

Figure 3.4  
The 365-day Cuicuilco calendar (739-738 BCE)

Months	Days of the month																			Day names	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		19
X.	1.p	2.q	3.r	4.s	5.t															a. Sun	
C.	6.a	7.b	8.c	9.d	10.e	11.f	12.g	13.h	1.i	2.j	3.k	4.l	5.m	6.n	7.o	8.p	9.q	10.r	11.s	12.t	b. Wind
D.	13.a	1.b	2.c	3.d	4.e	5.f	6.g	7.h	8.i	9.j	10.k	11.l	12.m	13.n	1.o	2.p	3.q	4.r	5.s	6.t	c. Night?
E.	7.a	8.b	9.c	10.d	11.e	12.f	13.g	1.h	2.i	3.j	4.k	5.l	6.m	7.n	8.o	9.p	10.q	11.r	12.s	13.t	d. Hard?
F.	1.a	2.b	3.c	4.d	5.e	6.f	7.g	8.h	9.i	10.j	11.k	12.l	13.m	1.n	2.o	3.p	4.q	5.r	6.s	7.t	e. Serpent
G.	8.a	9.b	10.c	11.d	12.e	13.f	1.g	2.h	3.i	4.j	5.k	6.l	7.m	8.n	9.o	10.p	11.q	12.r	13.s	1.t	f. Death
H.	2.a	3.b	4.c	5.d	6.e	7.f	8.g	9.h	10.i	11.j	12.k	13.l	1.m	2.n	3.o	4.p	5.q	6.r	7.s	8.t	g. Deer
I.	9.a	10.b	11.c	12.d	13.e	1.f	2.g	3.h	4.i	5.j	6.k	7.l	8.m	9.n	10.o	11.p	12.q	13.r	1.s	2.t	h. Star?
J.	3.a	4.b	5.c	6.d	7.e	8.f	9.g	10.h	11.i	12.j	13.k	1.l	2.m	3.n	4.o	5.p	6.q	7.r	8.s	9.t	i. Water
K.	10.a	11.b	12.c	13.d	1.e	2.f	3.g	4.h	5.i	6.j	7.k	8.l	9.m	10.n	11.o	12.p	13.q	1.r	2.s	3.t	j. Foot
L.	4.a	5.b	6.c	7.d	8.e	9.f	10.g	11.h	12.i	13.j	1.k	2.l	3.m	4.n	5.o	6.p	7.q	8.r	9.s	10.t	k. Monkey
M.	11.a	12.b	13.c	1.d	2.e	3.f	4.g	5.h	6.i	7.j	8.k	9.l	10.m	11.n	12.o	13.p	1.q	2.r	3.s	4.t	l. Jaw
N.	5.a	6.b	7.c	8.d	9.e	10.f	11.g	12.h	13.i	1.j	2.k	3.l	4.m	5.n	6.o	7.p	8.q	9.r	10.s	11.t	m. Cane
O.	12.a	13.b	1.c	2.d	3.e	4.f	5.g	6.h	7.i	8.j	9.k	10.l	11.m	12.n	13.o	1.p	2.q	3.r	4.s	5.t	n. Jaguar
P.	6.a	7.b	8.c	9.d	10.e	11.f	12.g	13.h	1.i	2.j	3.k	4.l	5.m	6.n	7.o	8.p	9.q	10.r	11.s	12.t	o. Eagle
Q.	13.a	1.b	2.c	3.d	4.e	5.f	6.g	7.h	8.i	9.j	10.k	11.l	12.m	13.n	1.o	2.p	3.q	4.r	5.s	6.t	p. Owl?
R.	7.a	8.b	9.c	10.d	11.e	12.f	13.g	1.h	2.i	3.j	4.k	5.l	6.m	7.n	8.o	9.p	10.q	11.r	12.s	13.t	q. Quake
A.	1.a	2.b	3.c	4.d	5.e	6.f	7.g	8.h	9.i	10.j	11.k	12.l	13.m	1.n	2.o	3.p	4.q	5.r	6.s	7.t	r. Flint
B.	8.a	9.b	10.c	11.d	12.e	13.f	1.g	2.h	3.i	4.j	5.k	6.l	7.m	8.n	9.o	10.p	11.q	12.r	13.s	1.t	s. Rain
																					t. Lord

Days in marked boxes

- 1st 6.a: 22 June 739 BCE 6 Sun [0 C Cuicuilco = 4 C or Mol Tikal] (1451684): New Year; summer solstice; calendar inauguration
- 1st 1.t: 29 September 739 BCE 1 Lord [19 G Cuicuilco = 3 H or Mak Tikal] (1451783): little New Year; name day
- 2nd 1.t: 16 June 738 BCE 1 Lord [19 B Cuicuilco = 18 B or Yaxk'in Tikal] (1452043): name day

Consecutive days in the 260-day calendar are listed within the cells of the calendar.

Each year in this calendar is terminally named. Type V year bearers are indicated: Lord, Serpent, Foot, Eagle. Six additional days apparently have been added to a Mesoamerican solar era without affecting the type of year bearers.

Each day of the month numbered 0 in this calendar probably was known anciently as the “seating” or beginning of the month and it was followed with the 19 numbered days of that month. The use of 0 is a modern convention to represent the “seating” day.

The listed dates use a more recent spelling of Tikal calendar month names than that used by Edmonson.

Adapted from Edmonson, *The Book of the Year: Middle American Calendrical Systems*, 5-10, 100, 113-15, 228-31, 248.