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| **Name** | **Comes from** | **Who or what?** | **Why?** |
| Januarius | [Janus](http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/roman/janus.htm) | God of Doors | This month opens the year. |
| Februarius | februo | purify | This was a Roman month of sacrifices and purification. |
| Martius | [Mars](http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/roman/mars.htm) | God of War | Start of year for soldiers (no fighting during winter) |
| Aprilis | aperire | open | This is the month when trees open their leaves. |
| Maius | [Maia](http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/roman/maia.htm)/ maiores | Goddess of Growth/ elders | This is the month when plants really start to grow, and this month celebrated those “already grown” (the elderly) |
| Junius | [Juno](http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/roman/juno.htm)/ iuvenis | Queen of the Gods/ youth | Juno is also the goddess of marriage, and this month celebrated those “about to be wed” (the youth) |
| Julius | Julius Caesar | Ruler of Rome | He reorganized the calendar. (originally Quintilis – the 5th month) |
| Augustus | Augustus Caesar | Ruler of Rome | He thought he was at least as important as Julius Caesar! (originally Sextilis – the 6th month) |
| September | septem | seven | Seventh month (counting from March- which was the originally the first month!) |
| October | octo | eight | Eighth month (counting from March) |
| November | novem | nine | Ninth month (counting from March) |
| December | decem | ten | Tenth month (counting from March) |