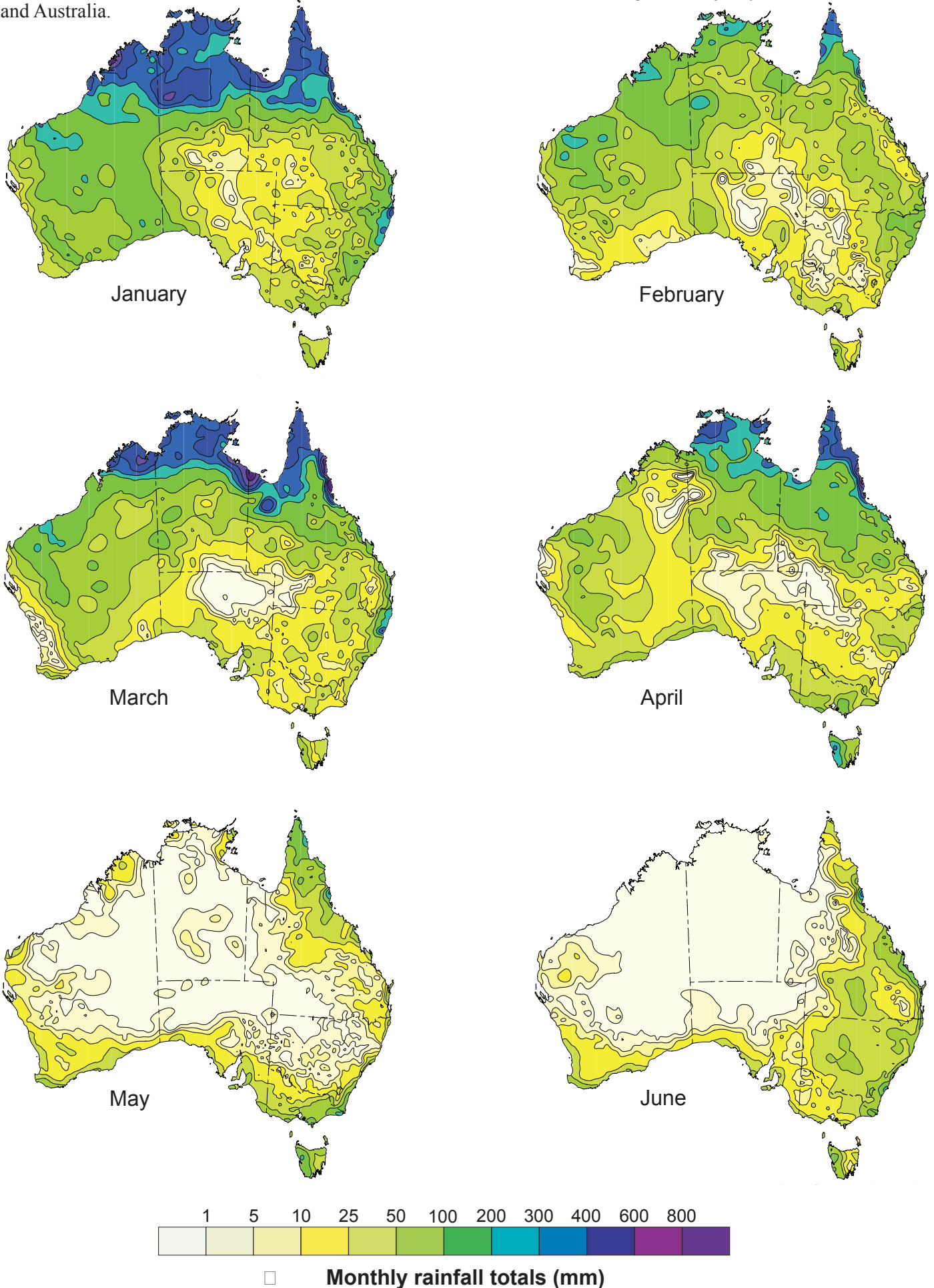
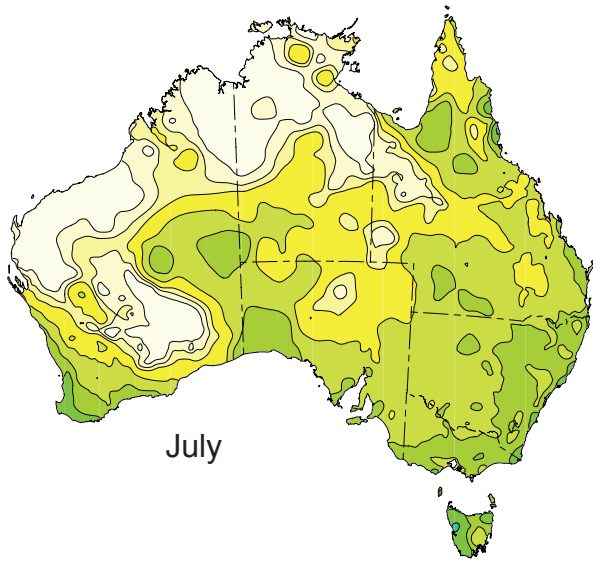


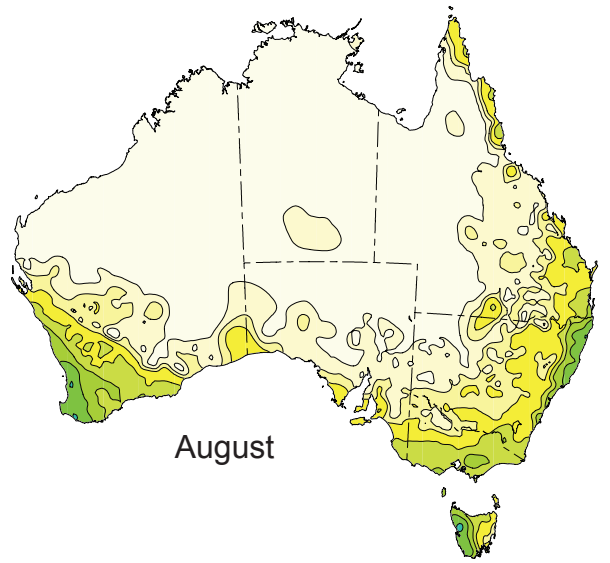
5. Monthly rainfall totals - January to December 2006

