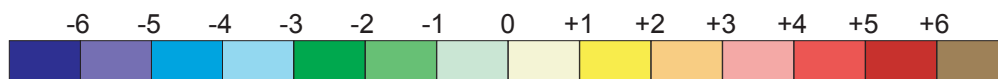
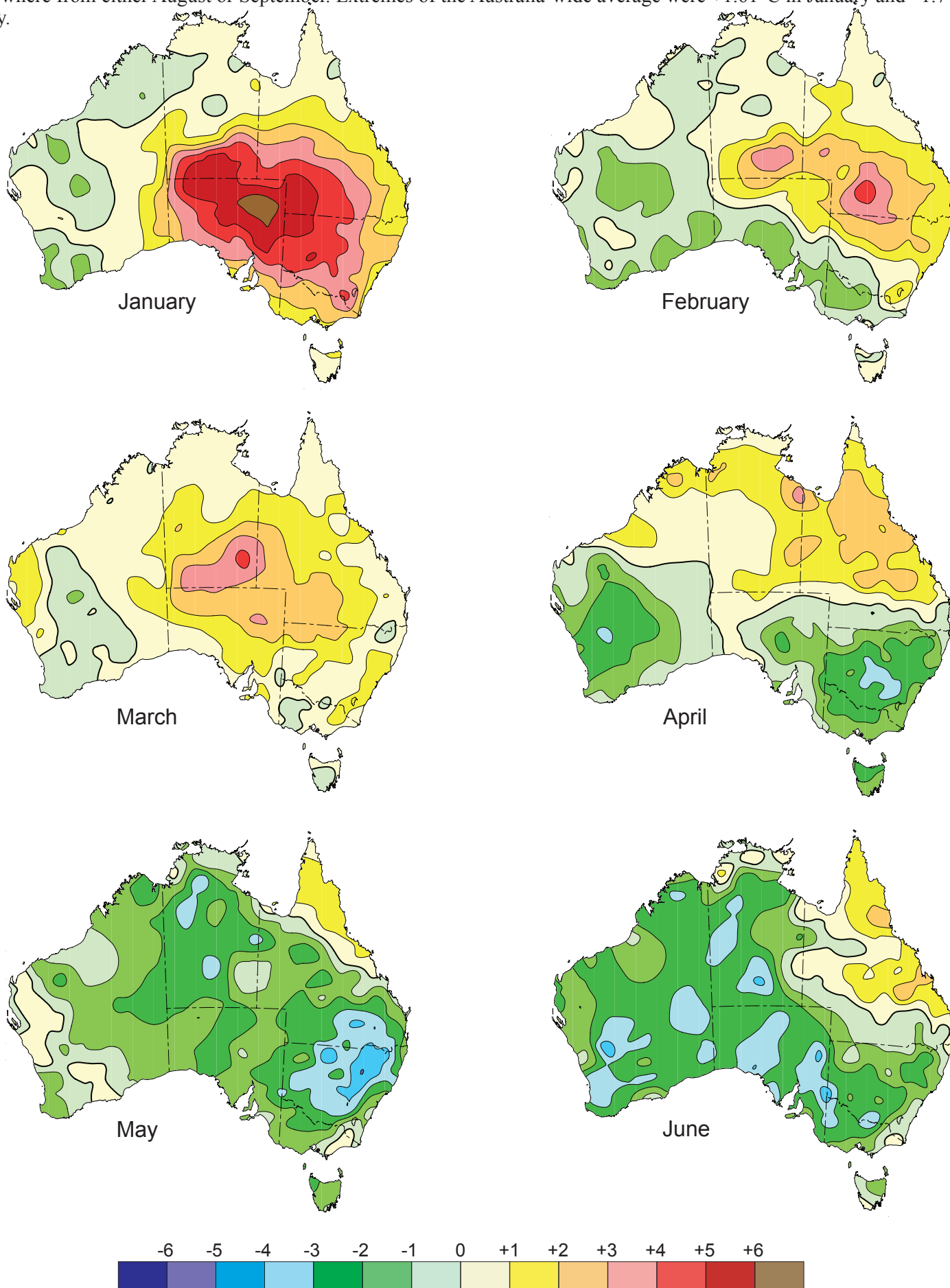
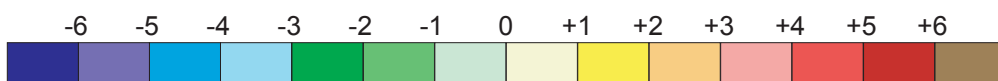
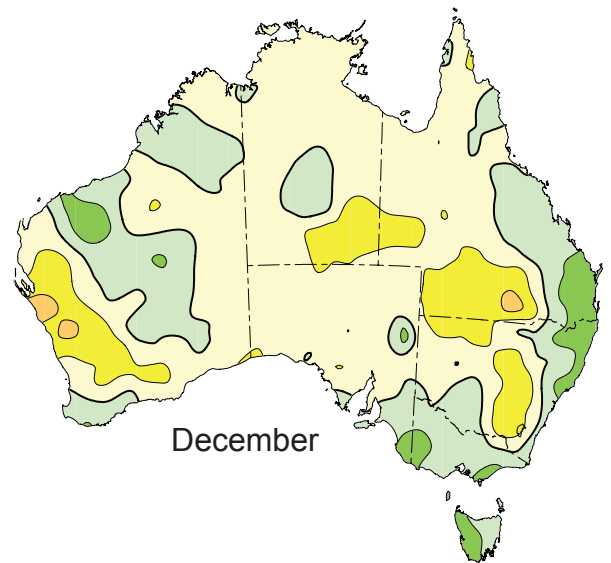
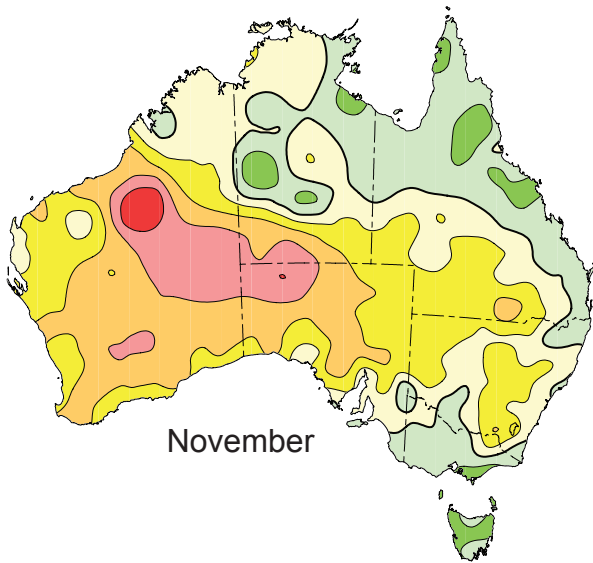
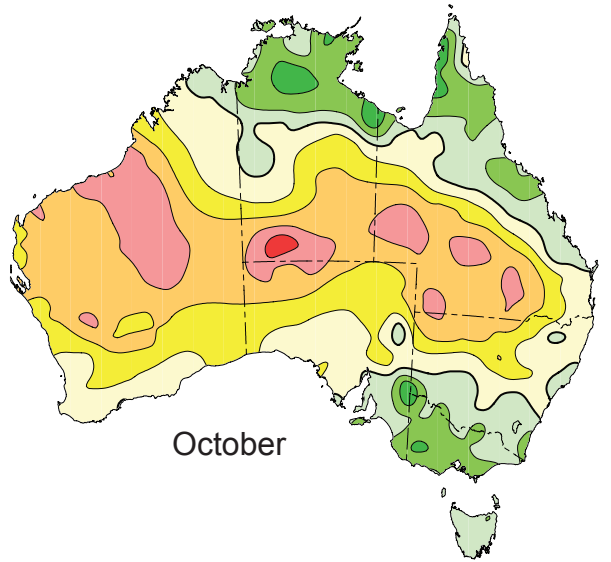
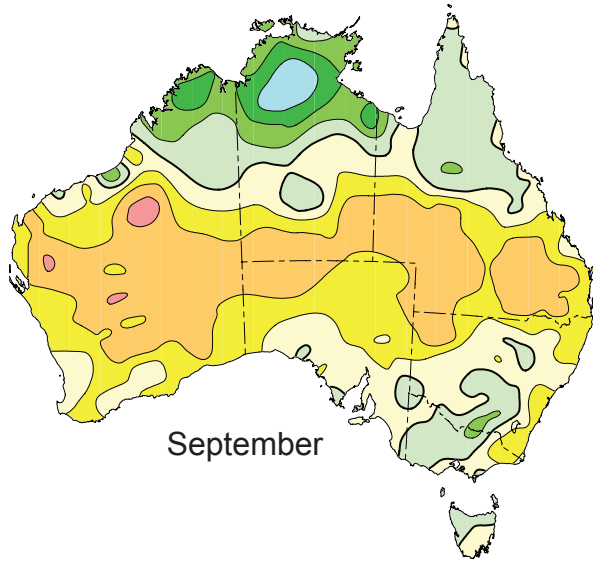
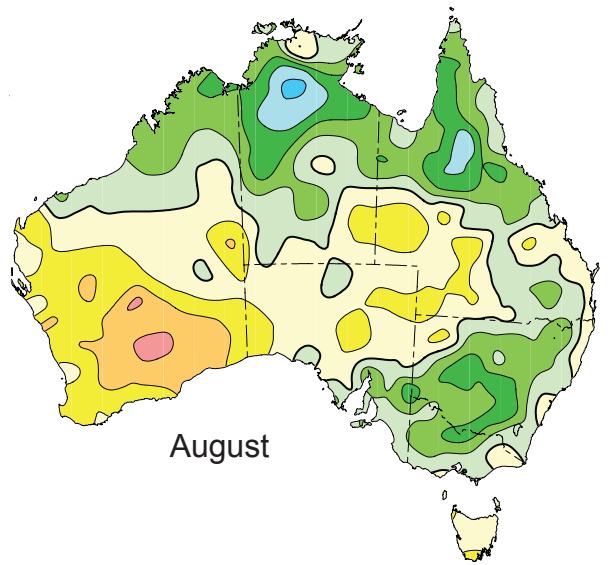
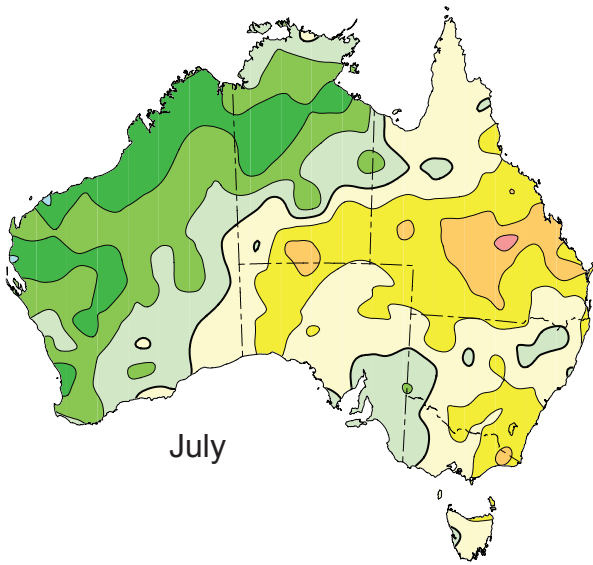


3. Monthly minimum temperatures - January to December 2006

As with the maxima, minimum temperatures from January to March were mostly warm or very warm in the east and cooler in the west. The year's highest departures were in January, with anomalies over $+6^{\circ}\text{C}$ in northern SA. Drought conditions with very cold, frosty nights featured from April to June; the year's lowest departure of -5°C occurred in central NSW in May. The far north and the southeast had generally below-normal minima from July, but nights were warmer than average elsewhere from either August or September. Extremes of the Australia-wide average were $+1.61^{\circ}\text{C}$ in January and -1.74°C in May.



□ **Minimum Temperature : Departures from average ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)**
(Based on a 30 year mean calculated from 1961-1990)



Minimum Temperature : Departures from average (°C)
 (Based on a 30 year mean calculated from 1961-1990)