

Supplemental Materials for *Soil moisture interacts with  
temperature to affect plant phenology*

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## Supplemental Methods

Equation for phenology models: Response variable ( $y$ ) is day of year of the phenological event (budburst, leafout, or flowering). Predictors are measured air temperature ( $T$ ) and soil moisture( $SM$ ). Random effects are species (sp, random slopes and intercepts), and site and year nested within site (random intercepts).

$$y_i = \alpha_{sp[i],site[year[i]]} + \beta_{temp_{sp[i]}} + \beta_{mois_{sp[i]}} + \beta_{temp:mois_{sp[i]}} + \epsilon_i \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha_{sp} \sim N(\mu_{sp}, \sigma_{sp}) \quad (2)$$

$$\mu_{site[year]} \sim N(\mu_{siteyr}, \sigma_{siteyr}) \quad (3)$$

$$\mu_{site} \sim N(\mu_{site}, \sigma_{site}) \quad (4)$$

$$\beta_{temp_{sp}} \sim N(\mu_{\beta_{temp}}, \sigma_{\beta_{temp}}) \quad (5)$$

$$\beta_{mois_{sp}} \sim N(\mu_{\beta_{mois}}, \sigma_{\beta_{mois}}) \quad (6)$$

$$\beta_{temp:mois_{sp}} \sim N(\mu_{\beta_{temp:mois}}, \sigma_{\beta_{temp:mois}}) \quad (7)$$

## References to include

- Later flowering is associated with low precipitation, at least in part (Crimmins et al 2010)
- Ganjurjav et al 2020
- Cabon 2020

## Supplemental Tables

Table 1: **Experimental sites and phenophases included in the ExPhen database.** Experimental sites correspond to the map (Figure S1). We give the study ID, location, source, years of data included, ecosystem, number of species, and phenophases included: budburst (bb), leafout (lo), flowering (fl), fruiting (fr), or senescence (sen) day of year. Note that some sites may have multiple sources; however, we list only one here.

study	location	source	data years	ecosystem	species	phenophases
exp01	Waltham, MA, USA	Hoeppepner and Dukes 2012	2009-2011	grassland	44	bb,lo,fl
exp02	Montpellier, France	Morin et al. 2010	2004	temperate deciduous forest	5	fl,fr
exp03	Duke Forest, NC, USA	Clark et al. 2014	2009-2014	temperate deciduous forest	37	bb,lo
exp04	Harvard Forest, MA, USA	Clark et al. 2014	2009-2012	temperate deciduous forest	29	bb,lo
exp07	Harvard Forest, MA, USA	Pelini et al. 2011	2010-2015	temperate deciduous forest	8	bb,lo,sen
exp09	Stone Valley Forest, PA, USA	Rollinson and Kaye 2012	2009-2010	temperate deciduous forest	120	lo,fl,fr,sen
exp10	Duke Forest, NC, USA	Marchin et al. 2015	2010-2013	temperate deciduous forest	11	bb,fl
exp12	Kessler Farm Field Laboratory, OK, USA	Sherry et al. 2007	2003	grassland	12	fl,fr

Table 2: **Summaries of budburst, leafout, and flowering models** with centered predictors.

