, marks it on the schedule with which every teacher is provided—a copy of which is sent in to the Inspector with the school returns at the end of June and January.

The following tables are compiled from 130 of the best schedules out of the 300 sent in. The selections were made and compiled under the direction of Mr. H. R. Shinner, B.A. and Miss Annimae Bill, of the Education Department.

The schedules for each year are carefully bound up in large annual volumes which are placed in the Provincial Museum and Science Library, where they can be used by students of climate, etc. The compilers of the phenochrons of the different belts, slopes or regions, have been rural science teachers who have most distinguished themselves as instructors. They were selected for the purpose on the recommendation of the Director of rural science education. The sheets from which the provincial phenochrons are calculated are also bound in annual folio volumes for ease of consultation and preservation.

The province is divided into its main climate slopes or regions not always coterminous with the boundaries of counties. Slopes, especially those to the coast, are subdivided into belts such as (a) the coast belt, (b) the low inland belt, and (c) the high inland belt, as follows:

No.	Regions or Slopes	Belts
I.	Yarmouth and Digby Counties,	(a) Coast, (b) Low Inlands, (c) High Inlands.
II.	Shelburne, Queens & Lunenburg Co's.	
III.	Annapolis and Kings Counties,	(a) South Mts., (b) Annapolis Valley, (c) Cornwallis Valley, (d) North Mts.
IV.	Hants and Colchester Counties,	(a) Coast, (b) Low Inlands, (c) High Inlands
V.	Halifax and Guysboro Counties,	" "
VI.a.	Cobequid Slope (to the south),	" "
VI.b.	Chignecto Slope (to the northwest),	" "
VII.	Northumberland Straits Slope (to the north),	" "
VIII.	Richmond & Cape Breton Co.'s	" "
IX.	Bras d'Or Slope (to the southeast),	" "
X.	Inverness Slope (to Gulf, N. W.),	" "

The ten regions are indicated on the outline map

COMPILATION INSTRUCTIONS—AVERAGING LOCAL PHENOCHRONS FOR "REIGN" OR "BELT" PHENOCHRONS.

If ten or fewer good phenological observations schedules can be selected from those belonging to any given belt, they may be averaged as indicated in the columns within. If there are not ten from each belt, then it may be better to combine two belts, or if necessary, three belts on the form within. In the latter case the average will be the "region" phenochron. When a full sheet can be made out for each belt, the average of the phenochrons for the three "belts" will give the phenochrons for the "region." Finally, the phenochrons of each of the ten regions will be averaged to find the provincial phenochron for each phenomenon on the list. This will be done by the compiler-in-chief.

There is a convenience in averaging the dates of ten stations, which accounts for the ten columns for stations in the form within. When a few dates are not given it may be fair to enter in the blanks the dates from a similar and neighboring station which is not otherwise utilized for the sheet. Great care should

be taken that such observations taken from a schedule not summarized, should be what might have been observed at the station indicated in the heading, and to indicate such a transference the date should be surrounded by a circle with the pen, which would always mean that the observation was not made in the station heading the column, but in a neighboring one, and was taken from a supernumerary schedule.

THUNDER-STORMS.—These dates will be entered in their respective columns and opposite the month indicated. They will not be averaged, of course. The number of observation schedules represented in any "region" or general sheet under this head should be noted somewhere on the top margin of the page.

ACCURACY.—Care must be exercised in selecting schedules, the observations of which appear to have been carefully made, neglecting any which give reason for doubt, when selecting for summation on the form within. Great care must also be exercised in copying the figures and entering them, so that no slip may occur. Every entry should be checked. One slip may spoil the effect of all the accurate numbers entering into the summation. In like manner great care has to be taken in adding and averaging the figures, and for this purpose every sum should be done twice (once in reverse order,) so as to give absolute confidence in the accuracy of the work.

REMARKS.—The compiler filling one of these blanks should keep one copy for himself while sending the other to the compiler-in-chief.

