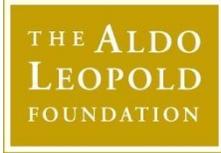


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## Announcing the 2022 Phenology Calendar: Growing Up Wild

[Baraboo, Wisconsin, Oct 1] As the year begins to draw to a close, the Aldo Leopold Foundation is pleased to announce the publication of the 2022 Phenology Calendar: Growing Up Wild. Phenology is the study of annual events in nature that are influenced by seasonal changes. This calendar is essential for those who want to learn more about their natural communities by observing events such as the first bloom of the pasque flower or the start of sandhill crane migration.

The calendar details various phenological events that will occur throughout the year based on data collected from Aldo Leopold, his family, the Aldo Leopold Foundation staff, and other natural resource professionals around the state. This year's calendar will focus on reproductive cycles-- specifically, how plants and animals ensure that the timing of their breeding activities and the growth and survival of their offspring are optimized under the changing environmental conditions.

Each month features beautiful images of animals, plants, and insects with corresponding sidebars written by Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Famer and Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Dr. Stanley Temple, as well as quotes from many of Leopold's writings, including *A Sand County Almanac*. This calendar allows both the active and the casual observer to gain a greater understanding of their natural community and to engage in Leopold's passion for phenology through observation out on the trails or in their own backyard.

Finally, the Growing Up Wild Phenology Calendar offers an opportunity to pass on a love for all things wild and free to your loved ones. What better way to teach children about the biotic community than to observe all the plants and animals growing up around us? In observing phenological changes, what begins as a hobby may blossom into important scientific discoveries, just as the Leopold family's affinity for tracking phenological events fueled a love for conservation and the land.

The presale campaign will run from October 1 through October 31. Starting November 1st, calendars will be sold until supplies run out. This sought-after calendar sells out quickly, so you don't want to miss out! Calendars can be purchased for \$15.00 on the Aldo Leopold Foundation's website at <https://www.aldoleopold.org/store/2022-phenology-calendar/>

*The Aldo Leopold Foundation is a non-profit conservation organization fostering care of the land and community through the legacy of Aldo Leopold. The foundation is headquartered in Baraboo, Wisconsin, and welcomes visitors from around the world to Leopold's famed Shack, a National Historic Landmark.*

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