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Figure 3: Riomhaire, past and present

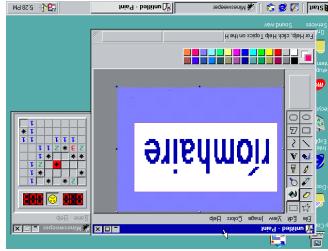
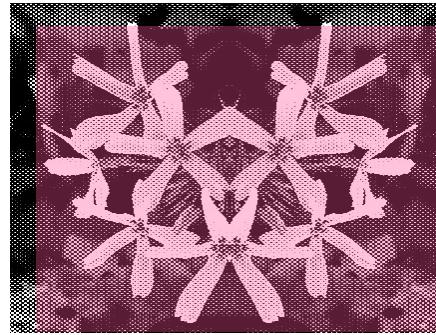


Figure 2: *Phlox subulata*



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astromerous.*

Phlox subulata

Jocofitje gives the strange relevant phrase "meascan siad astralalithe le relateolaithé" - they muddle up astrologists and stargazers.

The Old Irish word *rimat* was used to describe astromerides and human computers, who calculated times and dates and celestial happenings. EDL (Electronic Dictionary of the Irish language) notes that it was used as early as the 9th century. This word developed into the modern day *rhomathair*, which now means computer (it used to mean calculator). The word *rimat* also astromer in Modern Irish is *teathacháil* - a star scientist.

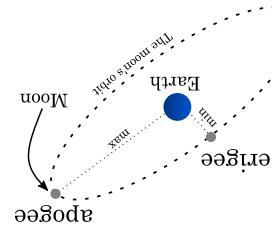
Where does the pink in the name come from? The colour has something to do with the skies; it ties this astronomical event to the Earth. The pink moon is named for the pink flower *Phlox paniculata*, also known as moss pink, in the family Polemoniaceae, which is native to North America and flowers in the summer.

**Syzygy** means that the moon, Sun and Earth are aligned in a straight line, resulting in a full or new moon. This is called a conjunction when there's a full moon, or opposition when there's a new moon. It's also used to describe the position of other planets relative to us, not just our moon.

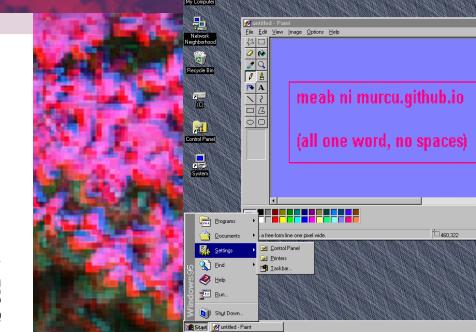
Supernoon isn't actually the scientific term for what happened on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, nor did it look pink. Supermoon is as-trologically speaking a term coined by Richard Nolle in 1979 to describe the first 10 years after the first moon landing by the way). The term might be easier to say than the scientific term **perigee-syzygy** [per-i-jeē si-zē-ē-gee], but tells you less about what is actually happening in the sky.

1 perigee syzygy

Figure 1: Diagram of the moon-Earth system



1 : *introduction*



4 tides, times and calendars

The supermoon in April caused higher than usual perigean spring tides, but you only noticed these if your 2 km circle of cocooned existence stretches to the shore.

- Monday, 9th March 2020
  - Wednesday, 8th April 2020
  - ~ Thursday, 7th May 2020 (not *as* super or big)
  - Tuesday, 27th April 2021
  - Wednesday, 26th May 2021
  - Tuesday, 14th June 2022
  - Wednesday, 13th July 2022

syzygy: full moon

as its a perigee syzygy

it looks a little bigger

and the moon sees me,

## I see the moon

a supermoon zine:  
26.04.20

# PINK SUPERMOON

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