

# What Is Phenology?

*Understanding nature's seasonal timing*



## What Is a Phenology Wheel?

A phenology wheel is a simple visual tool used to record seasonal observations over the course of a year. Each circle represents one year, divided into months.

Observations reveal patterns and changes in the living world over time.



*One year - One place - Repeated observations*

## How to Use a Phenology Wheel



### Choose what to observe

a plant, animal,  
or place you can  
visit regularly



### Observe throughout the year

weekly, monthly,  
seasonally; note  
visible changes



### Record what you notice

use colors,  
symbols, or notes  
to mark events

## Why Phenology Matters

understand  
local  
ecosystems

track seasonal  
shifts & climate  
change impacts

support  
conservation &  
community science

deepen  
connection  
to place

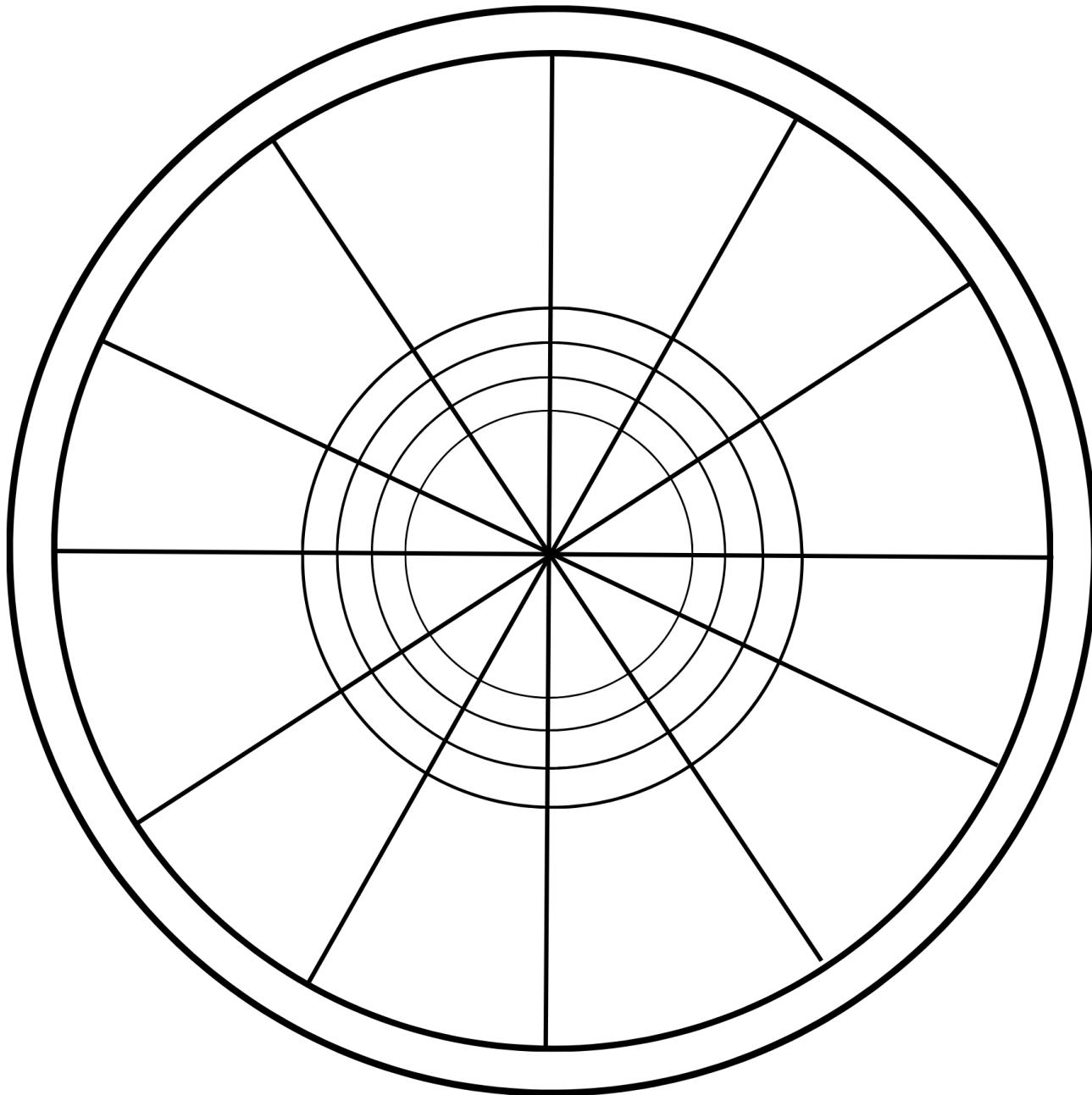
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phenology wheel, pick something  
to observe, and start noticing!**

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# My Phenology Wheel

*Track seasonal changes in plants, animals, and places over the year*



1. Pick a plant, animal,  
or place to track

2. Record seasonal  
events each month.

3. Use colors and/or symbols for leaves,  
flowers, fruit, and/or animal activity



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