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FICKLE—FACED APRIL

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Depending on the geography and topography of certain locations, weather extremes can often be found. Just as important as location is the time of the year, since some months are generally more fickle than others. In the mid-latitudes, April is often many-faced. Accordingly, Luther wrote, "Trust not a day ere the birth of May."

April is known for the warmth that causes trees to bud prematurely, only to be ripped by a killing frost or buried by a snow storm. By mid May, warm weather is more constant and is more to be trusted by farmers.