



2019 | INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
Indigenous Languages

Wotjobaluk Seasons

Different ideas can be carried through language.

The Wotjobaluk living in the Wimmera-Mallee for thousands of years marked time by the changes in six seasons in a year.

kooyang	eel season	(late January - late March - late summer)
	hottest and driest time with streams dried up and bushfires	
gwangal moronn -	honey bee season	(late March to June - autumn)
	cooler	
chinnup	cockatoo season	(June to late July - winter)
	coldest time with morning frosts and freezing winds,	
larneuk	nesting bird season	(late July - late August - early spring)
	wettest time with rivers running high and changing weather	
petyan	wildflower season	(late August - mid November - late spring)
	warmer but changeable	
ballambar	butterfly season	(mid November - late January - summer)
	hot and drier	

(Descriptions from Brambuk Six seasons <http://www.brambuk.com.au/gariwerdsixseasons.htm>)

Explorers, squatters and farmers who came here brought knowledge of four seasons based on changes in their European homelands:

Summer, autumn, winter, spring.

What do you think best fits how many seasons we have?