

Supplemental Materials for *Spatial and temporal shifts in photoperiod with climate change*

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The Observed Spring Phenology Responses in Experimental Environments (OSPREE) database

The OSPREE database is a compilation of 72 controlled environment studies of budburst responses to temperature and photoperiod, and spans 39 years and 203 woody plant species (Wolkovich et al., 2019). To identify studies for the database, we searched ISI Web of Science and Google Scholar with the following terms:

1. TOPIC = (budburst OR leaf-out) AND (photoperiod or daylength) AND temperature*, which yielded 85 publications
2. TOPIC = (budburst OR leaf-out) AND dormant*, which yielded 193 publications

The initial searches yielded 201 papers, which we reviewed. OSPREE includes the subset of those studies that focus on temperate woody plants, tested for photoperiod and/or temperature effects on budburst, leafout, or flowering, and for which we could quantitatively identify forcing, photoperiod, and chilling treatments. See Ettinger et al. (2020) and Wolkovich et al. (2019) for details.

Quantifying and mapping differences in green-up across the United States and Europe (Figure 2)

Satellite images can be combined with algorithms—e.g. MODIS Land Cover Dynamics—to identify the dates on which phenophases transition from one to the next. Using data from the MODIS sensor (available at: <https://lpdaacsvc.cr.usgs.gov/appears/>), we extracted spatial data for North American and Western European green-up—the beginning of seasonal greening—for the years 2009 and 2012. Green-up dates are calculated on the basis of the onset of the Enhanced Vegetation Index (Huete et al., 2002). From green-up maps for each year, we derived the photoperiod corresponding to each pixel (according to its geographic coordinates and day of the year), using the R function ‘daylength’ in package *geosphere* (see Figure 2A,B in main text). Finally, we mapped spatial patterns of temporal shifts in green-up by comparing an early and late spring years. To do so, we subtracted the 2012 green-up map from the 2009 one (Figure 2C). Thus, a negative difference signifies earlier green-up in 2012 versus 2009; a positive difference is the result of later green-up in 2012 compared with 2009. The spatial resolution corresponding to the maps is 0.1 x 0.1 degrees.

Mapping temporal and spatial shifts in space and time (Figure 3)

To examine the range of photoperiod treatments imposed in growth chamber experiments of woody plants, and compare these treatments to shifts in photoperiod that may be expected due to climate change-induced spatial

and temporal shifts, we identified all experiments in the OSPREE database with at least two photoperiod treatments; this resulted in 30 experiments (Table S1, Wolkovich et al., 2019).

We wanted to compare experimental photoperiod treatment levels in these 30 experiments to temporal shifts that would be required for species to experience equivalent photoperiod shifts with climate change. To do this, we identified the dates between the winter and summer solstices on which daylengths at the latitude of the experiments matched treatment levels. When no date matched the experimental treatment level exactly, we chose the date with the most similar daylength, as long as it was within 0.5 hours of the photoperiod treatment level. For studies with only two photoperiod treatment levels, we identified matching dates for both levels. For studies with more than two daylength treatments, we identified matching dates for the lowest treatment level and the second lowest treatment level (e.g., if treatment levels were 10, 12, 14, and 16 hours of daylight, we identified dates with 10 and 12 hours of daylength only). This provided an estimate for the minimum temporal shift required during the spring that would equal the difference between the two treatments; that is, the minimum difference, in days, between dates with the lower daylength treatment and dates with higher daylength treatment. In 11 out of 30 cases, the difference between experimental treatments exceeded the range in photoperiod experienced across the entire year at the study latitude (Xs in Figure 3).

To compare differences between experimental photoperiod treatment levels to differences in photoperiod species would experience with spatial shifts, we identified the daylength on the summer solstice for the latitudes of all 30 experiments in Table S1. To get potential changes in daylength experienced, we compared the summer solstice daylength at each latitude to the daylength on latitudes up to 40° poleward (in continuous increments of 0.1°). Because latitudinal variation in daylength is greatest during the solstices, this provides a maximum possible shift in daylength, at a constant day of year. We then matched the experimental change in photoperiod between two treatments levels to the latitudinal shift that provided an equivalent change in photoperiod. In 13 out of 30 cases, the experimental treatment differences exceeded the photoperiod change that would be experienced with a latitudinal shift of up to 40° (Figure 3).

The experiments assessed may not have originally aimed at assessing effects of climate change on phenological responses, yet in many cases, treatments do occur at scales that could be relevant for understanding spatial and temporal shifts in photoperiod with climate change (Figure 3). To be most relevant for understanding implications of photoperiod shifts with climate change, future studies should consider the range of potential photoperiod shifts that are likely to occur in nature as experimental treatment levels are designed.

