

ANISHINAABE HARVEST CALENDAR
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*** For some of the listed plants we have not been able to find the Anishinaabe name.**

Onjiaiking: ziigwan (Spring) onaabani-giizis (March), isikgamizige-giizis (April), waabigwanii-giizis (May)

Tree Sap

sugar, syrup, candy

ininaatig wiishkobaaboo - sugar maple sap
zhiishigimiiwanzh waboo - red maple sap
adjagobimak waboo - box elder sap
wiigwaas mitig waboo - paper (white) birch sap
wiinizik waaboo - yellow birch sap
wadoop mitig waboo - alder sap

Sap Processing Utensils

boughs used to stop sap boil over; wood used for tree taps and sap stirring paddles

zhingob waatigwaan - balsam fir boughs
zhingob waatigwaan - black spruce boughs
gaawaandag waatigwaan - white spruce boughs
giizhik waatigwaan - white cedar boughs
giizhik misan - white cedar wood
wiigob misan - basswood wood
moozo gawinzh misan - moosewood wood
apaakwaanaatig misan - sumac wood

Greens and Flowers

raw, sauteed, steamed, boiled, deep fried, soup

waagaagan - ferns (young shoots)
nessibag aniibiishan - clover leaves
^waabigoniin aniibiishan - cowslips leaves
doodooshaaboojiibik aniibiishan - dandelion leaves
bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiiig aniibiishan - wild leek leaves
^shaaboosigan aniibiishan - milkweed leaves
*watercress leaves
*pigweed leaves
*aster leaves
anajiiminan - wild peas
*beach peas

datgaagmin inaskoon - thimbleberry stems
apakweshkway inaskoon - cattail stems
*wild asparagus stems
apakweshkway waabigwaniin - cattail flowers

doodooshaaboojiibik waabigwaniin - dandelion flowers
bibigwemin waabigwaniin - elderberry flowers
wazhaskwedoosag - morel mushrooms
^Must be properly prepared

Fruits

raw, jams, jellies, pie fillings

ode'iminan - strawberries

Roots

roasted, sauteed, steamed, boiled

waabiziipin ojiibikan - arrowhead (moose ears) roots
oga'damun ojiibikan - yellow water lily roots
bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiiig - wild leeks
bagwaji zhigaagananzhiiig - wild onions
apakweshkway ojiibikan - cattail roots
anaakanashk ojiibikoon - bulrush roots
anaakanashk ojiibikoon - rush roots
doodooshaaboojiibikan ojiibikan - dandelion roots
namepin ojiibikan - wild ginger roots

Teas

ode'imin aniibiishan - strawberry leaves
apakwanagemag aniibiishan - red pine leaves (new growth)
wiinisiibag aniibiishan - wintergreen leaves
mashkigobag aniibiishan - swamp (Labrador) tea leaves
kaakaagiwanzh aniibiishan - hemlock leaves
zhingob aniibiishan - balsam fir leaves
giizhik aniibiishan - white cedar leaves
mishkomin mitigosan - raspberry stems
okwemin nagek - black cherry bark
asawemin wategwaan - choke cherry twigs
wiinzik - yellow birch bud tips
wiigwaas mitig - white (paper) birch bud tips
doodooshaaboojiibik ojiibikan - dandelion roots

Tobacco

nessibag aniibishan - clover leaves
doodooshaaboojiibik aniibishan - dandelion leaves
bagaaniminzh aniibishan - hazelnut leaves
datgaawanzh aniibishan - thimbleberry leaves
wiinisiibag aniibiishan - wintergreen leaves
*pigweed leaves
miskwaabiimizh aniibishan - red willow (kinnickinnick) bark
wiigob ojiibikan - basswood roots

Insect Repellents

giizhik aniibishan - white cedar leaves
miskwaabiimizh waaboo - red willow sap

Decorations

*trailing arbutus flowers
oziiisigobimizh waabigwaniin - pussy willow flowers
wiigwaas - paper (white) birch bark
uses - lodges, baskets, containers, canoes, caskets, scoops, cradle boards, ornaments, firestarter

