

Figure 1: Temperatures at UVic in May, 2026.

## *May 2026*

### *Temperature*

May started strong this year with a high of 27.51 °C on the fourth (minimum 12.67 °C, average 19.97 °C). A high greater than 27 celsius has been observed in May about 60% of the time. Typically, it occurs later in the month, as we saw this year on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Fig. 1 shows this month plotted over the long-term (2002–2026) expected daily average temperature and range. This month's average temperature of 14.41 °C is ranked fifth warmest. The low this month was 4.78 °C on the morning of 17 May. Cool mornings remain common here on the coast all summer, but do get less common until August when the region begins to cool again. Overall, May this year was pleasant and sunny.

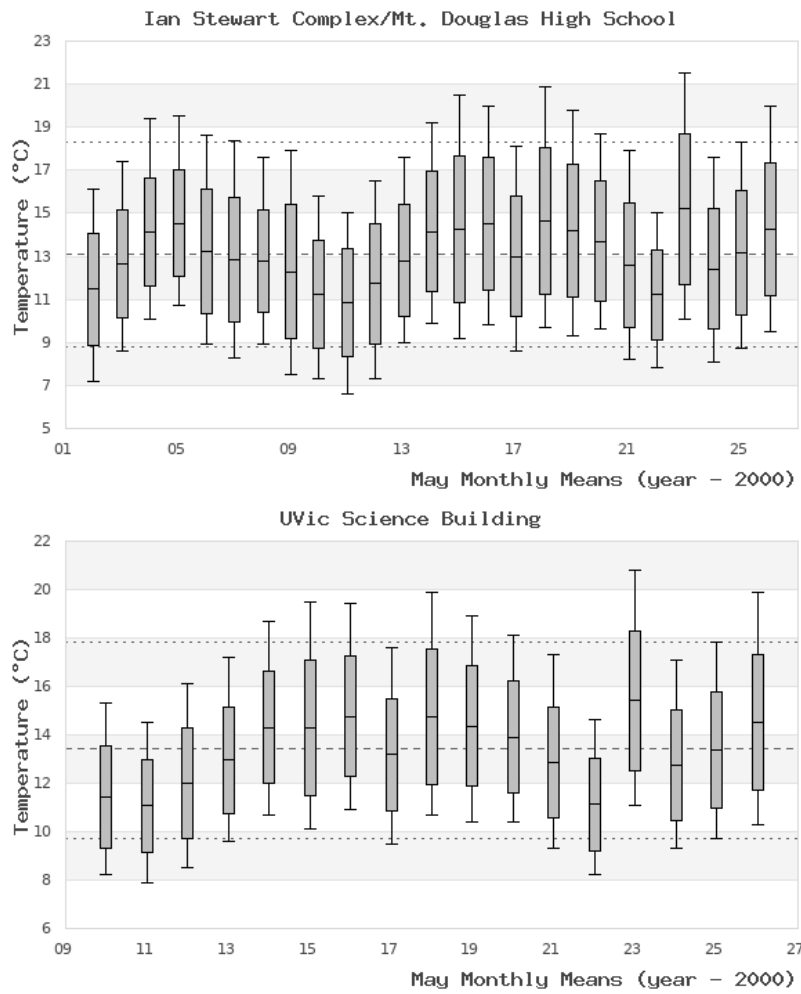


Figure 2: May average temperatures at UVic.

## Rain

This year we observed 8.1 mm of rain at UVic. This is far below the average of 24 mm over five days. Rain in May is strongly variable. The observed range is 1.5–60 mm (2–18 days). The left panels in Fig 3 show the monthly total (top) and days with rain (bottom). The right panel in Fig. ref:rain shows the daily rain amounts, the average daily rain, and the number of times it has rained on a particular day of May. The overall dryness this month was noted in my garden where I've had to water more than I would like while my veggies establish themselves. Around the region the fire danger rating is already at High. Whether this month is foreshadowing a dry summer is not certain. Fig. 4 shows the accumulated rain totals for all years, starting from 1 May. Years where the total was equal to or less than 25 mm are highlighted in red. It's not clear that there's a strong pattern that can relate low May rain to low summer rain overall.

