Plants produce striking but out-of-season blooms after Ike

Several types of plants produced a striking but out-of-season full flush of blooms after the arrival of Hurricane Ike. Crabapples, above, in full bloom were commonly seen across the county. In most cases, plants that flower out-of-season are under stress of some sort. Extended periods of drought during the summer followed by ample rainfall received after a cool front that graced the area. Then temperatures were pleasantly cool for several days. That chain of events was enough to cause some plants into “thinking” it was spring and thus it must be time to bloom. Plants must rely on other indicators (including their internal clocks) to tell them what season it is and what they should be doing. This normally works exceedingly well in most seasons and under most conditions. In most cases, plants that flower out-of-season are under stress of some sort. Extended periods of drought during the summer followed by ample rainfall received after a cool front that graced the area. Then temperatures were pleasantly cool for several days. That chain of events was enough to cause some plants into “thinking” it was spring and thus it must be time to bloom. Plants must rely on other indicators (including their internal clocks) to tell them what season it is and what they should be doing. This normally works exceedingly well in most seasons and under most conditions. In most cases, plants that flower out-of-season are under stress of some sort. Extended periods of drought during the summer followed by ample rainfall received after a cool front that graced the area. Then temperatures were pleasantly cool for several days. That chain of events was enough to cause some plants into “thinking” it was spring and thus it must be time to bloom. Plants must rely on other indicators (including their internal clocks) to tell them what season it is and what they should be doing. This normally works exceedingly well in most seasons and under most conditions. In most cases, plants that flower out-of-season are under stress of some sort. Extended periods of drought during the summer followed by ample rainfall received after a cool front that graced the area. Then temperatures were pleasantly cool for several days. That chain of events was enough to cause some plants into “thinking” it was spring and thus it must be time to bloom. Plants must rely on other indicators (including their internal clocks) to tell them what season it is and what they should be doing. This normally works exceedingly well in most seasons and under most conditions. In most cases, plants that flower out-of-season are under stress of some sort. Extended periods of drought during the summer followed by ample rainfall received after a cool front that graced the area. Then temperatures were pleasantly cool for several days. That chain of events was enough to cause some plants into “thinking” it was spring and thus it must be time to bloom. Plants must rely on other indicators (including their internal clocks) to tell them what season it is and what they should be doing. This normally works exceedingly well in most seasons and under most conditions. In most cases, plants that flower out-of-season are under stress of some sort. Extended periods of drought during the summer followed by ample rainfall received after a cool front that graced the area. Then temperatures were pleasantly cool for several days. That chain of events was enough to cause some plants into “thinking” it was spring and thus it must be time to bloom. Plants must rely on other indicators (including their internal clocks) to tell them what season it is and what they should be doing. This normally works exceedingly well in most seasons and under most conditions. In most cases, plants that flower out-of-season are under stress of some sort. Extended periods of drought during the summer followed by ample rainfall received after a cool front that graced the area. Then temperatures were pleasantly cool for several days. That chain of events was enough to cause some plants into “thinking” it was spring and thus it must be time to bloom. Plants must rely on other indicators (including their internal clocks) to tell them what season it is and what they should be doing. This normally works exceedingly well in most seasons and under most conditions.