

Figure 1: The upper figure is a comparison of false spring risk across five climate regions. By determining the average time of budburst to leafout dates for the dominant species in five archetypal climate regions, we were able to estimate the current spatial variation of false spring risk. We assessed the number of freeze days (-2.2°C) (Schwartz, 1993) that occurred on average over the past 50 years within the average durations of vegetative risk for each region. The lower figure represents a breakdown of the average budburst to leafout dates as indicated by past studies (USA-NPN, 2016; Soudani et al., 2012; White et al., 2009; Schaber & Badeck, 2005). The thin portions of the line show the more extreme occurrences of duration of vegetative risk, whereas the thicker portions of the lines represent more frequently recorded durations of vegetative risk.