

# Dja Dja Wurrung Time (Seasons)

*Seasons* are a Western concept that relate to weather changes over the year. There are four seasons which are generally called Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. In the Southern Hemisphere these are:

- Summer: December to February
- Autumn: March to May
- Winter: June to August
- Spring: September to November

The Australian Aboriginal view of the world is that *Seasons* are in fact *Time* and are based upon the availability of resources.

Our native plants and animals provide visual indicators and there may also be specific weather type events, such as fogs and wind directional changes.

For Dja Dja Wurrung there are six times (seasons) directly relating to Country.

Baramul (Emu) and Milakuk (Lightning) Time (December-March)

Murnong (Yam Daisy) and Ngaari (Black Duck) Time (April)

Datimdatim (Boomerang) and Wai-kalk (Wattle) Time (May-June)

Wanyarra (Water) and Gurri (Kangaroo) Time (July-August)

Boyn (Bread) and Lawan (Mallee fowl) Time (September-October)

Giranul (Perch) and Wirrap (Cod) Time (November-December)

## Barramul (Emu) and Milakuk (Lightning) Time

(Time of reverence)

December to March

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Barramul, become pairs and after eggs hatch the male raises the young.



## Murnong Time

(Duwin Flower Season)

April

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Ngaari (*Pacific Black Duck*)

During this time many waterfowl begin to pair and ready for season courtship and mating laying of eggs allows an initial collection so as birds can lay again for hatching.

## Beginning of Cold Time

May to June

Wai-kalk Time (*Golden Wattle Season*)

Acacia Blooming and Wooden Tool Making Time.  
Darnook (*Bowl Bark/Wood*) and Datim Datim  
(*Boomerang*)



Wattle, Acacia varieties bloom.

## Wet Time

June - August

Well Filling Season (Wanyarra Well Stream  
River, Gart-Gart Plenty, Gurri Kangaroo Season)

Cold and Wet time, creek, streams and now  
Rock Wells fill up. (Time of some abstinence  
and watching Gurri)



## Grass Seed / Bread Time

(Lawan Mallee Fowl, Boyn Grass Season)

September - October



Yam daisy - It's time to eat  
the Tuber and seed  
becomes available. Yam  
daisy seed available until  
November



## Breeding and Egg Collection Time

(Degrees of abstinence)  
(Giranul Perch, Wirrap Murray Cod, Djarra-Djarritj Hard  
Head) **November - December**

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Golden Parch (Yellow Belly) ready to Spawn.



Gurri Kangaroo breeding all year reaches its peak.



Kangaroo grass seed available