

CherryBlssm_Pred

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Loading training data

```
cherry <- read.csv("data/washingtondc.csv") |>
  bind_rows(read.csv("data/liestal.csv")) |>
  bind_rows(read.csv("data/kyoto.csv")) |>
  bind_rows(read.csv("data/vancouver.csv")) |>
  bind_rows(read.csv("data/nyc.csv"))
```

Function to obtain weather data:

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get_ghcn_station= function(station_id, destdir = tempdir()) {
  base_url= "https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/ghcn/daily/by_station/"
  file_name= paste0(station_id, ".csv.gz")
  url= paste0(base_url, file_name)
  destfile= file.path(destdir, file_name)
  if (!file.exists(destfile)) {
    download.file(url, destfile, mode = "wb")
  }
  data=read.csv(destfile, header = FALSE)
  data=data[, -c(5:8)]
  data$Date=as.Date(as.character(data$V2), "%Y%m%d")
  data$Year=as.integer(format(data$Date, "%Y"))

  #Pivot to get vars as columns
  data_wide=data %>%
    select(Date, Year, V3, V4) %>%
    pivot_wider(
      names_from = V3,
      values_from = V4)

  # Calculate TAVG if TMAX and TMIN exist
  if (all(c("TMAX", "TMIN") %in% colnames(data_wide))) {
    data_wide= data_wide %>%
      mutate(TAVG = (TMAX + TMIN)/2)
  }

  # Keep only the desired elements
  elements_to_keep= c("TMIN", "TMAX", "TAVG", "PRCP")
  data_wide= data_wide %>%
    select(Date, Year, any_of(elements_to_keep))
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# Remove rows without both TMIN and TMAX
data_wide= data_wide %>%
  filter(!is.na(TMIN) & !is.na(TMAX))

return(data_wide)
}

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Weather by location, putting it into one “daily” dataframe.

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kyototemp=get_ghcn_station("JA000047759")
washdc=get_ghcn_station("USW00013743")
vancouvertemp=get_ghcn_station("CA001108395")
newyorkcity=get_ghcn_station("USW00014732")
liestaltemp=get_ghcn_station("SZ000001940")

#Adding a location variable for identification
kyototemp$location <- "kyoto"
liestaltemp$location <- "liestal"
newyorkcity$location <- "newyorkcity"
vancouvertemp$location <- "vancouver"
washdc$location <- "washingtondc"

#Now putting them all into one file
Cherry_day <- bind_rows(kyototemp,liestaltemp, newyorkcity, vancouvertemp, washdc) %>%
  rename(year = Year)%>% #to match with the original cherry year label
  mutate(Date = as.Date(Date),
        year = as.numeric(format(Date, "%Y")),
        month = as.numeric(format(Date, "%m")),
        bloom_year = ifelse(month >= 10, year+1, year)
  )

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Adding precipitation counter, I wanted to capture the rain accumulation over a week, as an inch per week is considered ideal for cherry tree growth and health. This is also where I had to start collapsing each individual day’s min/max/average temperature, in order to start looking at things more broadly. Because this is only looking at data starting in October until February, I was not expecting a lot of really hot weather to begin with, but I wasn’t counting out the possibility.

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#To filter things weekly ####
Cherry_week <- Cherry_day %>%
  filter(month >= 10 | month <= 2) %>%
  mutate(week = isoweek(Date))
) %>%
  group_by(location, bloom_year, week) %>%
  summarise(
    weekly_PRCP = sum(PRCP),
    mean_TAVG = mean(TAVG),
    min_TAVG = min(TAVG),
    max_TAVG = max(TAVG),
    .groups = "drop"
) %>%
  mutate(
    PRCP_indicator = ifelse(weekly_PRCP > 254, 1, 0), # > 254 tenths of mm, as is measured by data
    TooCold_indicator = ifelse(min_TAVG < -29, 1, 0), #more important if it's been too cold for an enti

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    TooHot_indicator = ifelse(max_TAVG > 29, 1, 0)
)

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Now to make our data usable in the model and prediction, collapsing and summarizing it into a year in order to match the original “cherry” format.