Nonlinearities in phenological responses to daylength (Box 1 in the main text)

To explore the extent to which spring phenology responds linearly (or non-linearly) to photoperiod, we selected OSPREE publications that had three or more photoperiod treatments, and, after reading the methods of these papers in detail, identified three that used three or more photoperiod treatments in the same experiment: Ashby et al. (1962), Heide (1993), and Caffarra et al. (2011). Ashby et al. (1962) used two North American populations of *Tilia americana*. Heide (1993) studied populations of *Fagus sylvatica* from Basel, Switzerland; Copenhagen, Denmark; As, Norway; and the Carpathian Mountains, Poland. Caffarra et al. (2011) used plant material of *Betula pubescens* from Wexford, Ireland. These experiments all used forcing temperatures of 21 or 22°C. Chilling varied considerably across experiments, and chilling level was categorized as follows:

- <1 Chill Portions = None
- 1-44 Chill Portions = Low
- 45-69 Chill Portions = Medium
- 70-106 Chill Portions = High
- >106 Chill Portions = Very High

Emerging patterns suggest that non-linear responses that differ across species and that may interact with varying chilling (see Figure Box 1-1). It is important to recognize, however, that the sample of studies

reviewed is limited taxonomically, occurs across a narrow range of forcing temperatures, and spans only three papers. A better understanding of photoperiod responses requires additional experimental work conducted across a range of photoperiod treatments, ideally spanning diverse taxa.

Comparing shifts in experienced photoperiod in experiments to those in the natural world with climate change (Box 1 in the main text)

We took current budburst estimates (1981-2000) from PhenoFit (Duputié et al., 2015) and projected budburst (2081-2100) using the A1Fi Phenofit scenario for two species – *Fagus sylvatica* and *Quercus robur* – and compared these points to data obtained from OSPREE. The OSPREE data points were collected from experiments and days of budburst were calculated from the start of the experiment, rather than from the start of the year. In order to render these points comparable to the PhenoFit current estimates and projections, we re-scaled the OSPREE days to budburst by adding the day of budburst from the first Phenofit observation to all of the OSPREE data points. We only used PhenoFit estimates that had both current and projected estimates. Note that the three OSPREE data points for *Quercus robur* with extremely high days to budburst (right panels of Figure Box 1-2) were from an experiment with very low forcing temperatures (Morin et al., 2010, 3.8-5.7°).

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Supplemental Tables

Table S1: **Locations, photoperiod treatments, and whether or not photoperiod had an effect on budburst**, in studies in the OSPREE database with at least two photoperiod treatments. These studies span 176 different woody species and are mapped in Figure 3. In the ‘photoperiod effect’ column, ‘yes’ denotes studies in which authors report significant photoperiod effects on at least one focal species; ‘no’ denotes nonsignificant effects of photoperiod.

reference	study	continent	latitude (°)	longitude (°)	daylength (hrs)	range	photoperiod effect?
Ashby et al. (1962)	exp1	North America	42.99	-89.41	8-16		yes
Basler and Körner (2014)	exp1	Europe	46.31	8.27	9.2-16		yes
Caffarra et al. (2011)	exp2	Europe	52.32	-6.93	10-16		yes
Falusi and Calamassi (1990)	exp1	Europe	46.03	10.75	9-13		no
Falusi and Calamassi (1996)	exp3	Europe	38.27	15.99	9-13		yes
Ghelardini et al. (2010)	exp1	Europe	43.72	11.37	8-16		no
Heide and Prestrud (2005)	exp1	Europe	56.18	-4.32	10-24		yes
Heide (2008)	exp1	Europe	48.40	11.72	10-24		yes
Heide (2011)	exp1	Europe	59.67	10.67	10-20		no
Heide and Sønsteby (2012)	exp1	Europe	56.50	-3.06	10-24		yes
Heide and Sønsteby (2015)	exp2	Europe	56.50	-3.06	10-15		yes
Heide (1993)	exp1	Europe	59.50	10.77	8-24		yes
Heide (1993)	exp1	Europe	59.67	10.83	8-24		yes
Heide (1993)	exp3	Europe	47.50	7.60	13-16		yes
Howe et al. (1995)	exp1	North America	40.55	-124.10	9-24		yes
Laube et al. (2014)	exp1	Europe	48.40	11.71	8-16		no
Myking and Heide (1995)	exp1	Europe	56.10	9.15	8-24		yes
Nienstaedt (1966)	exp1	North America	44.17	-103.92	8-20		yes
Okie and Blackburn (2011)	exp1	North America	32.12	-83.12	0-12		yes
Partanen et al. (2001)	exp1	Europe	61.93	26.68	6-16		yes
Partanen et al. (2005)	exp1	Europe	61.82	29.32	5-20		yes
Partanen et al. (1998)	exp1	Europe	60.03	23.05	8.66-12		yes
Pettersen (1972)	exp1	Europe	59.66	10.77	10-24		no
Sanz-Perez et al. (2009)	exp1	Europe	40.40	-3.48	10-16		yes
Viherä-Aarnio et al. (2006)	exp1	Europe	60.45	24.93	16-17		yes
Viherä-Aarnio et al. (2006)	exp1	Europe	67.73	24.93	20-21		yes
Viherä-Aarnio et al. (2006)	exp2	Europe	60.45	24.93	15-19		yes
Viherä-Aarnio et al. (2006)	exp2	Europe	67.73	24.93	22-23		yes
Worrall and Mergen (1967)	exp3	North America	41.31	-72.93	8-16		yes
Zohner et al. (2016)	exp1	Europe	48.16	11.50	8-16		yes