

<i>Y Ddraig</i> ‘The Time of...’		<i>[adapted from the Coligny calendar]</i>	Modern Month Names - Celtic month name -- Observances/Feast/Festivals
Sun’s march (354 days)	Dark time of year	Gathering <i>[summers-end]</i> <i>Harvest finishes early in the month. Animals gathered in from fields [young/old butchered, prime breeders retained]. Leisure and celebration of successful year. Old year ends on a week of celebration and the new year begins on it (either side of Samhain, Harvest Festival).</i>	October/November - Samonios -- <i>Samhain</i> [cusp of winter/summer akin to cusp of life & death]
		Smoke <i>Smoking meat to preserve it. Breeding livestock walked between ceremonial fires and ritually ‘fumigated’ to protect against winter. Dwellings become smoke-filled from living indoors.</i>	November/December - Dummanios
		Plenty <i>Perishables consumed [by humans and animals] in readiness for winter. Fattening-up time.</i>	December/January - Rivros -- <i>Winter solstice</i>
		Silence <i>Animals inside, no travel, little activity. Hunkering down to get through winter.</i>	January/February - Anagantios -- <i>Imbolc</i> [Lambing/milking festival, midway to new season]
		Frost <i>Worst of winter has passed, frost remains. People begin to emerge.</i>	February/March - Ogronios
		Thaw <i>Plants shoot through the thawing earth. Wildlife begins to emerge. Livestock released back into fields to feed on succulent shoots and breed next year’s meat. Sowing begins.</i>	March/April - Cutios -- <i>Spring Equinox</i>
	Light time of year	Rise <i>[winters-end]</i> <i>The Growing Moon is the year’s most auspicious moon to raise new food under. Sowing completed as the moon waxes and celebrated at the full moon (Beltane). The beginning of summer.</i>	April/May - Giamonios -- <i>Beltaine</i> [Fire Festival: life/fertility, abundant summer]
		Brightness <i>Days begin to lengthen and the moon and sun are both highest in the sky around this month creating short bright nights and long sunny days.</i>	May/June - Simivisionios
		Horse-Time <i>Oestrus in horses is triggered by the long hours of daylight between June & Aug. Foals conceived the previous summer are born now.</i>	June/July - Equos -- <i>Summer solstice</i>
		Claim-Time <i>Men would seek a bride early this month in time for an official betrothal on Lughnasadh. Betrothal lasted a year-and-a-day and so the bride would be officially claimed the following year. Horse deals were also done and the weaned offspring claimed the following year.</i>	July/August - Elembivious -- <i>Lughnasadh</i> [Festival celebrating skill and prowess, horses were traded]
Makepeace <i>Disputes arising from betrothal, trading, or unsettled claims are resolved. Harvesting begins.</i>		August/September - Edrinios	
Song <i>Birds particularly vocal—learning arias before migrating south or to establish and defend winter territories if they are staying. Days consumed with harvesting. Nights are given over to the songs of the bards who have travelled all summer, arrive in readiness for Gathering.</i>	September/October - Cantlos -- <i>Autumn Equinox</i>		