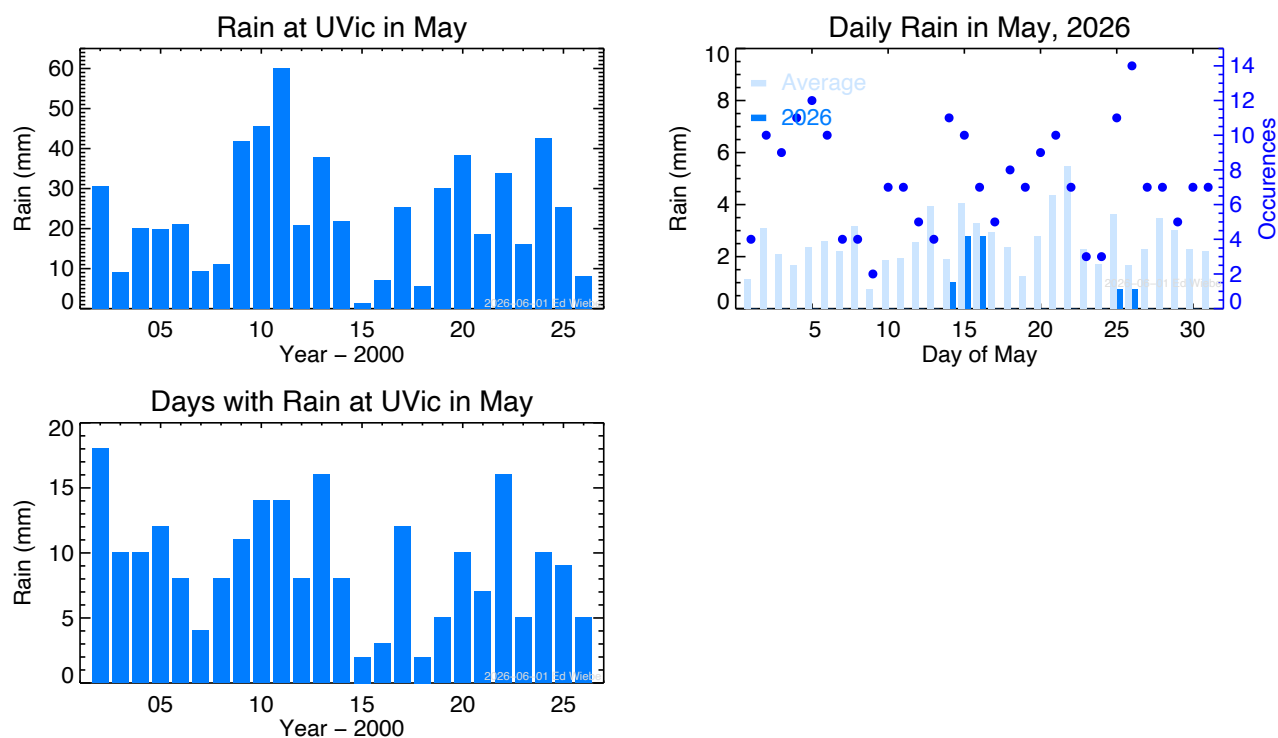


Figure 3: Rain at UVic in May, 2026.

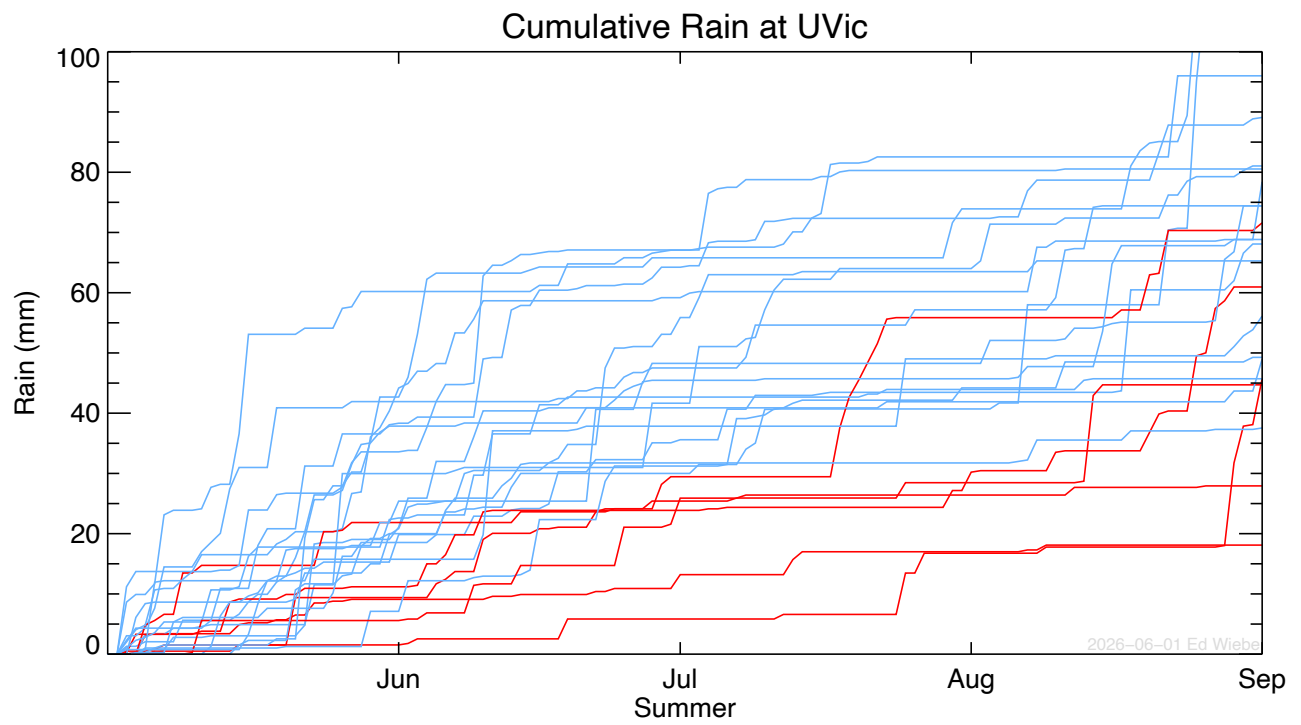


Figure 4: Running total rain amounts at UVic, starting from 1 May.

## *Warnings*

There was one weather alert this month, related to wind overnight on 28–29 May.

- Alert - 2026-05-28 23:35:55 PDT
  - West Vancouver Island
  - Greater Victoria
- Damaging winds are expected.
- Where: West Vancouver Island - south of Sooke, southern tip of Greater Victoria
- Remark: Strong westerly winds 70-90 km/h will ease overnight.