

The four seasons

Four siblings, four seasons. North and south of the equator, the months swap.



Spring

North: March, April, May

South: September, October, November

Weather: Days get longer and warmer, though nights can still be cool.

Look for: Plants start to bloom and animals get busy again.

Wear: A light jacket, and rain boots for the puddles.



Summer

North: June, July, August

South: December, January, February

Weather: The warmest season, with the longest days of the year.

Look for: The Sun climbs highest in the sky at midsummer, the longest day of the year.

Wear: A sun hat, light clothes and a swimsuit.



Fall

North: September, October, November

South: March, April, May

Weather: Cooler days, longer nights, and more wind and rain.

Look for: Leaves turn yellow, red and brown, and it is harvest time.

Wear: A warm sweater, a raincoat and boots.



Winter

North: December, January, February

South: June, July, August

Weather: The coldest season, with the shortest days and the most snow and frost.

Look for: Snow and frost, and the longest nights of the year.

Wear: A warm coat, a hat, a scarf and mittens.

North: the US, Canada, the UK and Europe. South: Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina. Months as weather services count them (Met Office); the two halves of Earth have opposite seasons (NASA Space Place).