



April 2026

Indigenous UK Weather Forecast

Welcome to our April update!

Welcome to the April edition of Indigenous weather.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, My Name is David Andrews and I am from Ashford, Kent, I discovered Dave on this morning in 2017, I was privileged to be on what was Dave's last country walk with Lesley, and I was warmly welcomed into Dave's home.

I share the same passion that Lesley has and March has been a challenging month on personal notes, which brings me firstly to say apologies that this months entry is later than we would have liked it to have been.

WIND DAY 21st March

Where the wind blows on 21st March gives the wind and weather until the next such quarter day on 24th June (which is almost certainly going to be a south westerly wind). This wind brings our summer. It is also Spring Equinox the day before. The vital turning point in the year, where light and dark are of equal measure, thereafter the light gaining strength by the day. The predominant wind direction on March 21st: Looking at a map of the UK, if you draw a line from Kings Lynn to Penzance – a North, North Easterly wind. Therefore, a cold wind, but also a dryer wind that does not carry too much moisture but does promote cold and frosts. Therefore, a cold spring. Then draw another line from Thurso to Coventry. Everyone to the east of this experienced South westerly winds. A warmer, damper wind. As such a wet spring can be expected. Everyone to the west of this line experienced mainly north westerly, but also some west/ south westerly winds. Still can be cold, but predominantly wet. Cold and wet conditions are to be expected. Blackthorn winter (11th – 14th April), also a Buchan cold period snow showers are possible for the eastern side of the UK.

April is very much going to be a changeable month, where we are likely to experience many days where we experience all 4 seasons in a day, please hold fire on planting bedding plants in April there will be frosts. Winter has not truly left us yet.

***Editors note:** Please can I say an enormous thank you to David for taking the reins and completing the April update single handedly. Talk about a baptism of fire!*

My dear Nan passed away on 2nd March, and was like a mum to me. I spent the first week of March by my nan's bedside, the second week of March making funeral arrangements, the third week of March flower arranging (I'm a qualified florist and so always do my own flowers for such events), and the final week of March was catching up with my life and processing everything. I don't know what I would have done without David taking charge this month – he is a superb team mate already – thank you David.

As such, there was no podcast or Countrysigns in March, but April is a new month, so we will get on with business as usual. Thank you for your understanding. Between losing Dave at the start of the winter, and Nan at the very end of it – it is fair to say it has been a rough winter for me! Onwards and upwards, I hope. Thanks all, Lesley

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Full Moon = 2nd @ 03:11 = Cold & Showers

3Q Moon = 10th @ 05:51 = Rain

New Moon = 17th @ 12:51 = Very Rainy

1Q Moon = 24th @ 03:31 = Cold & Showers

Highest Spring Tides: 3rd – 4th & 17th – 21st

APOGEE: 7th @ 08:33 PERIGEE: 19th @ 06:58

Lyrids Meteor Shower – 22nd & 23rd

Met Office Notes: None

BUCHAN NOTES: 11th – 14th (Blackthorn Winter)

FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS KNOWN AS PINK MOON

Days of Interest

1st All Fools Day: Should it rain on All Fools Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.

2nd Maundy Thursday: Fine on Holy Thursday, wet on Whit Monday (25th May).

3rd Good Friday: DOP up to 25th May (St Urban). Rain on Good Friday and Easter Day, good year for grass and a bad one for hay (wet June). - This signifies a wet year and such weather on Good Friday will last for 40 days.

5th Easter Day: If sunshine today, so at Whitsun (24th May). Rainy Easter = cheesy year (wet). Greenfly at Easter - June will blister.

6th Latter Lady Day - the cold comes on the water.

7th Hop Monday: Hop pole erection day.

11th - 14th Blackthorn Winter

12th Low Sunday: This Sunday settles the weather for the whole summer.

14th Cuckoo Day: The cuckoos song is first heard about this time.

15th St Basilissa: Swallows arrive.

16th St Padarn Celtic Goddess: traditionally the day to start weeding growing crops.

19th Pastor Sunday: If it rains this day it will rain every Sunday until Pentecost (9th June).

23rd St George: Comes the cuckoo and the nightingale. When St George growls (thunder) in the sky, wind and storms are drawing nigh.

25th St Mark: As long before this day frogs are heard a-croaking, so long will they keep quiet afterwards.

Useful Information:

April and May are the keys to the whole year.

The first really cheerful month of the year.

Rarely a very wet month, can be completely dry.

Annual humidity is at its lowest and can produce dust storms.

Hottest ever April in 2007/2011.

As a general rule, April weather is a mixture of all sorts.

April weather, rain, and sunshine together.