Onjiakiing: niibin (Summer)

ode'imini-giizis (June), aabita-niibino-giizis (July), manoomike-giizis (August)

Fruits and Nuts

raw, jams, jellies, pie fillings, breads, pancakes
miskominan - raspberries
oshkizhaanimuk - dewberries
odaatagaagominag - blackberries
miinan - blueberries
ode'iminan - strawberries
gozigaakominag - juneberries
bibigweminan - elderberries
datgaagminan - thimbleberries
*black haw berries
ookweminan - black cherries
asasaweminan - choke cherries
bawe'iminan - pin cherries
sewa'kominan - sand cherries
zhaabominan - currants
bagwaji bagesaanag - wild plums
bagaan - hazelnuts

Packing Materials

for berry gathering

waagogan - ferns
aasaakamigoon - mosses

Grains

casseroles, soups, breads, pancakes

manoomin - wild rice

Roots

roasted, sauteed, steamed, boiled

bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiig - wild leeks
bagwaji zhigaagananzhiig - wild onions
apakweshkway ojiibikan - cattail roots
anaakanashk ojiibikoon - bulrush roots
anaakanashk ojiibikoon - rush roots
doodooshaaboojiibik ojiibikan - dandelion roots
namepin ojiibikan - wild ginger roots

Greens

raw, sauteed, steamed, boiled

*watercress leaves
*pigweed leaves
*aster leaves
*beach peas
anajjiminan - wild peas
*wild asparagus stems

Tea

namewashkoon aniibiishan - spearmint leaves
*peppermint leaves
ozaawaaskined aniibiishan - horsemint leaves
sasap kwanins aniibiishan - wild bergamont leaves
miskomin(an) aniibiishan - raspberry leaves
ode'imini aniibiishan - strawberry leaves
odaatagaagomin aniibiishan - blackberry leaves
miinan aniibiishan - blueberry leaves
apakwanagemag aniibiishan - red pine leaves (new growth)
wiinisiibag aniibiishan - wintergreen leaves
mashkigobag aniibiishan - swamp (Labrador) tea leaves
kaakaagiwanzh aniibiishan - hemlock leaves
zhingob aniibiishan - balsam fir leaves
giizhik aniibiishan - white cedar leaves
nessibag waabigwaniin - clover flowers
sasap kwanins waabigwaniin - wild bergamont flowers
doodooshaaboojiibik waabigwaniin - dandelion flowers

miskominan - raspberries
ode'iminan - strawberries
sewa'kominan - sand cherries
apaakwaanaatig miinesan - sumac fruits
asasaweminan - choke cherries
mishkomin mitigosan - raspberry stems
ookwemin nagek - black cherry bark
asasawemin wategwaan - choke cherry twigs
wiinzik - yellow birch bud tips
wiigwaas mitig - white (paper) birch bud tips
manoomin - wild rice (ground up)
gagige bag - princess pine
jiisens ojiibikan - ginseng roots
doodooshaaboojiibik ojiibikan - dandelion roots
wiigob ojiibikan - basswood roots

Wine

doodooshaaboojiibik waabiginiin - dandelion flowers
mashkiigiminag - cranberries
bibigweminan - elderberries
asasaweminan - choke cherries
zhaabomin - currants

Onjiakiing: niibin (Summer) continued

Cold juices and drinks

miskominan - raspberries
odaatagaagominag - blackberries
miinan - blueberries
ode'iminan - strawberries
asasaweminan - choke cherries
bawe'iminan - pin cherries
mushkigominag - cranberries
bagwaji bagesaan - wild plums
bagwaj zhoominan - wild grapes
zhaabominan - currants
apaakwaanaatig miinesan - sumac fruits
ozaawaaskined nibi - honeysuckle flower nectar

Tobacco

nessibag aniibishan - clover leaves
doodooshaaboojiibik aniibishan - dandelion leaves
bagaaniminzh aniibishan - hazelnut leaves
datgaawanzh aniibishan - thimbleberry leaves
*pigweed leaves
wiinisiibag aniibiishan - wintergreen leaves

miskwaabiimizh aniibishan - red willow (kinnickinnick) bark
wiigob ojiibikan - basswood roots