The set of stations on the right under "when becoming common," must be **EXACTLY** the same as on the left, under "when first seen." The compiler can enter explanatory remarks in the blank below, and should sign each sheet as a guarantee of its correctness. These sheets will be bound into a volume for each year.

THE PHENOLOGY OF NOVA SCOTIA 1922 (CONTINUED)

WHEN FIRST SEEN		WHEN BECOMING COMMON	
OBSERVATION STATIONS		OBSERVATION STATIONS	
YEAR 1922		OBSERVATION STATIONS	
Day of the year corresponding to the last day of each month.		Average Dates	
Jan.....	31	151	151
Feb.....	29	152	152
March.....	30	153	153
April.....	30	154	154
May.....	31	155	155
June.....	30	156	156
July.....	31	157	157
Aug.....	31	158	158
Sept.....	30	159	159
Oct.....	31	160	160
Nov.....	30	161	161
Dec.....	31	162	162
For Leap Year add one to each, except January			
1. Yarmouth & Digby Counties, N. S.	161	1. Yarmouth & Digby Counties, N. S.	161
2. Shelb., Queens & Lunenburg Co., N. S.	162	2. Lunenburg Co., N. S.	162
3. Annapolis & Kings Counties, N. S.	163	3. Annapolis & Kings Counties, N. S.	163
4. Hants & Col. South of Cobequid Bay.	164	4. Hants & Col. South of Cobequid Bay.	164
5. Halifax & Guysboro Counties, N. S.	165	5. Halifax & Guysboro Counties, N. S.	165
6a. Cobequid Slope to South.	166	6a. Cobequid Slope to South.	166
6b. Chignecto slope to North West.	167	6b. Chignecto Slope to North West.	167
7. Northumberland Straits Slope	168	7. Northumberland Straits Slope	168
8. Richmond & Cape Breton Counties, N. S.	169	8. Richmond & Cape Breton Counties, N. S.	169
9 & 10. Bras D'Or & Inverness Slopes, N. S.	170	9 & 10. Bras D'Or & Inverness Slopes, N. S.	170
23. Ranunculus acris.....	150	23. Ranunculus acris.....	150
24. R. Repens.....	151	24. R. Repens.....	151
25. Trill. erythrocarpum.....	152	25. Trill. erythrocarpum.....	152
26. Rhododendron Rhodora.....	153	26. Rhododendron Rhodora.....	153
27. Cornus Canadensis.....	154	27. Cornus Canadensis.....	154
28. Cornus Canadensis, fruit ripe.....	155	28. Cornus Canadensis, fruit ripe.....	155
29. Trientalis Americana.....	156	29. Trientalis Americana.....	156
30. Clintonia borealis.....	157	30. Clintonia borealis.....	157
31. Calla palustris.....	158	31. Calla palustris.....	158
32. Cyprinidium acaule.....	159	32. Cyprinidium acaule.....	159
33. Sium.....	160	33. Sium.....	160
34. Linnaea borealis.....	161	34. Linnaea borealis.....	161
35. Kalmia glauca.....	162	35. Kalmia glauca.....	162
36. Kalmia augustifolia.....	163	36. Kalmia augustifolia.....	163
37. Crataegus oxyacantha.....	164	37. Crataegus oxyacantha.....	164
38. Crataegus coccinea, etc.....	165	38. Crataegus coccinea, etc.....	165
39. Iris versicolor.....	166	39. Iris versicolor.....	166
40. Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum.....	167	40. Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum.....	167
41. Nuphar advena.....	168	41. Nuphar advena.....	168
42. Rubus strigosus.....	169	42. Rubus strigosus.....	169
43. Rubus strigosus, fruit ripe.....	170	43. Rubus strigosus, fruit ripe.....	170
44. Rhinanthus Crista-galli.....	166	44. Rhinanthus Crista-galli.....	166

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PHENOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS IN

