

How to Become a PlantWatcher:

Individuals, schools, youth groups and community groups from across the province are encouraged to become participants. There is no charge to join and you will receive PlantWatch materials and support. Please contact:

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Every Observation Counts...Reporting even one flowering date for one plant is a great contribution!



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**Help Monitor
Climate Change by
Watching the
Flowers Bloom!**

What is PlantWatch?

PlantWatch is a citizen-based volunteer monitoring program that enables people of all ages and skill levels to participate in climate change research by watching selected plants bloom in the spring and then reporting those dates through the PlantWatch website or by mail.

Why watch Plants?

Since plants flower largely in response to the amount of warmth they are exposed to, earlier flowering occurs after warmer winters and later flowering occurs after colder winters. Simply by watching flowers bloom, participants help contribute to an understanding of how and why our natural environment is changing. Collection of long-term data helps scientists track biological responses of plants

to climate change over many years.

What is Climate Change?

Climate change is the gradual change in all interrelated weather elements on the earth. Climate change is due primarily to the dramatic increase in greenhouse gas emissions through the burning of fossil fuels. Greenhouse gases form a “blanket” around the earth, trapping more sunlight, causing the earth to warm up and weather patterns to change.

How Can You Make a Difference?

Simple changes to one’s lifestyle, such as driving less, not idling your car, reducing energy usage in the home and conserving water, can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as save

money. Contact PlantWatch for detailed information on more ways to help slow climate change.

Indicator Plants Selected For Saskatchewan

2 Non-Native Plants: Dandelion and Common Purple Lilac.

18 Native Plants: Bunchberry, Cranberry Choke Cherry, Larch, Labrador Tea, Northern Bedstraw, Prairie Crocus, Prickly Saxifrage, Star-Flowered Solomon’s Seal, Twinflower, Starflower, Sweetgale, Wild Strawberry, Cloudberry, Aspen Poplar, Saskatoon, Bearberry and Wolf Willow.