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Cherry_Year <- Cherry_week %>%
  group_by(location,bloom_year) %>%
  summarize(
    precipitation = sum(PRCP_indicator),
    avg_TMAX = mean(max_TAVG),
    avg_TMIN = mean(min_TAVG),
    AVG = mean(mean_TAVG),
    TooCold = sum(TooCold_indicator),
    TooHot = sum(TooHot_indicator),
    .groups = "drop"
) %>%
  #select(-year) %>%
  rename(year = bloom_year ) %>%
  mutate(precipitation = replace_na(precipitation, 0))

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Model

The too hot indicator was insignificant due to it being fall and winter time during our windowed time frame. It's very unlikely that any of these locations would have a week or more long heatwave, but there is always the possibility.

```

model1_TEST <- cherry |>
  inner_join(Cherry_Year,
             by = c("location", "year")) |>
  lm(formula = bloom_doy ~ year * location + AVG + TooCold+TooHot +precipitation )

summary(model1_TEST)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = bloom_doy ~ year * location + AVG + TooCold + TooHot +
##     precipitation, data = inner_join(cherry, Cherry_Year, by = c("location",
##     "year")))
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q       Median      3Q      Max 
## -22.9934  -4.1080   0.0256   4.6970  18.2767 
##
## Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
## (Intercept) 2.933e+02  9.622e+01   3.048  0.00253 ***
## year        -9.206e-02  4.864e-02  -1.893  0.05944 .  
## locationliestal -1.176e+01  1.028e+02  -0.114  0.90902  
## locationnewyorkcity -8.031e+00  8.068e+00  -0.995  0.32041 

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## locationvancouver      -3.169e+03  9.570e+03  -0.331  0.74080
## locationwashingtondc   -9.340e+01  1.197e+02  -0.780  0.43591
## AVG                   -1.254e-01  5.991e-02  -2.093  0.03728 *
## TooCold                9.498e-01  3.000e-01   3.166  0.00172 **
## TooHot                 -3.148e-02  2.820e-01  -0.112  0.91119
## precipitation          -8.298e-02  2.316e-01  -0.358  0.72040
## year:locationliestal  1.404e-03  5.199e-02   0.027  0.97848
## year:locationnewyorkcity NA         NA         NA       NA
## year:locationvancouver 1.561e+00  4.730e+00   0.330  0.74163
## year:locationwashingtondc 4.111e-02  6.038e-02   0.681  0.49648
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 7.503 on 274 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3895, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3627
## F-statistic: 14.57 on 12 and 274 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16

```

###TEST PREDICTIONS

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cherry_gridTEST <- expand_grid(location = unique(cherry$location),
                                year = 1990:2026) |>
  inner_join(Cherry_Year,
             by = c("location", "year"))

predictions2 <- cherry_gridTEST |>
  mutate(pred_bloom = predict(model1_TEST, newdata = cherry_gridTEST))

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## Warning: There was 1 warning in 'mutate()' .
## i In argument: 'pred_bloom = predict(model1_TEST, newdata = cherry_gridTEST)' .
## Caused by warning in 'predict.lm()' :
## ! prediction from rank-deficient fit; attr(*, "non-estim") has doubtful cases