Perfumes

namewashkoons aniibishan - spearmint leaves
wiingushk aniibishan - sweet grass leaves

Lipstick

bibigweminan - elderberries (mixed with tallow)

Hair Conditioners

sasap kwanins - wild bergamont
waasakonek - goldenrod flowers
mashkodewashk aniibishan - wild sage leaves
giizhik aniibishan - white cedar leaves
gibaime'nuna'gwus aniibishan - sweet fern leaves (keeps hair black)
bagwaji zhoomin biimaakwadoon - wild grape vines

Insect Repellents

namewashkoons aniibishan - spearmint leaves
*peppermint leaves
sasap kwanins aniibishan - wild bergamont leaves
giizhik aniibishan - white cedar leaves
miskwaabiimizh waaboo - red willow sap

Dyes

odaatagaagominan - blackberries (dark blue)
miinan - blueberries (dark blue, purple)
gozigaakominag - juneberries (dark red)
bagwaji bagesaanag - wild plums (purple)
bawe'iminan - pin cherries (dark red)
miskominan - raspberries (pink)
ode'iminan - strawberries (red)
asasaweminan - choke cherries (dark red)
bibigweminan - elderberries (purple, red)
zhaabominan - currents (red)
waasakonek - goldenrod flowers (yellow)
*blue iris flowers (purple)
miskondibed waabigwan - Indian paintbrush flowers
(red)
*lily flowers (orange)
miskwijiibikan - bloodroots (red, orange, yellow)
waagogan - ferns (green, brown)
aasaakamigoon - mosses (green, brown)
*lichens (orange, purple)

Weaving Materials

mats, baskets, twine

apakweshkway aniibishan - cattail leaves
anaakanashk inaskoon - rush stems
anaakanashk inaskoon - bulrush stems
wiingushk aniibishan - sweet grass leaves
aagimaak misan - black ash wood
wiigob - basswood inner bark
wiigwaas - paper (white) birch bark
uses - lodges, baskets, containers, canoes,
caskets, scoops, cradle boards, ornaments,
firestarter

Onjiakiing : dagwaagin (Autumn)
waatebagaa-giizis (September), binaakwii-
giizis (October), gashkadino-giizis
(November)

Fruits

raw, jams, jellies, pie fillings, breads, **pancakes**

atiteminan - nannyberries
mashkiigiminag - cranberries
aniibiiminan - highbush cranberries
miinesag - hawthorn berries
asaweminan - chokecherries
bagwaj zhoominan - wild grapes

Nuts

raw, roasted, flour, pie fillings
waawiye bagaanag - black walnuts
bagaanaak bagaanag - butternuts
wakikaanag bagaanag - pine nuts
bagaanag - hazelnuts
mitigwaabaak bagaanag - hickory nuts
mitigomizh bagaanag - oak acorns

Grains

casseroles, soups, breads, pancakes
manoomin - wild rice

Roots

roasted, sauteed, steamed, boiled
waabiziipin ojiibikan - arrowhead roots
okadaakoon - wild carrots
oga' da mun ojiibikan - yellow waterlily
roots
bagwaji zhigaagawinziig - wild leeks
bagwaji zhigaagananziig - wild onions

apakweshkway ojiibikan - cattail roots
anaakanashk ojiibikoon - bulrush roots
anaakanashk ojiibikoon - rush roots

Greens

raw, sauteed, steamed, boiled

*watercress leaves

Cold beverages

asaweminan - choke cherries
bagwaj zhoominan - wild grapes
apaakwaanaatig miinesan - sumac fruits
mashkiigiminag - cranberries

Tea

oginiig - rosehips
apaakwaanaatig miinesan - sumac fruits
wiinisiibag miinesan - wintergreen berries
wiinisiibag aniibiishan - wintergreen leaves
mashkiigobag aniibiishan - swamp tea leaves
kaakaagiwanzh aniibiishan - hemlock leaves
zhingob aniibiishan - balsam fir leaves
giizhik aniibiishan - white cedar leaves
okwemin nagek - black cherry bark
asawemin wategwaan - choke cherry twigs
gagige bag - princess pine

