

Russia Nears Record Highs as North America Shivers

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Moscow's unseasonably warm weather is expected to continue over the next few days, creating the potential for setting temperature records that are a far cry from those being caused by the polar vortex in the United States and Canada.

Fobos weather center said that temperatures in Moscow were expected to reach three degrees Celsius on Tuesday, M24 reported. Temperatures that could reach 4 C on Wednesday would continue a string of weeks that had thermometers' mercury levels sitting 10 C higher than usual around the turn of the year, including a Christmas day that shattered a record set in 1910 by reaching 3.5 C.

North America has also been getting its share of weather-related history lessons. A mass of cold air from the North Pole forced Chicago's Monday temperatures down to minus 27 C (minus 16 degrees Fahrenheit), a cold snap that snapped the previous record of minus 25.5 C in both 1988 and 1884, the U.S. National Weather Service reported.

The weather, accompanied in some places by large snowfalls, moved towards the U.S. East Coast on Tuesday and was expected to bring wind chills as low as minus 28 C to parts of New York City.

More than 8,000 flights had been canceled due to the weather through Monday night, flight tracking website FlightAware.com said.

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