



mshiké — turtle / snapping turtle

mshwakés — painted turtle

boskedo — box turtle

mkenak — snapping turtle

kenak— turtle shell

There are 13 full moons each year & the **kenak** (turtle shell) represents the 13 month calendar. Starting with **ktthe mko gizes** (big bear moon [bear pictured]) & spiraling around the shell ending with **bbon gizes** (winter moon [snowflake pictured]).

1. ktthe mko gizes (big bear moon) January
2. mko gizes (bear moon) February
3. nmébné gizes (suckerfish moon) March
4. zisbakwtoké gizes (sugar making moon) April
5. wabgon gizes (blooming, blossoming moon) May
6. e'démen gizes (strawberry moon) June
7. aptë nib gizes (half summer moon) July
8. minké gizes (blueberry picking moon) August
9. wzawbëgya gizes (yellow leaves moon) September
10. bnakwi gizes (leaves falling moon) October
11. mtegwagké gizes (forest moon) November
12. giwsé gizes (hunting moon) November
13. bbon gizes (winter moon) December