

Year	UK Average 2001	UK Average 2006	UK Average 2007	UK Average 2008	UK Average 2009	England Average 2009	Wales Average 2009	Scotland Average 2009	NI Average 2009
Tree and shrub first leaf									
Ash	10 May	5 May	30 Apr	2 May	2 May	1 May	5 May	15 May	11 May
Beech	2 May	28 Apr	19 Apr	27 Apr	20 Apr	19 Apr	23 Apr	26 Apr	26 Apr
Silver birch	22 Apr	23 Apr	11 Apr	16 Apr	11 Apr	11 Apr	13 Apr	18 Apr	16 Apr
Horse chestnut	15 Apr	18 Apr	4 Apr	6 Apr	3 Apr	2 Apr	31 Mar	10 Apr	7 Apr
Elder	30 Mar	29 Mar	8 Mar	3 Mar	15 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar	16 Mar	16 Mar
Hawthorn	3 Apr	9 Apr	18 Mar	13 Mar	22 Mar	21 Mar	21 Mar	29 Mar	23 Mar
Pedunculate oak	6 May	3 May	16 Apr	26 Apr	20 Apr	20 Apr	22 Apr	2 May	26 Apr
Rowan	23 Apr	23 Apr	13 Apr	15 Apr	9 Apr	9 Apr	11 Apr	15 Apr	11 Apr
Sycamore	23 Apr	24 Apr	11 Apr	18 Apr	10 Apr	10 Apr	10 Apr	10 Apr	14 Apr
Grasses									
Lawn first cut	1 Apr	2 Apr	9 Mar	11 Mar	20 Mar	19 Mar	19 Mar	6 Apr	21 Mar
Meadow foxtail flowering	18 May	14 May	29 Apr	6 May	5 May	4 May	1 May	16 May	15 May
Birds - migrants									
Cuckoo	5 May	29 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	29 Apr	29 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr	29 Apr
House martin	1 May	25 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	25 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr	24 Apr
Swallow	25 Apr	17 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr	16 Apr	16 Apr	13 Apr	20 Apr	17 Apr
Swift	10 May	4 May	4 May	5 May	9 May	9 May	5 May	13 May	8 May
Bird activity									
Blackbird nesting	27 Mar	27 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	19 Mar	19 Mar	15 Mar	28 Mar	23 Mar
Blackbird feeding young	27 Apr	27 Apr	20 Apr	22 Apr	21 Apr	20 Apr	2 May	27 Apr	26 Apr
Rooks nesting	12 Mar	9 Mar	3 Mar	27 Feb	2 Mar	1 Mar	3 Mar	27 Feb	11 Mar
Blue tit nesting	4 Apr	5 Apr	26 Mar	29 Mar	29 Mar	28 Mar	3 Apr	3 Apr	26 Mar
Blue tit feeding young	15 May	16 May	7 May	10 May	9 May	9 May	15 May	20 May	7 May
Song thrush first heard	19 Mar	14 Feb	8 Feb	6 Feb	17 Feb	16 Feb	10 Feb	27 Feb	22 Feb
Flowering									
Blackthorn	3 Apr	9 Apr	11 Mar	10 Mar	25 Mar	24 Mar	29 Mar	3 Apr	29 Mar
Bluebell	25 Apr	27 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	13 Apr	13 Apr	15 Apr	22 Apr	20 Apr
Lesser celandine	15 Mar	18 Mar	23 Feb	19 Feb	3 Mar	3 Mar	21 Feb	18 Mar	8 Mar
Horse chestnut	10 May	6 May	21 Apr	3 May	25 Apr	24 Apr	23 Apr	4 May	1 May
Hawthorn	11 May	8 May	20 Apr	30 Apr	28 Apr	27 Apr	4 May	10 May	3 May
Snowdrop	4 Feb	31 Jan	21 Jan	21 Jan	29 Jan	29 Jan	29 Jan	29 Jan	29 Jan
Amphibians									
Frogspawn	12 Mar	15 Mar	26 Feb	26 Feb	4 Mar	4 Mar	21 Feb	9 Mar	4 Mar
Tadpoles	10 Apr	10 Apr	26 Mar	30 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar	21 Mar	3 Apr	28 Mar
Insects									
Bumblebee (red tailed)	7 Apr	6 Apr	22 Mar	19 Mar	26 Mar	26 Mar	24 Mar	4 Apr	1 Apr
7 spot ladybird	1 Apr	22 Mar	6 Mar	12 Mar	26 Mar	26 Mar	28 Mar	5 Apr	27 Mar
Butterflies									
Orange tip	8 May	3 May	16 Apr	29 Apr	19 Apr	18 Apr	20 Apr	2 May	24 Apr
Peacock	14 Apr	14 Apr	19 Mar	2 Apr	31 Mar	30 Mar	6 Apr	6 Apr	3 Apr
Red admiral	7 May	22 Apr	16 Mar	27 Mar	18 Apr	16 Apr	28 Apr	12 May	20 Apr
Small tortoiseshell	14 Apr	13 Apr	25 Mar	2 Apr	3 Apr	1 Apr	15 Apr	8 Apr	7 Apr

Table showing UK average dates for a selection of spring events 2006-2009. 2001 is shown as our marker 'normal' year.