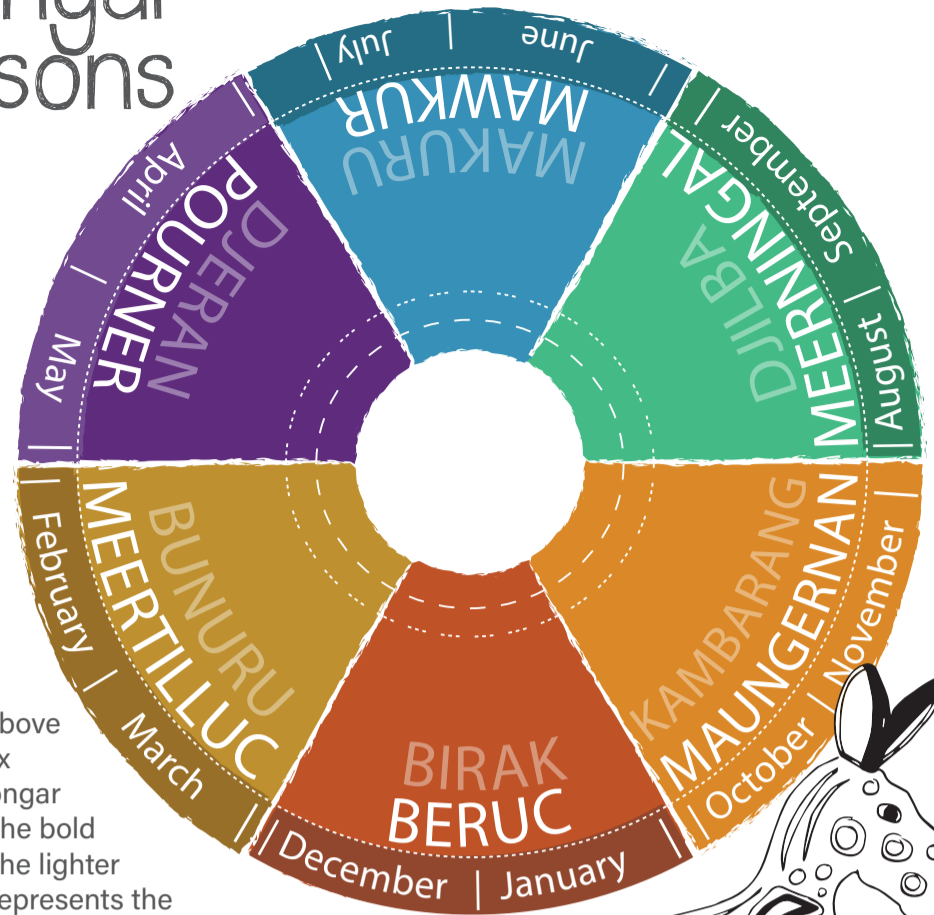


February and March is when we start to experience the hot easterley winds and the afternoon sea breezes that provide relief. These are the months that the winds slow down with warm and dry days. It is known as the Season of Adolescence. The white flowers are prominent from the jarrah, marri and ghost gum trees. The zamia is now flowering and fishing is important. Freshwater foods become staple foods and swans are being seen.

Meertilluc
| February | March

Noongar Seasons



The wheel above states the six Minang Noongar Seasons in the bold white text. The lighter colour text represents the seasons names more widely known in Whadjuk Noongar area. The seasonal information for this document was supplied by Shandell Cummings.

April and May means we start to get the first rains. The wind is getting colder and is now coming from the southwest. The days are now getting shorter which means the nighttime is colder. It is known as the Season of Adulthood. Flying ants are prominent. Plants that are now coming out are red flowering gum and bullrushes, while all plants are laden with seeds and nuts. The wind has changed from south easterlies to south westerlies. There is also an abundance of freshwater foods such as turtles and freshwater fish.

Pournner
| April | May

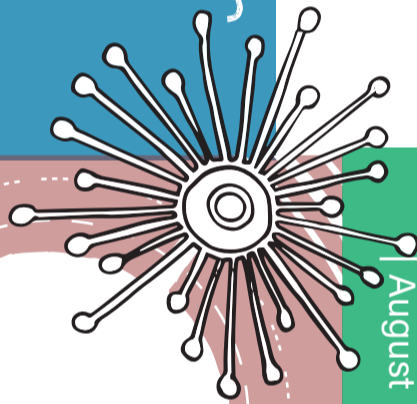
June and July are quite cold and wet. The rain is getting stronger and the creeks and rivers are now starting to fill and flow. It is known as the Season of Fertility. This is the time to get boronia. Birds are pairing up and there is an influx of swans. Kangaroo is plentiful and the men take the time to make traditional hunting tools. Plants that are prolific are the boronia, the blueberry lily and the purple flag.

Mawkur
| June | July



Kangaroo

Red Flowering Gum



Meerningal
| August | September

August and September is when the rains start to ease but there has been so much rain that the rivers are flowing strongly. It is flushing out the river systems for healthy fish in the future. it is known as the Season of Conception.

We are now seeing all the cream and yellow flowers. Everlastings are seen everywhere. The acacia and other wattles are all in bloom. Possums, kangaroos, emus, magpies and Djitis are seen more regularly. The grass trees now have flower stems.

September sees the transition from Meerningal to Maungeran. This transition is known to my people as Djirindjin. It is also referenced as another season.



Magpie

Maungeran
| October | November

The months of October and November means the weather is now milder and a lot drier. The days are now getting longer as we transition to the hot season and the creeks and rivers are so fresh and clear. It is known as the Season of Birth the bright orange flowers of Moodja are now coming out. There is an abundance of kangaroo paws, orchids, snakes, birds with their babies are everywhere and banksias are starting to bloom.

Beruc
| December | Jan

December and January are known to be hot and dry. It is known as the Season of the young. Reptiles are shedding their skin, frogs are turning to adults, babies are getting brave and this is sometimes the time for burning.



Swamp Banksia

Red Eyed Wattle