WHEN FIRST SEEN		WHEN BECOMING COMMON										
OBSERVATION STATIONS		OBSERVATION STATIONS										
Average Dates	1. Yarmouth & Digby Counties, N. S.	2. Shelb. Queens & Lunenburg Co., N. S.	3. Annapolis & Kings Counties, N. S.	4. Hants & Col. South of Cobequid Bay	5. Halifax & Guysboro Counties, N. S.	6a. Cobequid Slope to South.	6b. Chignecto Slope to North West.	7. Northumberland Straits Slope	8. Richmond & Cape Breton Counties, N. S.	9. & 10. Bras D'Or & Inverness Slopes, N. S.	Average Dates	
8a Wild geese migrating, N.	831	72	333	75	84	84	76	87	67	79		
82b Wild geese migrating, S.			103	88			92	102	105	92		
83. Melospiza fasciata, North.	79	86	77	73	82	76	84	89	93	81		
84. Turdus migratorius, North.	81	77	83	94	85	83	92	95	84	85		
85. Junco hiemalis, North.	120	98	111	139	132	124	124	133	126	140		
86. Actitis macularia, North.												
87. Sturnella magna, North.	114	105	127	138	129		124	126	127	124		
88. Ceryle alcyon, North.												
Dendroeca coronata, North.	121	136	125	136	131	138	135	137	143	133		
D. aestiva, North.	134	135	127	133	134		125	128	126	122		
Zonotrichia alba, North.	146	144	144	148	154	144	144	146	161	160		
Tyrannus carolinensis, North.	17	135	137	146	139	146	139	139	126	138		
Dolichonyx oryzivorus, North.	18	135	124	133	143	139	142	141	145	138		
Spinus tristis, North.	113	140	142	155	131	124	124	130	152	139		
Setophaga ruticilla, North.	115	152	137	133	119	167	167	148	131	140		
Amphisp. cedrorum, North.	133	114	132	131	114	132	122	134	151	146		
Chordeiles virginianus.	96	97	94	107	105	105	96	110	111	102		
First piping of frogs.	106	102	107	122	116	132	119	123	135	120		
100. First appearance, snakes.												

YEAR 1922

WHEN BECOMING COMMON

WHEN FIRST SEEN

Day of the year corresponding to the last day of each month.
 Jan. 31 July. 212
 Feb. 59 Aug. 243
 March. 90 Sept. 273
 April. 120 Oct. 304
 May. 151 Nov. 334
 June. 181 Dec. 365
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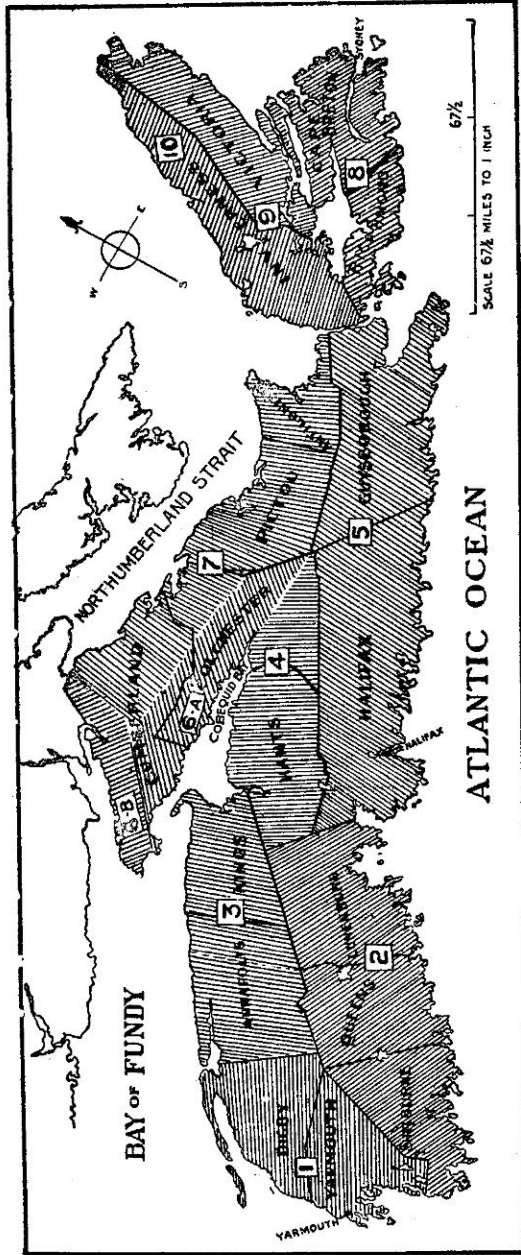
OBSERVATION STATIONS

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THE LOCAL COMPILERS FOR EACH REGION, 1922.

