

Figure 3.8
The 365-day Olmec calendar (433-432 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.f	2.g	3.h	4.i	5.j																a. Sun
B.	6.k	7.l	8.m	9.n	10.o	11.p	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	b. Wind
C.	13.k	1.l	2.m	3.n	4.o	5.p	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	c. Night?
D.	7.k	8.l	9.m	10.n	11.o	12.p	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	d. Hard?
E.	1.k	2.l	3.m	4.n	5.o	6.p	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	e. Serpent
F.	8.k	9.l	10.m	11.n	12.o	13.p	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	f. Death
G.	2.k	3.l	4.m	5.n	6.o	7.p	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	g. Deer
H.	9.k	10.l	11.m	12.n	13.o	1.p	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	h. Star?
I.	3.k	4.l	5.m	6.n	7.o	8.p	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	i. Water
J.	10.k	11.l	12.m	13.n	1.o	2.p	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	j. Foot
K.	4.k	5.l	6.m	7.n	8.o	9.p	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	k. Monkey
L.	11.k	12.l	13.m	1.n	2.o	3.p	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	l. Jaw
M.	5.k	6.l	7.m	8.n	9.o	10.p	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	m. Cane
N.	12.k	13.l	1.m	2.n	3.o	4.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	n. Jaguar
O.	6.k	7.l	8.m	9.n	10.o	11.p	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	o. Eagle
P.	13.k	1.l	2.m	3.n	4.o	5.p	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	p. Owl?
Q.	7.k	8.l	9.m	10.n	11.o	12.p	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	q. Quake
R.	1.k	2.l	3.m	4.n	5.o	6.p	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	r. Flint
A.	8.k	9.l	10.m	11.n	12.o	13.p	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	s. Rain
																					t. Lord

Days in marked boxes

Month X: 15-19 March 433 BCE 1 Death - 5 Foot [19 A or Xul - 3 B or Yaxk'in Tikal] (1563349-53)

1st 6.k: 20 March 433 BCE 6 Monkey [0 B Olmec = 4 B or Yaxk'in Tikal] (1563354): New Year

1st 7.l: 21 March 433 BCE 7 Jaw [1 B Olmec = 5 B or Yaxk'in Tikal] (1563355): spring equinox; Kaminaljuyu calendar inauguration

1st 1.j: 27 June 433 BCE 1 Foot [19 F Olmec = 3 G or Kej Tikal] (1563453): name day; little New Year

2nd 1.j: 14 March 432 BCE 1 Foot [19 A Olmec = 18 A or Xul Tikal] (1563713): 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.

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 month names than that used by Edmonson.

Adapted from Edmonson, *The Book of the Year: Middle American Calendrical Systems*, 5-10, 100-01, 115-16, 228-31, 248.