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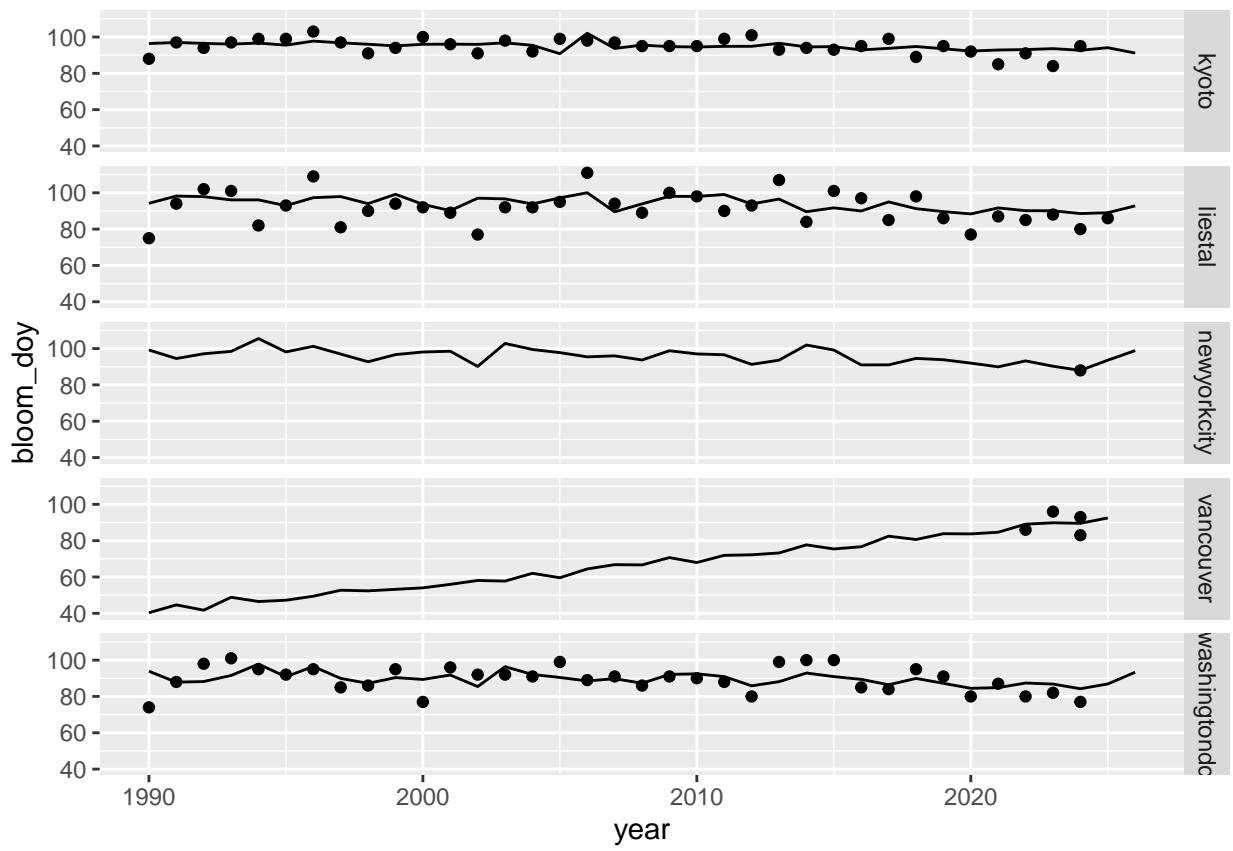
predictions2 |>
  left_join(cherry,
             by = c("location", "year")) |>
  ggplot(aes(x = year)) +
  geom_point(aes(y = bloom_doy)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = pred_bloom)) +
  facet_grid(rows = vars(location))

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## Warning: Removed 74 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## ('geom_point()').

```



Submission

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predictions2 |>
  filter(year == 2026) |>
  mutate(predicted_date= strftime(paste(year,pred_bloom), "%Y %j") |>
    as_date())

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## # A tibble: 4 x 10
##   location year precipitation avg_TMAX avg_TMIN   AVG TooCold TooHot pred_bloom
##   <chr>     <dbl>        <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1 washing~  2026          4       103.     27.4   64.5     6     19     93.3
## 2 liestal   2026          0       87.1     33.6   58.8     3     16     92.8
## 3 kyoto     2026          0      150.     92.4   120.     0     18     91.2
## 4 newyork~  2026          5      86.6     14.6   51.1     8     19     98.9
## # i 1 more variable: predicted_date <date>

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Predicted bloom dates as of 02/27/2026

DC: 04/03/2026

Liestal: 04/02/2026

Kyoto: 04/01/2026

NYC: 04/08/2026