We must suffer a cold wet April if we want a good summer.

Cold weather in April is supposed to be good for bumper harvest.

A cold April – barn will fill.

A dry March and a rainy April makes a beautiful May.

Most old sayings say it is best to have a wet April.

When April blows his horn, 'tis good for hay and corn. [the reference to 'horn' means thunder, it also means a good summer]

April cold and wet fills the barns best yet.

April wet, good wheat.

After a cold April the barns fill best.

April cold and wet fills barns and barrels.

April rain makes large sheaves.

April showers bring May flowers.

East wind in spring a brilliant summer will bring.

After a wet April a dry June.

After a moist April a clear June.

Spring has come when a virgin can cover six daisies with her foot.

When winter meets summer it foretells a hot dry summer [sometimes a prolonged winter seems to turn into summer overnight].

The weather in the second half of April foretells the summer. [wise words commanding respect]

Cloudy April - dewy May.

Thunderstorms in April - floods in May.

Showery April -Flowery May. Dry Spring - wet Autumn.

Thunder in spring and cold it will bring.

Blackthorn Winter - 11th -14th April. Just as the Blackthorn is coming into blossom expect some fine weather. However if the flower arrives before the leaf then expect a cold snap.

When March has April weather, April will have March weather.

April is one of the most exciting months for nature here in the UK. Everything waking up all at once. Here is what to look out for.

Spring Wildflowers

- **Bluebells** – Late April is peak time in many parts of England and Wales, especially woodland areas.
- **Wood anemones** – Delicate white flowers carpeting the woodland floor early in the month.
- **Cowslips** – Yellow, nodding flowers in meadows and roadside verges.
- **Wild garlic** – Starry white flowers and a strong garlicky smell in damp woods.

Bird Activity

April is peak birdsong season.

- **Robins & blackbirds** singing early morning and evening.
 - **Great tits and other garden birds** collecting nesting material.
 - **Swallows and house martins** beginning to return from Africa.
 - **Listen at dawn** — it is the loudest time.
- April challenge upload a photo of one of the above to the page with the #aprilbirds2026

Butterflies/Bees to look out for

On sunnier days you'll see:

- **Peacock butterflies** (bright red with eye spots).
- **Orange-tip butterflies** (males have bright orange wing tips).
- **Queen bumblebees** searching for nesting spots.
- **Ladybirds** emerging from winter hiding.

Baby Animals to look out for

- **Lambs**
- **Foals**
- **Ducklings and goslings** on ponds.
- **Young rabbits** become more visible, as the month progresses.

And if your lucky enough to live Near the Coast, or fancy a day out then:

- **Rock pools** full of life, easy to find when the tides out.
- **Seabirds** like puffins beginning to gather at breeding cliffs.
- **Grey seals** sometimes visible offshore.

April is also an important month for trees:

Flowering in April

- **Blackthorn** – White blossom appears before the leaves.
- **Wild cherry** – an abundance of white flowers.
- **Ornamental cherries** – Pink or white blossom.
- **Magnolia** – Large pink or white flowers before leaves.
- **Pear**, both ornamental & wild – White blossom.

- Plum & damson – Early white blossom.
- Hawthorn (starts toward the end of the month in warmer areas).

Trees that will be Coming back Into Leaf

- Beech – Bright, almost see-through green leaves.
- Oak – Buds bursting open.
- Sycamore – Large lime-green leaves appearing.
- Hornbeam – Fresh pleated leaves.

Catkins (Pollen-Producing Trees)

- Silver birch – Long dangling yellow catkins.
- Alder – Purple and yellow catkins near water.
- Willow – Furry “pussy willow” turning yellow with pollen.
- Poplar – Red or grey catkins.



Hawthorn



Birch



Alder



Hornbeam



Blackthorn

Time for Some Fun, here is a WORD search with 20 words relating to this months update.

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LADYBIRD	HAWTHORN	SWALLOWS	THREESIXFIVEOFDAVE	BLOSSOM
GREENFLY	HORNBEAM	OAK	CUCKOO DAY	GOOD FRIDAY
FOALS	LAMBS	BLUEBELLS	ST MARK	ST PADARN
WILLOW	CATKINS	MAGNOLIA	BEECH	BUTTERFLIES

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<u>TOM</u>	<u>Moon</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>DoP</u>	<u>St/ Holy Day</u>	<u>Other Day</u>	<u>Quarter Day</u>	<u>Apogee/ Perigee</u>	<u>Met Off (stormy/ quiet)</u>	<u>Buchan (warm/ cold)</u>	<u>Super Moon</u>	<u>Highest Tides</u>	<u>Notes</u>
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