

# NATURE JOURNAL FOR WHITE & LUMPKIN COUNTIES

## MARCH, 2019

- 3/01-Japanese Magnolias (*Magnolia liliflora*) in full bloom everywhere in both counties.
- Yellow Rocket (*Barbarea vulgaris*) shoots emerging along Frank Black Rd. A small number have stems with a few buds starting to open.
- 3/07- Buds emerging on Redbud Trees (*Cercis canadensis*) along GA Hwy 17 in Nacoochee Valley.
- 3/08- Buds emerging on Cypress Spurge (*Euphorbia cyparissias*) along Asbestos Rd and Wren Hill Drive.
- 3/09- Buds emerging on Serviceberry Trees (aka "Sarvis" Trees) (*Amelanchier arborea*) along Hulsey Rd.
- 3/12- Buds opening on Cypress Spurge (*Euphorbia cyparissias*) along Asbestos Rd and Wren Hill Drive.
- Blooms on Japanese Magnolias (*Magnolia liliiflora*) along Cavender Creek Rd and Town Crk Ch Rd in Lumpkin County fading rapidly and falling.
- 3/13- Buds opening on Serviceberry Trees (aka "Sarvis" Trees) (*Amelanchier arborea*) along Hulsey Rd.
- Yellow Rocket (*Barbarea vulgaris*) blooms opening along Frank Black Rd. Stalks about three-fourths full height.
  - Leaves fully emerged & open on Weeping Willows (*Salix babylonica*) in both counties.
- 3/14- Buds mostly open on Redbud Trees (*Cercis canadensis*) along GA Hwy 17 in Nacoochee Valley.
- 3/17- Dandelions (*Taraxacum officinale*) in full bloom.
- 3/18- Many Yellow Bells (*Forsythia x intermedia*) are dropping their blooms. Leaves fully emerged.
- 3/19- Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*) opening in fields & lawns around Helen and along Sassafras Ridge Rd.
- 3/20- Yellow Rocket (*Barbarea vulgaris*) in full bloom along Frank Black Rd. in White County and along Cavender Creek Rd in Lumpkin County.
- Vernal Equinox occurred at 5:58 PM today.
  - Leaflet buds emerging on Tulip Poplars (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) all over both counties.

- 3/21- Cypress Spurge (*Euphorbia cyparissias*) in full bloom along Wren Hill Drive and Asbestos Rd in White County.
- Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) seed pods fully emerged and starting to fall.
- 3/22- Buds emerging on numerous Dogwood Trees (*Cornus florida*) all over both counties.
- Dandelions (*Taraxacum officinale*) in full bloom everywhere.
- 3/23- Leaflets emerging and opening on Tulip Poplars (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) all over both counties.
- Halberd-leaf Violets (*Viola hastata*) blooms & leaves emerging on plants along Asbestos Rd. Some immature blooms are fully opened.
- 3/26- Leaflets emerging on Hazel Alders (*Alnus serrulata*) at Raven Cliffs Trailhead.
- Buds emerging on Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*) along FS-244 near Raven Cliffs Wilderness. Most buds still tight, but a few are starting to open slightly.
  - "Fiddle heads" emerging on Christmas Ferns (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) along FS-244 near Raven Cliffs Wilderness.
  - Several Dogwood Trees (*Cornus florida*) along Whippoorwill Lane and Joe Black Rd. have blooms opening.
- 3/28- Red Bud Trees (*Cercis canadensis*) are in full bloom in both counties.
- Several Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*) plants along FS-244 have blooms open now. Many buds still tight.
- 3/29- Many Daisy Fleabane (*Erigeron philadelphicus*) plants along FS-244 near Raven Cliffs Wilderness have emerged and several have open flowers.
- 3/30- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) emerging in Tesnatee Gap on western aspect of Wildcat Mountain. Some buds are opening and blooms opening.
- Also in Tesnatee Gap, Toadshade Trilliums (*Trillium sessile*) emerging. Several have large buds and a small number are open.
- 3/31- Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*) in full bloom in fields & lawns around Helen and along Sassafras Ridge Rd.

(See White County Weather Summary for March on Page 3.)

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## WHITE COUNTY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR MARCH, 2019

### TEMPERATURES (Degrees Farenheit):

	<u>Observed</u>	<u>-Normal</u>	=	<u>Departure</u>
High:	60.0	-60.4	=	- 0.4
Low:	35.6	-33.8	=	+1.8
Average:	47.8	-47.1	=	+0.7
Highest:	73 at Cleveland, Helen and Sautee on 3/30			
Lowest:	17 at Cleveland on 3/07			

### RAINFALL (Inches):

March:	5.29"	- 5.87"	=	-0.58"
Yr.-To-Date:	26.53"	-17.82"	=	-8.71"
Greatest 24-Hr:	1.54" at Helen on 3/04			