

Koanga - Spring

Mahuru

Te Whā o Māhuru is the fourth lunar month of the Maramataka Māori (lunar calendar), it is the start of Koanga. It is also approximately equal to the month of Hepetema (September) in the Gregorian calendar (solar calendar). “The name Māhuru is a shortened version of ‘Te ahunga o uruao’ which means the new generation of whitebait. Māori names often capture the activity for each part of the year. Whitebait also indicates the change in season.” [Learning to live by the maramataka: Mahuru | The Spinoff](#) The first week of Mahuru is when the full moon comes out, a time of high energy within the taiao and ourselves. The supermoon known as the blue moon is a rare phenomenon with the next one not appearing until 2032!

You will see the spring flowers blooming and tūi singing as Papatūānuku is warming. It is a good time to plant some seedlings in the māra kai (vegetable garden).

Kua pūmahana te whenua, me ngā otaota, me ngā rākau
The earth is warm as are the vegetation and the trees

