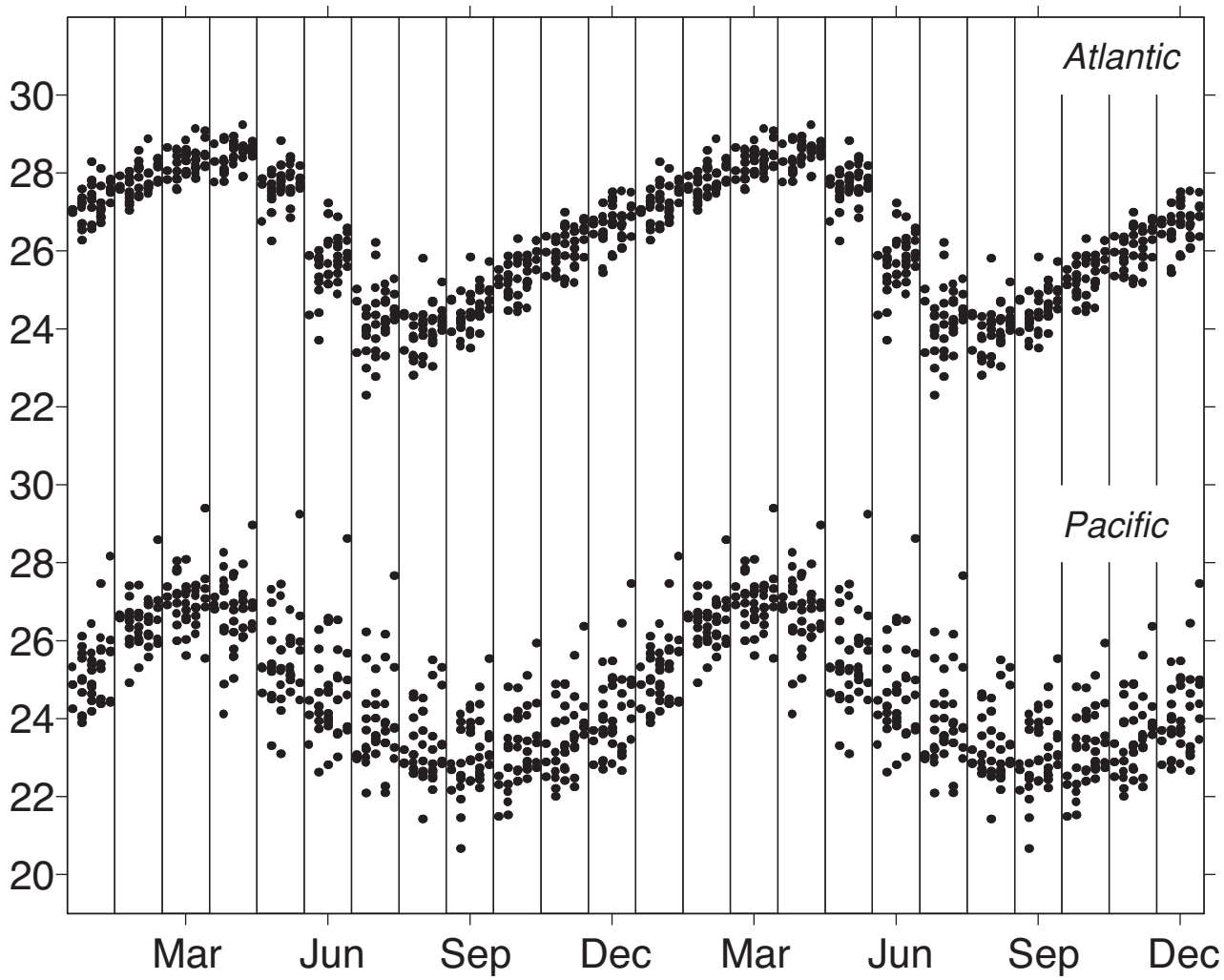

Figure 12. Scatter plot of monthly mean sea surface temperature (°C) in the equatorial cold tongue regions of the Atlantic and Pacific for individual years/months, grouped by calendar month. The dots for each calendar month are staggered along the *x* axis to make them more visible, and the calendar year is repeated. Note the high degree of reproducibility of the seasonal march, particularly in the Atlantic, where El Niño exerts only a modest influence.