

SALMONBERRY

LEAVES: alternate, deciduous, usually with three leaflets.



FLOWERS: 1-2, occasionally up to 4, on short branches



Flower bud emerging far left



SEASONAL DEVELOPMENT

Salmonberry buds may be active in late winter or very early spring, with bud burst and leaf flush occurring from March to April [18,238]. For example, researchers in western Washington observed the first salmonberry leaves by 21 March [18]. Leaves are generally fully expanded from May to late August [238].

Salmonberry flowering usually occurs from early to late spring but varies by geographic location and elevation (table 3). Flowering generally occurs between April and June in its southern range and between April and July in its northern range [238]. In many areas along the Pacific Coast, the time of flowering appears to coincide with the arrival of the migrating rufous hummingbird, which may be an important pollinator [250].

Table 3—Salmonberry flowering dates by location.	
Location	Dates
California	February–June [16,41]
western Oregon and southwestern Washington	March–June [102]
northwestern Oregon	March–June [316]

Olympic National Forest	March–June [189]
Alaska	April–July [330]

Fruit ripening generally occurs 30 to 36 days after pollination, and it may last for several weeks or more within a population [\[347\]](#). Salmonberry fruits generally ripen from June to July in its southern range and from July to August in its northern range and at high elevations [\[198,238\]](#). Fruits ripen from May to July in Bella Coola, British Columbia [\[188\]](#), in July near Ketchikan, Alaska, and in August farther north [\[319,330\]](#). Fruits may be available into October in southeastern Alaska [\[319\]](#). Seed dispersal coincides with the time of fruit availability. In many areas, seed is dispersed from June through August [\[345\]](#).

Salmonberry leaves typically fall by late October or November [\[42,136,198,238\]](#). In the western Cascade Range, 56% of salmonberry leaves dropped during the first 3 weeks after frost [\[42\]](#). Salmonberry may become dormant in winter, or continue minimum shoot elongation throughout a mild coastal winter (e.g., mean temperature of ~43 °F (6 °C)) [\[18,238\]](#).

Source: <https://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/shrub/rubspe/all.html>

Note dates relative to what we're finding in ACFL 2020. jhersey