

4.2 - Czech Months

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Czech has special words for each of the months (see table below). These words are often formed from various words indicating what is going on in the surrounding world and the changing seasons. The etymology (origin of a word's meaning) for each of the months + its definition is given in the table below. Finally, the last column tells you how to say in a month, e.g. - *v lednu* 'in January', *v květnu* 'in May'.

Name of month	Etymology	English	In the month...
<i>leden</i>	<i>led</i> – ice because it's really cold in this month, hence the ice	January	<i>v lednu</i>
<i>únor</i>	<i>nořit se</i> – to bob the ice in the rivers and ponds would bob up and down	February	<i>v únoru</i>
<i>březen</i>	<i>bříza</i> – birch birch trees start to sprout their blossoms early in the spring	March	<i>v březnu</i>
<i>duben</i>	<i>dub</i> – oak the oak trees begin to grow	April	<i>v dubnu</i>

	their leaves		
<i>květen</i>	<i>květina</i> - flower flowers begin to blossom during this time	May	<i>v květnu</i>
<i>červen</i>	<i>červený</i> – red many of the red flowers as well as fruits such as strawberries, raspberries and cherries come out during <i>červen</i>	June	<i>v červnu</i>
<i>červenec</i>	<i>červený</i> - red <i>červenec</i> continues with more red flowers and fruits	July	<i>v červenci</i>
<i>srpen</i>	<i>srp</i> – sickle this is the beginning of the harvest, when the sickle is used to gather grain and other food products are collected from the fields	August	<i>v srpnu</i>
<i>září</i>	<i>za říje</i> – during the rut deer begin their rut in this season, mating before the winter cold	September	<i>v září</i>
<i>říjen</i>	<i>říj</i> – rut deer continue their rut	October	<i>v říjnu</i>
<i>listopad</i>	<i>listy padají</i> – leaves fall though leaves fall typically a bit earlier, but this point the trees are typically bare	November	<i>v listopadu</i>
<i>prosinec</i>	<i>siný</i> (Old Cz.) – gray blue	December	<i>v prosinci</i>

	nights are longest in December – the deep gray blue of the night sky is extra apparent at this time		
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Listopad je můj nejoblíbenější měsíc.

November is my favorite month.

Vánoce jsou v prosinci.

Christmas is in December.

Její narozeniny jsou v únoru.

Her birthday is in February.

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