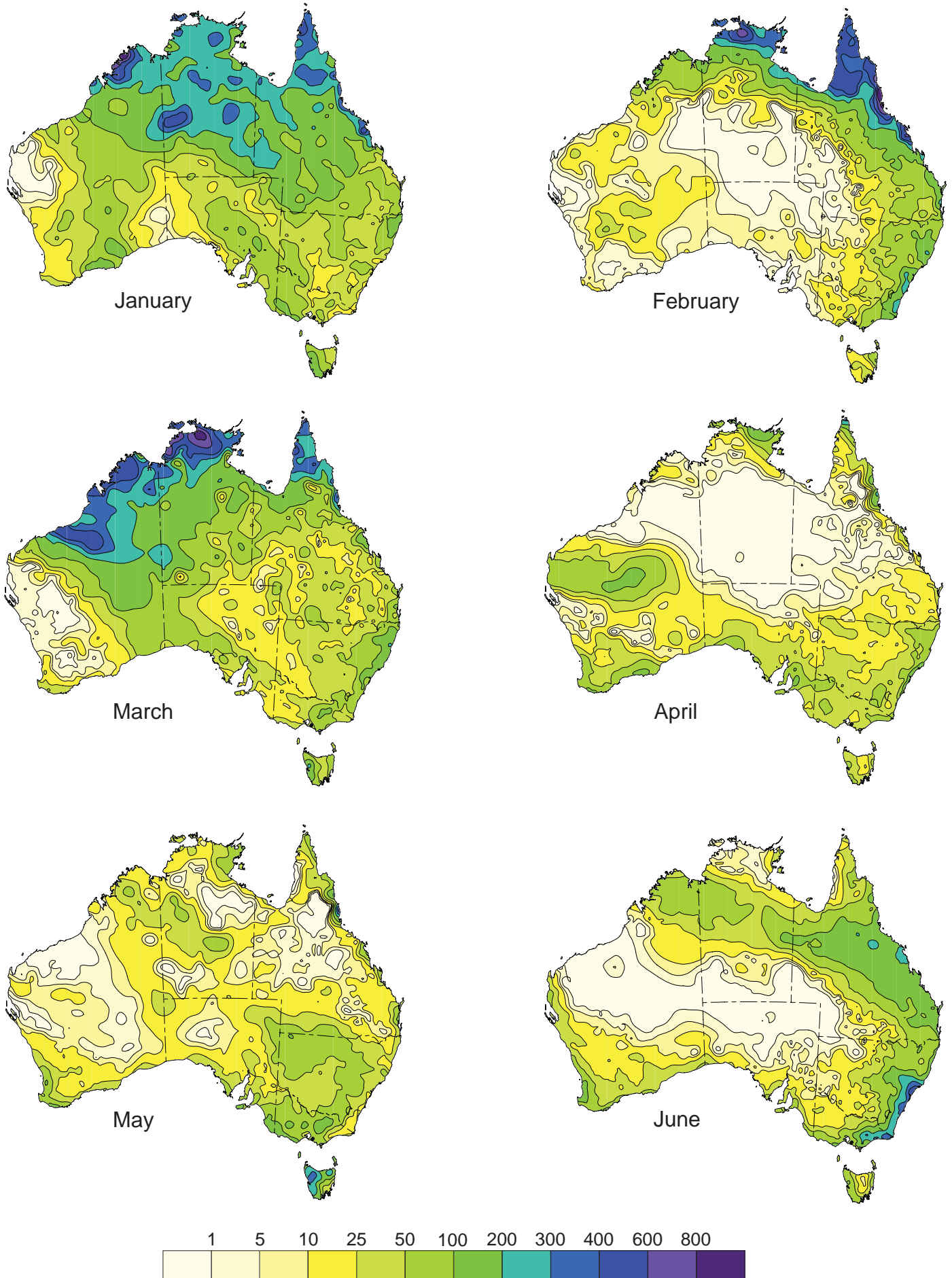


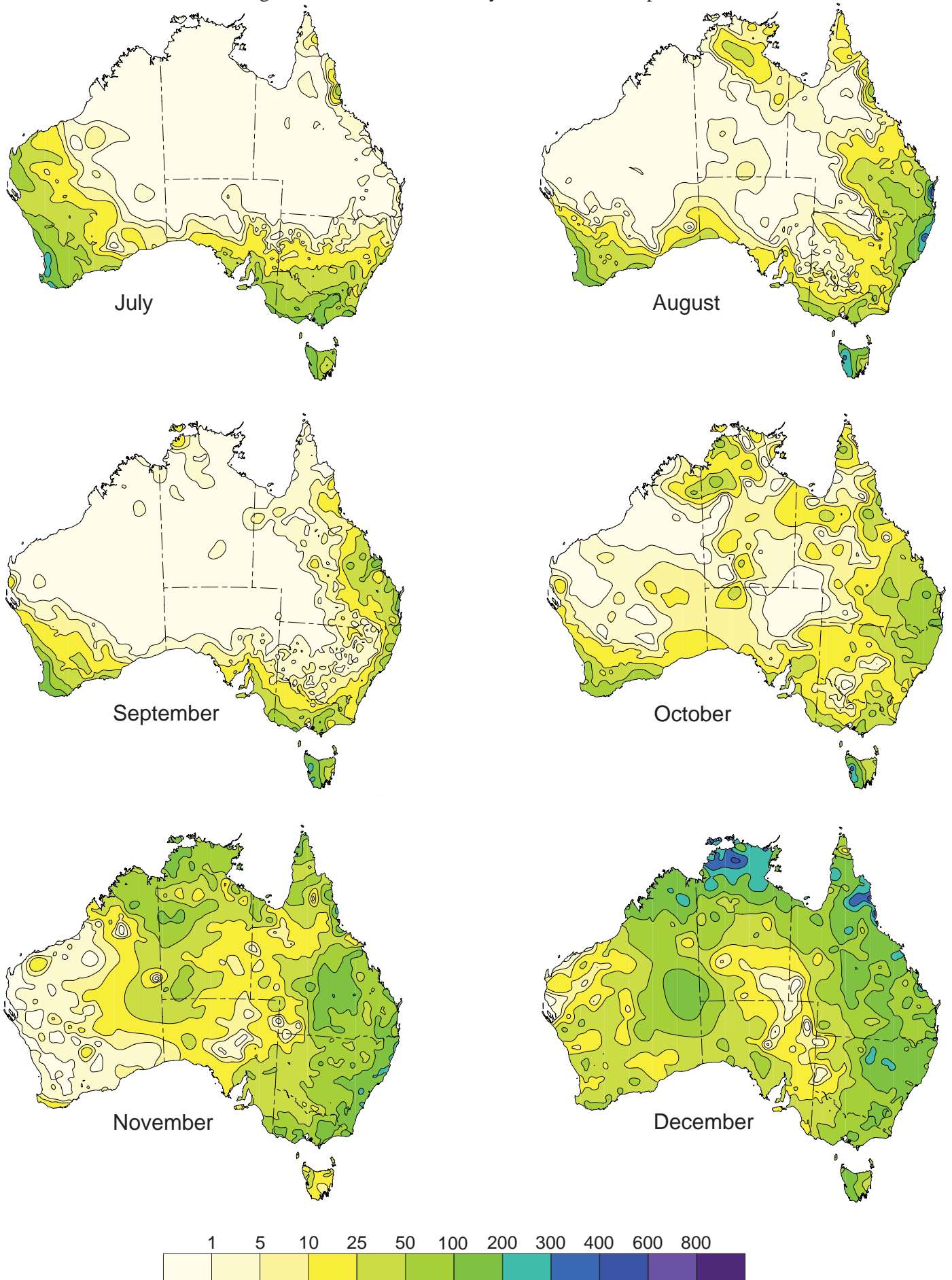
## 5. Monthly rainfall totals - January to December 2007

January and March were Australia's wettest months in 2007, with large areas in the tropics having more than 200 mm, especially WA and the NT. A few areas near the coast, had monthly totals over 800 mm, as did the region to the south of Cairns in February, a month during which 400 mm totals were mainly confined to Cape York and the Top End of the NT. Parts of north Queensland and the north of the NT also had 400 mm falls in December.



Monthly rainfall totals (mm)

Outside the tropics, 400 mm monthly totals occurred in western Tasmania (May, August, and October), Gippsland (June), NSW coast & ranges (June & August), and southeast Queensland (August). Large parts of northern and central Australia had little or no rain in April and from July to September. In June, a band from northwest WA to central Australia had less than 1 mm, but further north over the tropics, unseasonable totals over 50 mm (in many cases over 100 mm) were registered. Extremes of the Australia-wide average were 110.7 mm in January and 8.2 mm in September.



Monthly rainfall totals (mm)