Plant Health Care Report

Scouting Report of The Morton Arboretum

June 2, 2023

What indicator plant is in bloom at the Arboretum?

Weigela (Weigela florida) is in flower.

Accumulated Growing Degree Days (Base 50): 439.5 (as of June 1)

Degree Days and rainfall

As of June 1, we have 439.5 base 50 growing degree days (GDD) at The Morton Arboretum. The historical average (1937-2022) for this date is 388 GDD₅₀.

| Location | GDD as of 6/1/2023 | GDD as of 6/2/2022 | GDD as of <mark>5/30/2017</mark> | GDD as of 6/2/2016 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Carbondale, IL* | 917 | 962 | 1056 | 976 |
| Champaign, IL* | 718 | 715 | 754 | 754 |
| Chicago Botanic Garden** | 448 | 483 (6/1) | 386.5 (5/31) | 364 (6/1) |
| Glencoe* | 189 | 285 | No report | No report |
| Chicago O'Hare* | 575 | 584 | 467 | 587 |
| Kankakee, IL* | 589 | 590 | 566 | 622 |
| Lisle, IL* | 583 | 591 | 490 | 610 |
| The Morton Arboretum | 439.5 | 538 | 419.5 (6/1) | 469 |
| Quincy, IL* | 755 | 754 | 842 | 834 |
| Rockford, IL* | 514 | 488 | 409 | 502 |
| Springfield, IL* | 727 | 740 | 796 | 793 |
| Waukegan, IL* (60087) | 446 | 464 | 329 | 444 |
| Waukegan, IL* (60085) | 495 | 510 | No report | No report |

*We obtain most of our degree day information from the GDD Tracker from Michigan State University web site. For additional locations and daily degree days, go to https://gddtracker.msu.edu/. **Thank you to Chris Henning, Chicago Botanic Garden, for supplying us with this information.

| Seasonal precipitation (rain and melted snow) in inches. | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| | 2023 | 2022 | Historical average (1937-2022) | | |
| Jan | 2.85 | 1 | 1.935 | | |
| Feb | 4.88 | 2.61 | 1.775 | | |
| Mar | 2.29 | 3.88 | 2.536 | | |
| April | 2.23 | 3.88 | 3.667 | | |
| May | .79 (thru May) | 6.1 | 4.206 | | |
| Year to date | 13.04 (thru May) | 17.47 (thru May) | 14.12 (thru May) | | |



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Growing Degree Day/Weather issue



Figure 1 Weigela (photo: John Hagstrom)

| Examples of insects that may emerge soon in northern Illinois (based on growing degree days) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--|--|
| GDD (base 50) | insect | Life stage present at this GDD | Type of damage | | |
| 300-700 | Oystershell scale | Crawlers emerging | Feeding on sap | | |
| 400-600 | <u>Emerald ash</u> <u>borer</u> | Adults beginning to emerge | Mating and laying eggs | | |
| 500-700 | Euonymus scale | Crawlers emerging | Feeding on sap | | |
| 500-600 | Viburnum crown borer | Caterpillars hatching and entering bark | Tunnel under bark | | |
| 700-800 | <u>Bagworm</u> | Caterpillars emerging | Chewing foliage | | |
| 900-1200 | Japanese beetle | adults | Chewing foliage; mating and laying eggs | | |

Soil temperatures around Illinois (from Illinois State Water Survey)

This information will be provided all season. For data from other reporting stations, go to <u>https://www.isws.illinois.edu/warm/soil/</u> (you will need to set up an account to access data.)

| Max. Soil temps | St. Charles | Champaign | Carbondale |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| For June 1, 2023* | reporting station | reporting station | reporting station |
| | (north) | (central) | (south) |
| 2-inch, bare soil | 93.9 | 93.5 | 90.6 |
| 4-inch, bare soil | 89.9 | 82.8 | 85.1 |
| 4-inch, under sod | 78.2 | 80.9 | 79.8 |
| 8-inch, under sod | 70.9 | 74.5 | 75.5 |

* This is the maximum soil temperature recorded the day prior to publication of PHCR.

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