Utility Items

mazaanaatigoons - nettle stems (twine)
giiziso-mashkiki inaskoon - goldenrods stems
(pipes)
apakweshkway waabigwaniin - cattail flowers
(torches)
nookwezigan waabigwaniin - fleabane flowers
(smoke attracts deer bucks)
oziisigobimizh wadikwanan - willow branches
(baskets)
apakweshkway aninbiishan - cattail leaves
(weaving)
anaakanashk inaskoon - bulrush stems (weaving)
anaakanashk inaskoon - rush stems (weaving)
*angelica stems (whistles)

Ceremonial Items

miskwaabiimizh aniibishan - red willow bark
(tobacco)
wiigob ojiibikan - basswood roots (tobacco)
giizhik aniibiishan - white cedar leaves
(smudge)
mashkodewashk aniibiishan - wild sage leaves
(smudge)

Commercial Products

gagige bag - princess pine
zhingob waatigwaan - balsam fir boughs
wakikaandag gomizhomin - pine cones

Onjiakiing: biboon (Winter)
manidoo-giizisoon (December), gichi-
manidoo-giizis (January), namebini-giizis
(February)

**All of these plants may be gathered during
any season unless otherwise specified.**

Fruits jams, jellies

aniibiiminan - highbush cranberries (fall and
winter)

Tea

oginiig - rosehips (fall and winter)
apaakwaanaatig miinesan - sumac fruits (fall and
winter)
wiinisiibag aniibiishan - wintergreen leaves
mashkigobag aniibiishan - swamp tea leaves
kaakaagiwanzh aniibiishan - hemlock leaves
zhingob aniibiishan - balsam fir leaves
giizhik aniibiishan - white cedar leaves
ookwemin nagek - black cherry bark
gagige bag - princess pine

Ceremonial

miskwaabiimizh aniibishan - red willow bark
(tobacco)
wiigob ojiibikan - basswood roots (tobacco)
white cedar leaves (smudge)

Utility

jack pine roots (lacing)
black spruce roots (lacing)
balsam fir boughs (bedding)
white cedar boughs (bedding)
goldenrod stems (pipes)
angelica stems (whistles)
apakweshkway waabigwaniin - cattail flowers
(torches)
moss (insulation, diaper lining)
white birch fungus (air freshener, fire starter)

Crafts

wreaths, baskets

zhingob waatigwaan - balsam fir boughs

giizhik waatigwaan - white cedar boughs
wakikaandag gomizhomin - pine cones pine
cones
oziisigobimizh wadikwaan - willow branches

Hair Conditioners

giizhik aniibishan - white cedar leaves
bagwaji zhoomin biimaakwadoon - wild grape
vines

Wood Products

**firewood and kindling for heat and for
smoking food and hides, sleds, cradleboards,
skis, snowshoe frames, drum frames, basket
frames, lodge poles, push poles, flutes,
whistles, fish decoys, bows, Lacrosse sticks,
rice sticks, dancing sticks, taps for sap
gathering, paddles for stirring sap, furniture,
crafts**

manananoos misan - ironwood wood
moozo gawinzh misan - moosewood wood
mitigomizh misan - oak wood
apakwanagemag misan - red pine wood
zhingwaak misan - white pine wood
zhiishiigimiiwanzh misan - red maple wood
ininaatig misan - sugar maple wood
aagimaak misan - black ash wood
baapaagimaak misan - white ash wood
oziisigobimizh misan - willow wood
azaadi misan - aspen wood
azaadi misan - cottonwood wood
apaakwaanaatig misan - sumac wood
mashkiigwaatig misan - tamarack wood
giizhik misan - white cedar wood
wiigob misan - basswood wood
zhingob misan - balsam fir wood
wadoop misan - alder wood

Pitch

chewing gum, sealant

okikaandag bigiw - jack pine pitch
zhingob bigiw - balsam fir pitch
kaakaagiwanzh bigiw - hemlock pitch
apakwanagemag bigiw - red pine pitch
zhingwaak bigiw - white pine pitch