

Advance prediction Summer 2025 (June to September)



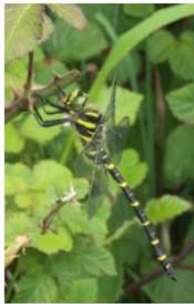
Emperor (Male)
Flying late May to September



Beautiful Demoiselle (Female)



Southern Hawker (Male)
Flying June to October



Gold-ringed Dragonfly



Ruddy Darter (Male)
Flying June to September



Banded Demoiselle (Male)

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Species of the Season: Dragonflies and Damselflies

“In Summer, the song sings itself.”
William Carlos Williams

Welcome to the Summer 2025 website entry.

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As regular readers will know, we divide the season into two parts: early summer and high summer. High summer typically runs from mid-June until around the 10th of September.

June was included in the Spring 2025 entry this year, due to a cold and delayed spring. This allowed those who needed early insight - farmers, growers, gardeners, and livestock owners - to prepare accordingly in what has already been a challenging year.



Notes from Nature

Nature and the moon phases move in perfect partnership. While regional variations occur, each year they fall into sync in their own time. The phases of the moon set the tone for the weather, and nature follows - eventually complementing the rhythm.

This year, we observed that the ash flowered slightly before the oak, as such:

“Ash before oak, we’re in for a soak.”

Combined with the moon phase patterns, this points to a wettish summer overall.

That said, we think Summer 2025 will bring a real mix of sunny spells and showers, with temperatures likely to sit around average for the time of year. So, while it may not be a scorcher, we’re expecting variety - plenty of bright days scattered with rain.

On 21st March, the wind blew predominantly from the SE/ESE - this explains the prolonged drought and chilly winds that followed. Nature, as ever, seeks balance. We now expect compensatory rain.

The next significant wind date is 24th June, with a south-westerly predicted - bringing warmer, more typical summer weather.

The cuckoo flower bloomed on 29th March—around two weeks earlier than usual - and the cuckoo was seen on 13th April, likely arriving nearer the 1st. This early arrival suggests an early departure, likely before the usual first week of July. That, in turn, points to a cold and wet end to June and start of July.

Another key sign: flowers arrived before the leaves this year, a traditional marker of at least one more bitter spell ahead.

On a brighter note, all fruits and berries are setting well, which means they'll be in place and protected, should the Ice Maidens make a late appearance. Despite initial signs back on Christmas Day, all evidence now points to a fantastic fruit harvest - good news for growers.

The rooks have nested high this year - suggesting we're unlikely to experience a particularly windy summer.

It is also worth mentioning, that a hard winter, followed by a poor summer, if followed by an even harder winter.

Holiday Guidance

We are not expecting prolonged dry spells this summer. For those planning a UK holiday, we suggest:

- Final week of September
- Around St Luke's Day (18th October)
as your best opportunities for settled weather.

There may also be a fair few days to a week of sunshine around 18th July - with luck on your side. In general July could prove to be a wild card month.

Summer Adventures & Final Thoughts

Although this won't be a BBQ summer, we'll still enjoy warmth and brightness. Nature only has around 180 days to get everything grown and ready for the harvest - so sunshine and rain are both required.

So, let's make the most of it, raincoat or not.

Let's live like its summer, despite the weather.

Best wishes,

Lesley & Dave

JUNE 2025

Now for the collated expert notes on June: The first week of June tends to be changeable. The first two or three days tending to bring widespread thundery showers to many southern and midland districts and occasionally further north. Then around 3-5th June, there is a change to cooler weather, with fresh north-westerly winds and passing showers in all areas. The drop in temperature at this time is sometimes as much as 6C and in some years frost may occur in sheltered valleys. By 8-10th June there is generally an improvement, and much of this period 8-21st June tends to be moderately fine (Ed note: sadly, in recent years June has tended not to be the 'flaming June' of old but a quite wet month)- not always with spells of drought but with no serious interruptions apart from the odd thunderstorm or showers. From 22nd June to the end of the month there are generally two or four very hot days, but the period is notable for a considerable increase in the risk of heavier type thunderstorms. At times these merge together, and thundery heavy rainfall occurs most often between 27 and 29th June particularly in South Wales and the southern districts of England. Between 30th June and 23 July there is generally a small drop in temperature; this however coincides with the Buchan cold period 29th June to 4th July, hence the propensity for it to rain on the Wimbledon tennis tournament at this time.