	Population-Level Effects						Site Effects			Site Year Effects			Species Effects		
	mean	error	25%	75%	5%	95%	mean	error	Ngrp	mean	error	Ngrp	mean	error	Ngrp
BB $\mu_{\alpha}$	97.20	5.10	94.10	100.40	89.00	105.20	7.4	4.9	5	9.3	2.5	13	16.10	2.50	41
BB $\mu_{temp}$	-7.80	2.10	-9.20	-6.40	-11.30	-4.20							11.40	1.70	
BB $\mu_{mois}$	-1.70	0.60	-2.10	-1.30	-2.80	-0.70							2.70	0.60	
BB $\mu_{temp:mois}$	0.50	0.50	0.20	0.80	-0.40	1.30							1.70	0.70	
LO $\mu_{\alpha}$	131.40	11.60	124.60	138.40	112.80	149.70	24.7	10.5	5	12.3	3.9	13	12.10	2.20	147
LO $\mu_{temp}$	-9.70	1.50	-10.80	-8.70	-12.20	-7.20							10.70	1.40	
LO $\mu_{mois}$	-0.90	1.00	-1.60	-0.20	-2.70	0.70							4.50	1.30	
LO $\mu_{temp:mois}$	0.00	0.70	-0.50	0.50	-1.20	1.20							5.10	0.70	
FL $\mu_{\alpha}$	165.80	9.10	160.60	171.10	151.40	179.60	11.8	10.1	5	8.1	4.6	8	48.40	3.40	127
FL $\mu_{temp}$	-7.90	1.30	-8.80	-7.00	-10.10	-5.70							5.90	1.20	
FL $\mu_{mois}$	-1.20	0.90	-1.80	-0.60	-2.70	0.40							4.30	1.10	
FL $\mu_{temp:mois}$	-1.20	0.70	-1.70	-0.70	-2.30	0.00							2.40	1.00	

## Supplemental Figures

Questions for co-authors:

1. Life forms vs ecosystems figures: Life forms plots histograms of species level effects whereas ecosystems plots all posteriors- what's your preference?
2. what do you think of density plots: is it fair to say that variance is greater for temperature, even though the variances relative to the mean is about the same?

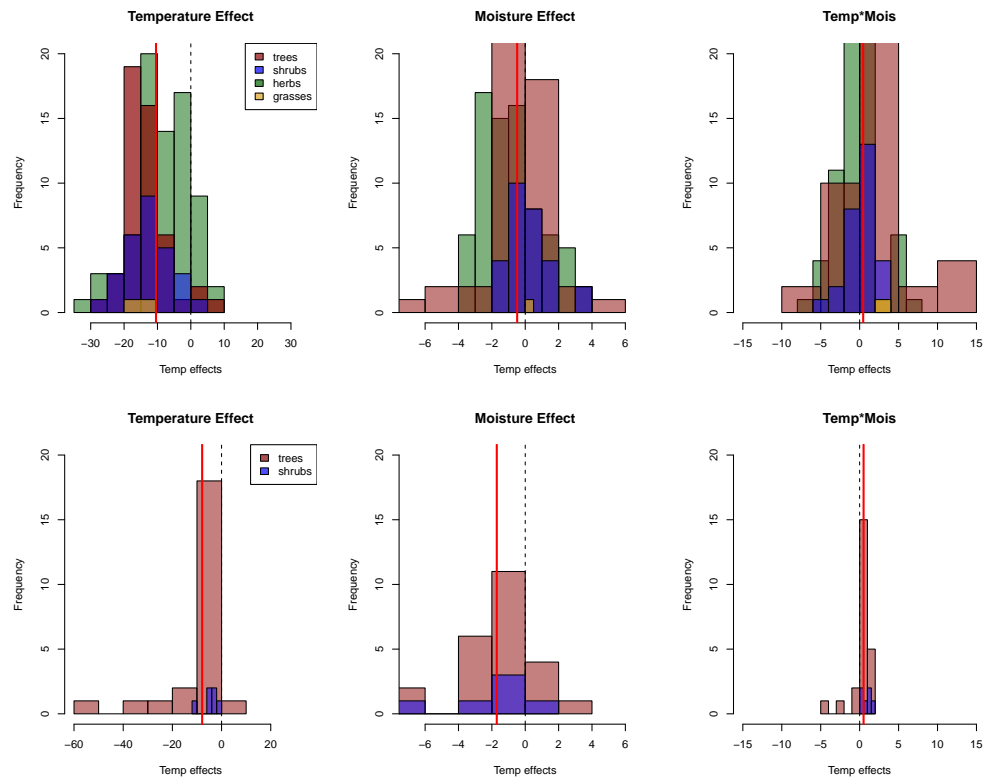


Figure 1: **Effects of temperature, soil moisture, and their interaction do not differ strongly across life forms** for leafout (top) and budburst (bottom) models. Histograms show species-level estimated effects for temperature, soil, and their interactions across four life forms (trees, shrubs, herbs, and grasses).

