

**Radcliffe Meteorological Station**  
 School of Geography - University of Oxford  
 Monthly Summary of Weather at Oxford for *April 2026*.

			Difference from 1991-2020 average
<b>Temperature</b>			
Mean air temperature	°C	11.0	<b>+1.2</b>
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	16.6	<b>+2.2</b>
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	5.3	0.0
Highest maximum temperature	°C	23.9	<b>+2.9</b>
Lowest maximum temperature	°C	12.3	<b>+3.7</b>
Highest minimum temperature	°C	11.0	<b>+0.3</b>
Lowest minimum temperature	°C	1.1	<b>+1.5</b>
Air frosts (screen minimum < 0 °C)	days	0	<b>-1.5</b>
Mean minimum grass temperature	°C	2.2	<b>+0.2</b>
Lowest grass minimum temperature	°C	-3.2	<b>+1.5</b>
Ground frosts (grass minimum < 0 °C)	days	8	<b>-0.7</b>
Mean concrete minimum temperature	°C	4.6	<b>+0.3</b>
Lowest concrete minimum temperature	°C	0.7	<b>+2.6</b>
Mean soil temperature at 30 cm at 0900 UTC	°C	11.5	<b>+1.2</b>
Mean soil temperature at 100 cm at 0900 UTC	°C	10.7	
<b>Precipitation</b>			
Total precipitation	mm	6.1	<b>13 %</b>
Wettest day	mm	1.2	<b>9 %</b>
No. of rain days (0.2 mm or more rainfall)	days	8	<b>-4.4</b>
No. of wet days (1.0 mm or more rainfall)	days	3	<b>-5.9</b>
<b>Sunshine duration</b>			
Total bright sunshine	hours	229.6	<b>138 %*</b>
Mean daily bright sunshine	hours	7.7	<b>+2.1</b>
Sunniest day	hours	13.4	
Mean wind speed at 0900 UTC (at 10 m)	knots	6.9	
No. of days with fog at 0900 UTC	days	0	<b>-0.6</b>
No. of days with snow lying at 0900 UTC	days	0	0.0

**Bold** denotes anomalies in excess of **one** standard deviation above/below the long-term mean, while **bold** with an asterisk (\*) denotes two standard deviations above/below, and bold with two asterisks (\*\*) denotes three standard deviations above/below. Standard deviations are not reported for counts (N. of days), lowest maximum/highest minimum temperature, wettest day and mean daily bright sunshine.

**Notes**

April followed on from March as a relatively warm, dry, and sunny month. It ranked among the ten sunniest Aprils on record, with 38% more sunshine hours than expected, and sunshine was recorded on every day of the month apart from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. It also ranked among the fifteen driest Aprils on record, with only 13% of the expected monthly precipitation recorded. In addition, the mean air temperature was 1.2 °C above the 1991-2020 average, making it the eighth warmest April on record.

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