## **Supplementary Information**

## Characterizing ecosystem phenological diversity and its macroecology with snow cover

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Supplementary Figures

Fig. S1 – Fig. S7

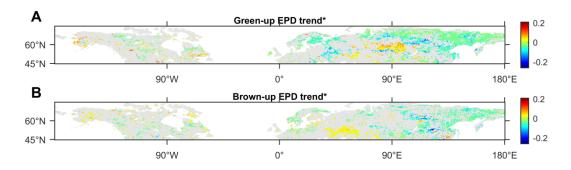


Fig. S1 Spatial distributions of the (A) green-up and (B) brown-up ecosystem-level phenological diversity (EPD) trends over the Northern Hemisphere (>45°N) during 1999–2013, all calculated at the significance level of p<0.1 (indicated by \*). The range of the derived green-up EPD trends is from -0.26 to 0.21 days/year, and the range of the derived brown-up EPD trends is from -0.22 to 0.28 days/year.

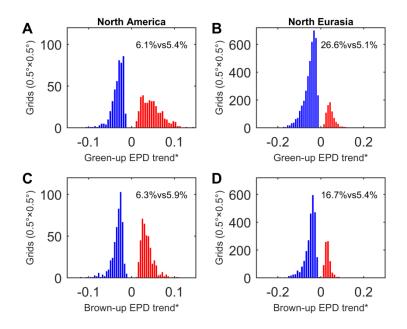


Fig. S2 Histograms of the (A) green-up and (C) brown-up EPD trends over the North America (>45°N) and the (B) green-up and (D) brown-up EPD trends over the North Eurasia (>45°N) during 1999–2013, in terms of their fitted slopes along with the years increasing, all calculated at the significance level of p<0.1 (indicated by \*). In each sub-figure, the area proportions of the 0.5  $\times$  0.5° grids with negative (blue-colored, quantified as B%) and positive (red-colored, R%) trends compared to the continent (>45°N) are listed, in the form of B%vsR%, respectively. The average green-up EPD trend over the North America (>45°N) is -0.02 days/decade, the average brown-up EPD trend over the North America (>45°N) is -0.26 days/decade, and the average brown-up EPD trend over the North America (>45°N) is -0.21 days/decade.

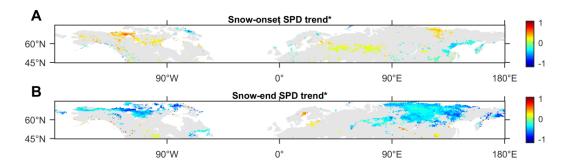


Fig. S3 Spatial distributions of the (A) onset and (B) end snow cover phenological date (SPD) trends over the Northern Hemisphere (>45°N) during 2001–2014, all calculated at the significance level of p<0.1 (indicated by \*). The range of the derived onset SPD trends is from -1.18 to 1.06 days/year, and the range of the derived end SPD trends is from -1.88 to 1.42 days/year.

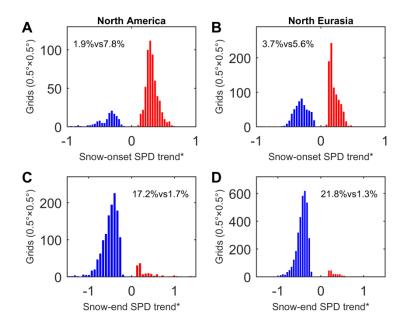


Fig. S4 Histograms of the (A) onset and (C) end SPD trends over the North America (>45°N) and the (B) onset and (D) end SPD trends over the North Eurasia (>45°N) during 2001–2014, in terms of their fitted slopes along with the years increasing, all calculated at the significance level of p<0.1 (indicated by \*). In each sub-figure, the area proportions of the  $0.5 \times 0.5^{\circ}$  grids showing negative (blue-colored, quantified as B%) and positive (red-colored, R%) trends compared to the continent (>45°N) are listed, in the form of B%vsR%, respectively. The average onset SPD trend over the North America (>45°N) is 2.57 days/decade, the average onset SPD trend over the North Eurasia (>45°N) is 0.60 days/decade, the average end SPD trend over the North America (>45°N) is -3.48 days/decade, and the average end SPD trend over the North Eurasia (>45°N) is -3.99 days/decade.

