European plant phenology

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Phenological phases of horse chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum* are easy to identify; this photo shows developing leaves and flower buds

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