January, March, and to a lesser extent April, were the wettest months in 2006, with large areas in the tropics having more than 400 mm. Several areas, mainly near the coast, had monthly totals over 800 mm. 300 mm monthly totals occurred outside the tropics in January (NSW coast, SE Qld), March (NSW coast) and April (western Tasmania). Large parts of northern and central Australia had little or no rain from May to September, except in July when there were widespread falls over 25 mm. El Niño's influence in October saw less than 5 mm of rain fall through the majority of the eastern half of mainland Australia.

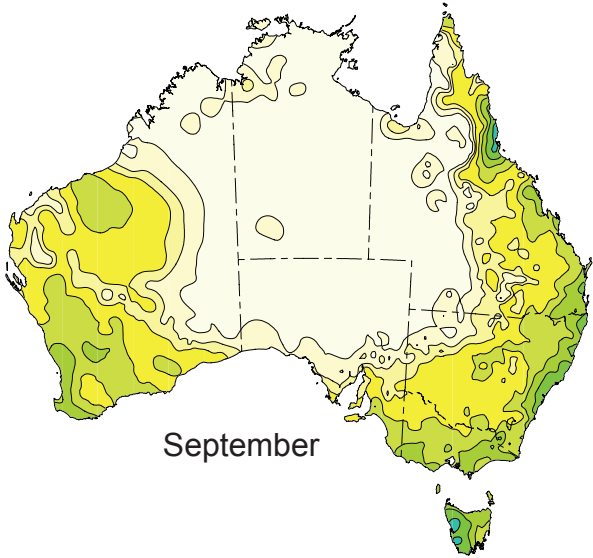




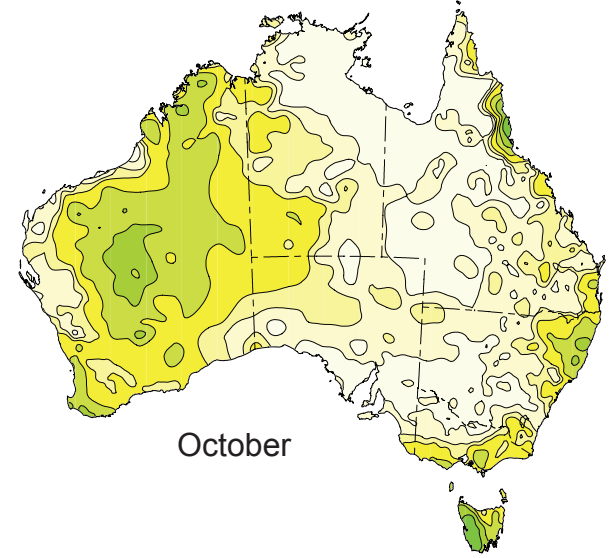
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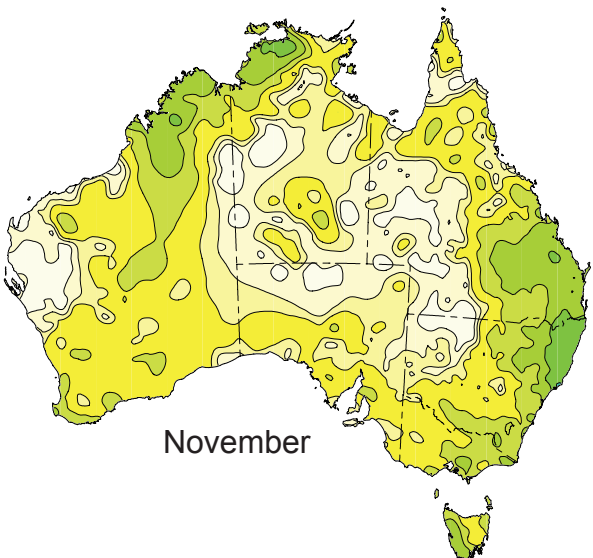
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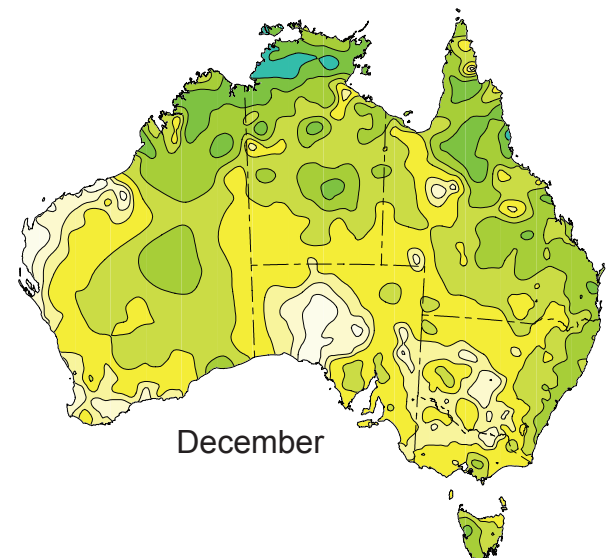
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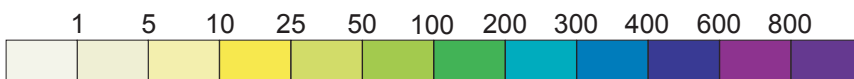
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Monthly rainfall totals (mm)