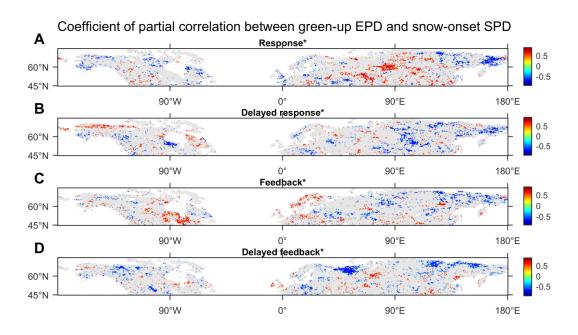


Fig. S5 Spatial distributions of the optimal coefficients of correlations, in the cases of probing into (A) response, (B) delayed response, (C) feedback, and (D) delayed feedback respectively, between the green-up EPDs and onset SPDs over the Northern Hemisphere (> $45^{\circ}$ N) in the study period, all calculated at the significance level of p<0.1 (indicated by \*). The range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (A) response is from -0.94 to 0.88, the range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (B) delayed response is from -0.97 to 0.94, the range of correlation coefficients relating to the case of (C) feedback is from -0.90 to 0.87, and the range of correlation coefficients relating to the case of (D) delayed feedback is from -0.96 to 0.87.

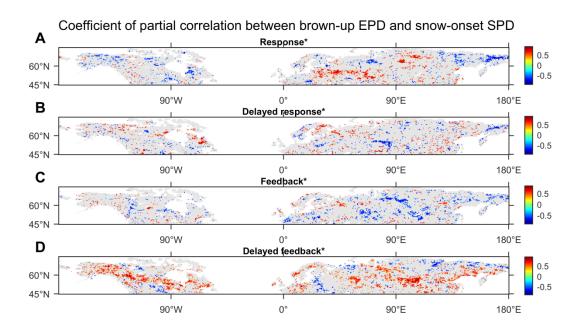


Fig. S6 Spatial distributions of the optimal coefficients of correlations, in the cases of probing into (A) response, (B) delayed response, (C) feedback, and (D) delayed feedback respectively, between the brown-up EPDs and onset SPDs over the Northern Hemisphere (> $45^{\circ}$ N) in the study period, all calculated at the significance level of p<0.1 (indicated by \*). The range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (A) response is from -0.95 to 0.91, the range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (B) delayed response is from -0.93 to 0.90, the range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (C) feedback is from -0.90 to 0.85, and the range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (D) delayed feedback is from -0.89 to 0.94.

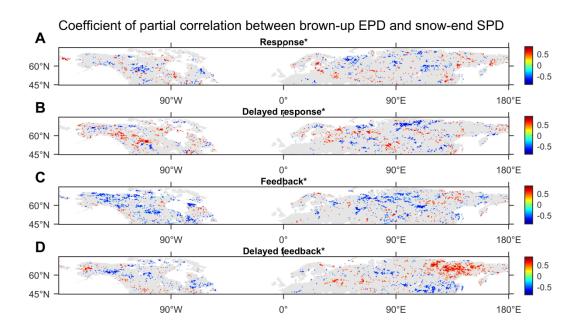


Fig. S7 Spatial distributions of the optimal coefficients of correlations, in the cases of probing into (A) response, (B) delayed response, (C) feedback, and (D) delayed feedback respectively, between the brown-up EPDs and end SPDs over the Northern Hemisphere (> $45^{\circ}$ N) in the study period, all calculated at the significance level of p<0.1 (indicated by \*). The range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (A) response is from -0.88 to 0.83, the range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (B) delayed response is from -0.87 to 0.89, the range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (C) feedback is from -0.90 to 0.85, and the range of the derived correlation coefficients relating to the case of (D) delayed feedback is from -0.85 to 0.86.