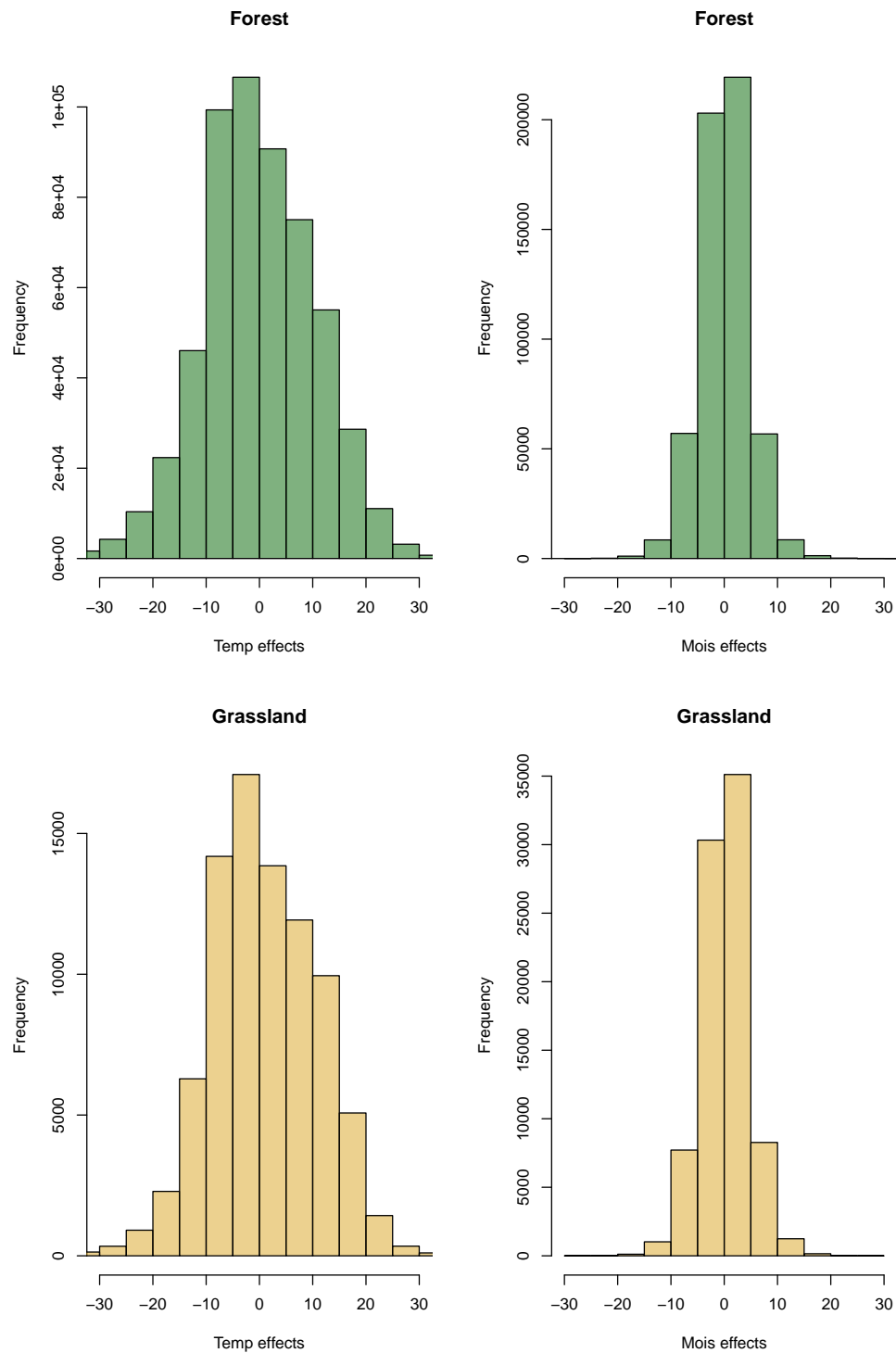


Figure 2: Effects of temperature and soil moisture do not differ strongly across ecosystems (forest vs grassland) for leafout (top) and budburst (bottom) models..