To summarise: June is shaping up to be a real mix, with a little bit of everything thrown in. We're likely to start the month with unsettled, rainy conditions, followed by a brief shift to more changeable weather around mid-month. Toward the end of June, expect a return to more persistent rain. As always, we'll notice the usual seasonal uptick in temperatures, though this might not bring the sense of relief many hopes for. The moon phases this year (see below), suggest a predominantly wet month, particularly around the 1st quarter moon (3rd) and last quarter moon (18th). However historical patterns also suggest that at least some hot weather is likely – though it may arrive in short, sharp bursts, often followed by showers or thunderstorms. So rather than long stretches of settled warmth, we expect frequent swings – from warmth to wet, sunshine to showers. In short: June will be lively, unsettled, and full of variety – so be ready for everything!

JUNE 2025

1st Quarter Moon = 3rd @ 04:40 = Rain

Full Moon = 11th @ 08:43 = Changeable

Last Quarter Moon = 18th @ 20:19 = Rainy if winds S/ SW

New Moon = 25th @ 11:31 = Frequent showers

DoP = June 24th (Wind will be SW – TBC)

Highest Spring Tides: 26th – 28th

APOGEE: 7th @ 11:43 PERIGEE: 23rd @ 05:44

Met Office Notes: None

BUCHAN NOTES: Cold Period: 29th June – 4th July

FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS KNOWN AS STRAWBERRY MOON

JULY 2025

Now for the collated expert notes on July: Between 30th June and 2nd July there is generally a small drop in temperature. The first week in July is in any case a period of rather variable temperatures, with weather tending to be unsettled, certainly showery if not markedly wet, and usually some thunderstorms occur from time to time in most districts (which is why it invariably rains during the Wimbledon tennis tournament). From 9th to 25th July temperature levels are generally higher. The thunderstorm risk continues, though the frequency of the outbreaks decreases. However, when these storms do occur, they are heavy, and southern England can be badly affected – northern districts rather less so. Conditions generally during this middle period of July tend to be sultry and humid, with winds blowing lightly or at moderate strength for the south. From 26th July to the end of the month it is normally cooler, with rather wet and unsettled weather affecting all districts. Moderate to fresh south-westerly winds are common and may be strong at times in the north. The period 13th -15th July is a Buchan warm period, often with the hottest days of the year (even though the 15th is St Swithun's day – a rainy day in folklore). The last two days of the month (30th/31st) too in recent years have tended to be very hot days too.

July is likely to be unsettled, but not without surprises. It looks set to continue the unsettled pattern of late June – particularly if winds come from the south or southwest (which they should do). There will be short bursts of warmth, but they're likely to be followed by showers or summer storms. The early part of the month may feel muggy, while a brief calmer spell is possible around the 18th, bringing a window of fairer weather for a few days to a week. By the end of the month, we may return to more humid, rainy conditions, especially in western and central areas. That said, there's just an outside chance that July could surprise us all. If the winds shift away from the southerlies, we might see a dramatic change in pattern – and a hot, dryish month is not out of the question. Most signs suggest warmth and wet, but this could be one of those rare years where July has a trick up it's sleeve.

JULY 2025

1st Quarter Moon = 2nd @ 20:30 = Rainy if winds S or SW

Full Moon = 10th @ 21:36 = Rainy if winds S or SW

Last Quarter Moon = 18th @ 01:37 = Fair

New Moon = 24th @ 20:11 = Rainy if winds S or SW

DoP = July 15th: St Swithun

Highest Spring Tides: 13th – 15th AND 26th – 28th

APOGEE: 5th @ 03:27 PERIGEE: 20th @ 14:39

Met Office Notes: None

BUCHAN NOTES: 29th June to 4th July cool period/ 12th -15th Warm period

FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS KNOWN AS BUCK MOON

AUGUST 2025

Now for the collated expert notes for August: The unsettled weather of late July normally continues into the first few days of August, so that the first few days of August tend to be appreciably cooler than mid-July. After this the weather becomes more settled and warmer during most years, and the period 8th - 14th August is one of high average sunshine, particularly in the southeast of England. Averages over long periods show that the highest temperatures in Britain occur on 12th-14th August [Ed note – this is also a Buchan warm period]. After that the temperatures generally begin to fall, and the latter half of the month is often rather cool despite a three-day warmer period that may occur in the third or fourth weeks. The most thundery part of the month is the 19th – 25th. At first thunderstorms tend to break out in the southern districts and then move northwards to affect northern England and southern Scotland around 23rd -25th August. In some years there is a further thundery period around 28th - 29th August, but the last two days of the month are generally quite settled and quite often very warm. [Ed note – this very warm end to the month has been a feature in recent years].

