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Fruit tree bloom field diary

Use one site and season. Mark observations, not assumed flowering dates. A missed visit is unknown, not evidence that no flowers were open.

Site / state / year

Observer / tree IDs

Date / time	Tree ID / cultivar	Open flowers? Y / N / ?	Weather / insects / photo ID

Observation gaps / frost or weather events

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Bloom observation timeline

Write 14 consecutive dates across the grid. Mark O = observed open flowers, - = checked with none open, ? = not checked. Start a new sheet for the next fortnight.

Site / season

Window start (MM/DD/YYYY)

Tree ID / cultivar														

Observed overlaps / gaps worth checking next season

Overlap is only an observation of flowering at this site. It does not demonstrate genetic compatibility, pollen transfer or fruit set. This is not an official Nature's Notebook submission form.

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Bloom season comparison

Review your first and last observed open flowers alongside visit gaps. Do not treat the observed range as an exact biological start or finish.

Site / season

Review date

Tree ID / cultivar	First observed (MM/DD)	Last observed (MM/DD)	Visit gaps / notes

Later fruit-set observations / date / other possible explanations

What to observe more consistently next season

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