- Region No. Miss Helena Hicks,
 I. Miss E. Constance Andrews,
 II. Miss Aunimae Bill,
 III. Miss Una E. Jenkyns,
 IV. Miss M. Martin,
 V.

- Region No. Miss Alice Soley,
 VI. Miss Christine Gilchrist,
 VII. Miss Blanche Boutiller,
 VIII. Miss Rebecca M. Dunn,
 IX. }
 X. }



THE TEN PHENOLOGICAL REGIONS OF NOVA SCOTIA

THUNDERSTORMS—PHENOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, NOVA SCOTIA, 1922

The indices indicate the number of stations from which the Thunderstorms were reported on the day of the year specified.

OBSERVATION REGIONS

1. Yarmouth and Digby Counties, N. S.	2. Shelburne, Queens & Lunenburg Co., N. S.	3. Annapolis & Kings Counties, N. S.	4. Hants & Colchester So. of Cobequid Bay	5. Halifax & Guysboro Counties, N. S.	6a. Cobequid Slope to South	6b. Chignecto Slope to North West	7. Northumberland Straits Slope	8. Richmond & Cape Breton Co., N. S.	9. & 10. Bras D'Or & Inverness Slopes, N.S.	Year 1922
.....	67	.....	.....	45	.....	45	
.....	67	.....	67 ²	
.....	72	.....	72	
.....	73 ⁴	.....	.....	.....	73 ⁹	.....	73 ¹³	
.....	75	.....	75	
88	88 ³	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	.....	88 ⁵
94	94	
96	96	
.....	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98
.....	99	99	
100 ⁴	100 ²	.....	.....	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 ⁶
101 ³	101 ²	.....	.....	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 ⁶
102	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	.....	102 ⁴
.....	107 ⁸	.....	103	
.....	108	.....	107 ⁸	
.....	109	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	108	
.....	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	109 ²	
.....	118	.....	110	
.....	121	.....	.....	121	.....	118	
.....	122 ²	122 ²	122 ¹²	.....	121 ²	
.....	122 ²¹	
.....	123 ²	
127	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	123
.....	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	127	.....	125	
.....	128	128 ⁴	127 ³	
.....	129	128	128 ¹⁵	
.....	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129	
.....	130	
.....	131	
.....	131	131	
.....	132	132	
.....	135 ²	
.....	136	135 ²	136	
.....	136	
.....	137	
.....	137	
139	137	138	
140 ²	139	138	139 ²	
.....	140 ³	
.....	141 ⁵	
.....	141 ⁵	
.....	144	144	

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146 ²	146 ³	145	145 ²		145	145	145 ¹⁶			145 ²¹
		146	146				146 ²			146 ⁹
							151			151
				152 ²						152 ²
				153 ²						153 ⁴
		154			154	154	153 ²			154 ⁴
							155			155
							156			156
157				157						157 ²
158 ²	158 ⁵	158 ²	158 ²	158 ²	158	158	158 ⁷			158 ²²
159										159
160	160 ³		160 ⁴	160			160 ¹⁸	160 ⁵	160 ³	160 ³⁵
					161	161	161 ²	161 ²	161	161 ⁷
	163 ⁶	163 ²	163 ¹²				163 ¹⁶	162	163 ³	163 ³⁹
	164								164 ²	164 ³
				168			166			166
										168
		171 ³	171	171			169			169
							171 ³			171 ³
				175			173			173
										175
		176	176				176			176 ³
		177					177			177 ³
							179			179
								180		180
							203			203
								228		228
										228
							229			229
				230				230		230 ²
										231
							231			231
							259	259		259 ²
							266			266
								278		278
							281			281
								358		358