

Figure 3.7  
The 365-day Izapa calendar (520-519 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.	13.l	1.m	2.n	3.o	4.p															a. Sun	
C.	5.q	6.r	7.s	8.t	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	b. Wind
D.	12.q	13.r	1.s	2.t	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	c. Night?
E.	6.q	7.r	8.s	9.t	10.a	11.b	12.c	13.d	1.e	2.f	3.g	1.h	5.i	6.j	7.k	8.l	9.m	10.n	11.o	12.p	d. Hard?
F.	13.q	1.r	2.s	3.t	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	e. Serpent
G.	7.q	8.r	9.s	10.t	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	f. Death
H.	1.q	2.r	3.s	4.t	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	g. Deer
I.	8.q	9.r	10.s	11.t	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	h. Star?
J.	2.q	3.r	4.s	5.t	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	i. Water
K.	9.q	10.r	11.s	12.t	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	j. Foot
L.	3.q	4.r	5.s	6.t	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	k. Monkey
M.	10.q	11.r	12.s	13.t	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	l. Jaw
N.	4.q	5.r	6.s	7.t	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	m. Cane
O.	11.q	12.r	13.s	1.t	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	n. Jaguar
P.	5.q	6.r	7.s	8.t	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	o. Eagle
Q.	12.q	13.r	1.s	2.t	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	p. Owl?
R.	6.q	7.r	8.s	9.t	10.a	11.b	12.c	13.d	1.e	2.f	3.g	1.h	5.i	6.j	7.k	8.l	9.m	10.n	11.o	12.p	q. Quake
A.	13.q	1.r	2.s	3.t	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	r. Flint
B.	7.q	8.r	9.s	10.t	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	s. Rain
																					t. Lord

Days in marked boxes

- 1st 5.q: 1 May 520 BCE 5 Quake [0 C Izapa = 1 C Cuiculco = 5 C or Mol Tikal] (1531620): New Year; calendar inauguration
- 1st 5.i: 22 June 520 BCE 5 Water [12 E Izapa = 13 E Cuiculco = 17 E or Yax Tikal] (1531672): summer solstice
- 1st 13.p: 8 August 520 BCE 13 Owl? [19 G Izapa = 0 H Cuiculco = 4 H or Mak Tikal] (1531719): little New Year; name day
- 2nd 13.p: 25 April 519 BCE 13 Owl! [19 B Izapa = 0 X Cuiculco = 19 B or Yaxk'in Tikal] (1531979): 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 I year bearers are indicated: Owl?, Sun, Death, Monkey.

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, 117, 187, 276-77.