



Bandjalang cultural calendar

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Introduction



MUNDURUHM (Native raspberry) fruits of the native raspberry are a delicious snack it is a scrambling shrub with arching branches armed with curved prickles.



BOOJOI (*Lomandra longifolia*) Its heavily scented flowers are soaked for nectar, its seeds can be grounded to flour to make a rustic damper or roasted ground as a “coffee”, and the pale green base of the pulled leaves can be chewed with a flavour resembling raw cabbage or fresh baby peas.



DIRRAWONG (Lace monitor) One of Australia’s largest lizards, the carnivorous tree-dwelling lace monitor, or tree goanna, can grow to 2m in length and is found in forests and coastal tablelands across eastern Australia. They are typically dark blue in colour with whitish spots or blotches.



GOOWUN (Red-necked wallaby) have a black nose and paws, white stripe on the cheeks and reddish neck, wallabies are found in coastal scrub and forest throughout coastal and highland eastern Australia.

JANUARY



(*Munduruhm*) Native Raspberry – fruiting
(*Boojoi*) Lomandra – flowering, seeding, stable leaf growth.

(*Munduruhm*) Melastomia Native Blackberry – flowering & fruiting.

(*Guburr*) Carpet snake – Active in sunlight ready to feed on pray.

Wallaby – Active out in the field and feeding
(*Dirrawong*) – out and enjoying the sunlight



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FEBUARY



(Binjagoon) Pipi's – In season & ready to collect

(Dirrawong) 'Goanna' – Out enjoying sunlight feeding

(Goowun) Wallaby – joey in mothers pouch

(Wang Wang) Frog- are found in wet woodlands .

(Munduruhm) Native Raspberry starting to fruit again; stable.



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MARCH

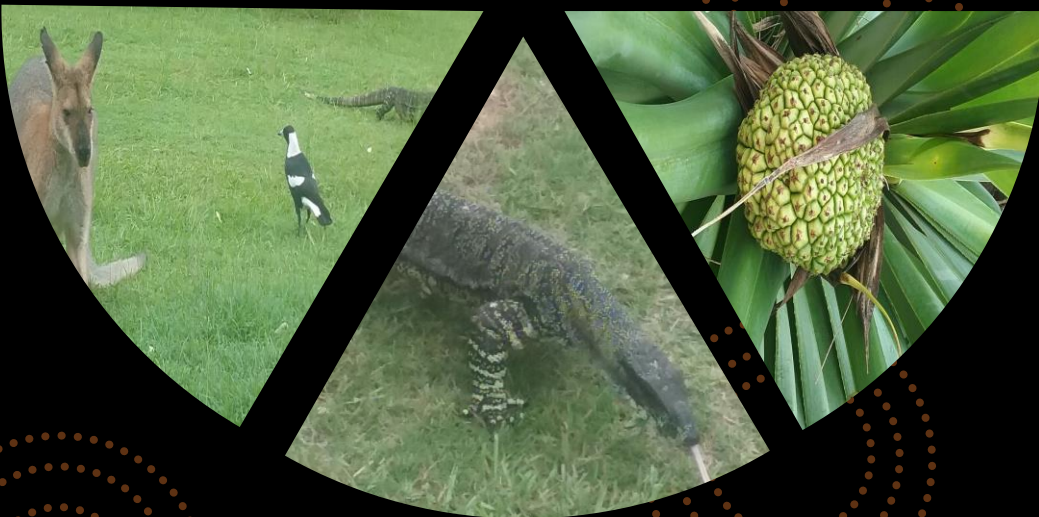


(*Munduruhm*) Native raspeberry- After finishing flowering, it is now flowering & fruiting again.

(*Goowun*) Baby wallaby- still in mummy's pouch.

(*Dirrawong*) Goanna – Active, looking for pray.

(*Boojoi*) *Lomandra longifolia* – stable growth.



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APRIL



(*Goowun*) 'baby wallaby' slowly getting his fur
(*Munduruhm*) Just finished fruiting, Stable.

(*Boojoi*) 'lomandra longifolia' – Just finished
seeding & now stable.

(*Dirrawong*) Goanna - slowly getting to the
point of hibernation

(*Mulung*) mussels

(*Goorong*) Hoop vine – spiritual tree



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MAY



(*Munduruhm*) 'Native raspberry' – Stable, fruiting
(*Boojoi*) 'lomandra longifolia' – stable leaf growth
(*Dirrawong*) 'Goanna' – less active looking for a
feed before hibernation
Starfish – reproducing
(*Goowun*) Wallaby – baby joey in mother pouch



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JUNE



(Munduruhm) 'Native raspberry' Still fruiting & flowering

(Goowun) 'Wallaby' has fury coat now

(Jena Jena) 'Echidna' young echidna out and about looking for food.