August appears to be a lively, blustery, and unsettled month, with all key moon phases pointing to a mix of wind, rain, and frequent changes in pressure. The start of the month is likely to be very wet, with the first quarter moon on 1st marking a particularly sodden spell. The full moon on 9th brings a brief period of changeable conditions with it – possibly even offering a short window of brightness between fronts – but this won't last long. The second half of August looks especially unsettled, with a strong likelihood of wind and rain. In short, this is not shaping up to be a classic golden August. Expect breezy, showery weather with only fleeting calm, and a fair amount of disruption if planning UK holidays, festivals, or harvests. That said – summer isn't over yet – nature will still offer the occasional warm day. But overall, keep the wellies and waterproofs close by!

AUGUST 2025

1st Quarter Moon = 1st @ 13:41 = Very Rain

Full Moon = 9th @ 08:54 = Changeable

Last Quarter Moon = 16th @ 06:12 = Wind and Rain

New Moon = 23rd @ 07:06 = Wind and Rain

1st Quarter Moon = 31st @ 07:25 = Wind and Rain

DoP = 6th Transfiguration Day (Not reliable) & 24th – St Bartholomew

Highest Spring Tides: 10th – 15th AND 23rd – 27th

APOGEE: 1st @ 21:34 AND 29th @ 16:32 PERIGEE: 14th @ 09:02

Met Office Notes: None

BUCHAN NOTES: 6th – 11th: Cool Period

12th – 15th: Warm Period (can be very hot)

FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS KNOWN AS STURGEON MOON

SEPTEMBER 2025

Now for the collated expert notes for September: September often opens with another period of dry fine benign weather, and between the end of August and 7th September average barometric pressure rises quite distinctly in most parts of the country. Sometimes predominantly dry weather lasts until around 17th September. But 17th - 25th September, which includes the period of the autumn equinox (22nd), is generally stormy, the peak being 20th September. Winds during this period tend to blow from the north-west and bring sharp falls in temperature, possibly leading to a sharp early frost in sheltered areas protected from the prevailing winds. The last part of September is well known as the 'old wives' summer', when nearly every country in Europe recognises the likelihood of a period of fine and warm weather. It is not so common in Britain as on the continent, however.

A gentle shift toward calmer skies. September looks set to bring a mixed start, but we will likely settle into a fine, dry finish as the month progresses. The full moon on the 7th offers fair weather if winds come from NW which is unlikely in summertime but not impossible this far into the year. The middle of the month is expected to bring frequent showers, however as we progress to the final half of the month, we expect the weather to settle to dry, fair conditions, and September will end on a calm and pleasant note, with a true touch of autumn in the air. This year the 'old wives summer' may arrive right on time – a final nod to warmth before deeper changes of autumn take hold.

Perigee, VERY high tides, a full moon, and lunar eclipse all happen within four days of one another. Whilst this doesn't meet the usual threshold for a mention (3 days) due to the EXTREMELY high tides, and the mix of full moon and lunar eclipse, plus a summer of much rain, it is worth noting the possibility of flooding from 7th – 10th September. I would say be prepared but don't panic and I will update further nearer the time.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Full Moon = 7th @ 19:08 = Fair if winds NW (unlikely)

Last Quarter Moon = 14th @ 11:32 = Frequent showers

New Moon = 21st @ 20:54 = Rain if wind S or SW

1st Quarter Moon = 30th @ 00:53 = Fair

DoP = 29th – Michaelmas

Highest Spring Tides: 7th – 13th (Very High)

APOGEE: 26th @ 10:46 PERIGEE: 10th @ 12:58

Met Office Notes: Quiet period: 1st – 17th

BUCHAN NOTES: None

FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS KNOWN AS HARVEST MOON