(Muroon) 'Native Blueberry' fruiting & flowering.

(Boojoi) 'Lomandra Longifolia' Stable

(Dirrawong) Goanna – sighting of goanna out before taking cover for hibernation, less activity throughout the month



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JULY



(*Goowun*) 'Wallaby' – Baby wallaby now out of pouch.

(*Dirrawong*) 'Goanna' – Out and about feeding.

(*Munduruhm*) 'Native raspberry' fruiting & stable.

(*Guhgoon*) 'Kookaburra' – active, nesting, feeding.

(*Boojoi*) 'Lomandra Longifolia' Stable

Wattle – flowering



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AUGUST



(*Goowun*) 'Wallaby' – Adult wallaby feeding
(*Dirrawong*) 'Goanna' – Out and about feeding.
(*Munduruhm*) 'Native raspberry' fruiting & stable.
(*Boojoi*) 'Lomandra Longifolia' Stable
Sand paper fig – fruit ready to eat.
Native Passion fruit stable.



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SEPTEMBER



(Dirrawong) 'Goanna' Now mating/breeding.

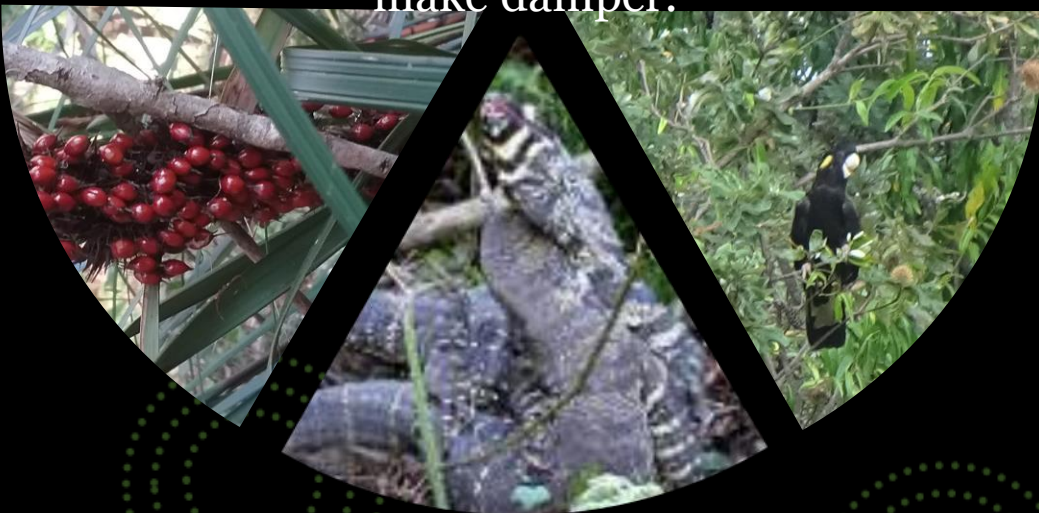
(Goowun) 'Wallaby' – active feeding

(Boojoi) *Lomandra longifolia* 'stable.

(Munduruhm) Native Raspberry flowering
and stable.

(Gehrrl) Yellow tail black cockatoo.

() Garnia seeds ready to grind in to flour to
make damper.



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OCTOBER



(Goowun) 'Wallaby' – Adult wallaby
(Dirrawong) 'Goanna' – laying eggs in termite mound
(Munduruhm) 'Native raspberry' fruiting & stable.
(Boojoi) 'Lomandra Longifolia' Stable
(Munduruhm) mulberries – ripen and ready to collect
Black Rocks sacred Midden – erosion from weather
and movement in landscape



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NOVEMBER



(*Goowun*) 'Wallaby' – mother and joey feeding time
joey's head poking out

(*Dirrawong*) 'Goanna' – eggs in termite mound in
incubation

(*Munduruhm*) 'Native raspberry' fruiting & stable.

(*Boojoi*) 'Lomandra Longifolia' Stable

Geebung – fruiting, stable



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DECEMBER



(Goowun) 'Wallaby' – active in the sunny days of summer
(Dirrawong) 'Goanna' – eggs have hatched
(Munduruhm) 'Native raspberry' fruiting & stable.
(Boojoi) 'Lomandra Longifolia' Stable
Bottlebrush - flowering and seeding



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