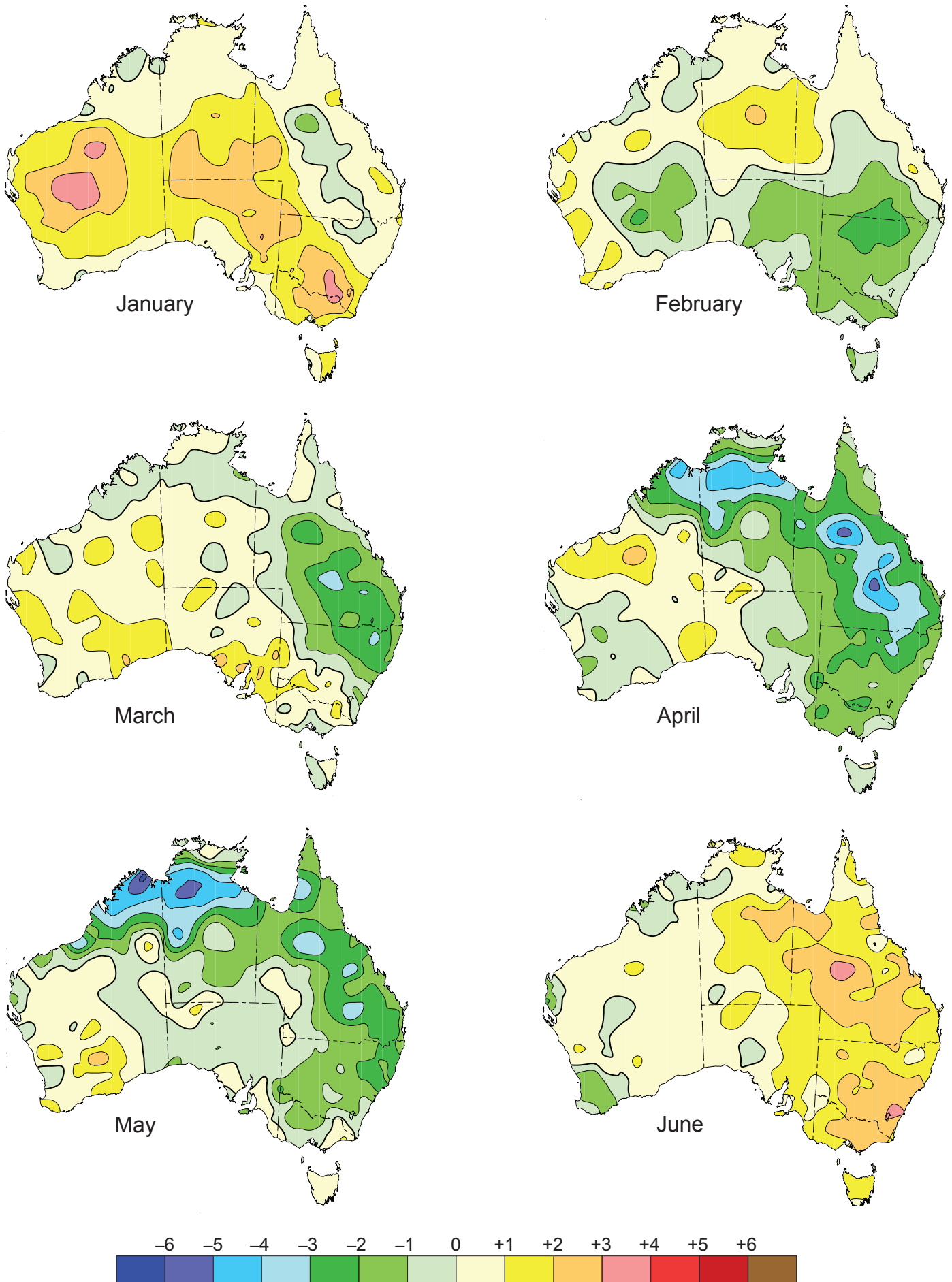


### 3. Monthly minimum temperatures - January to December 2008

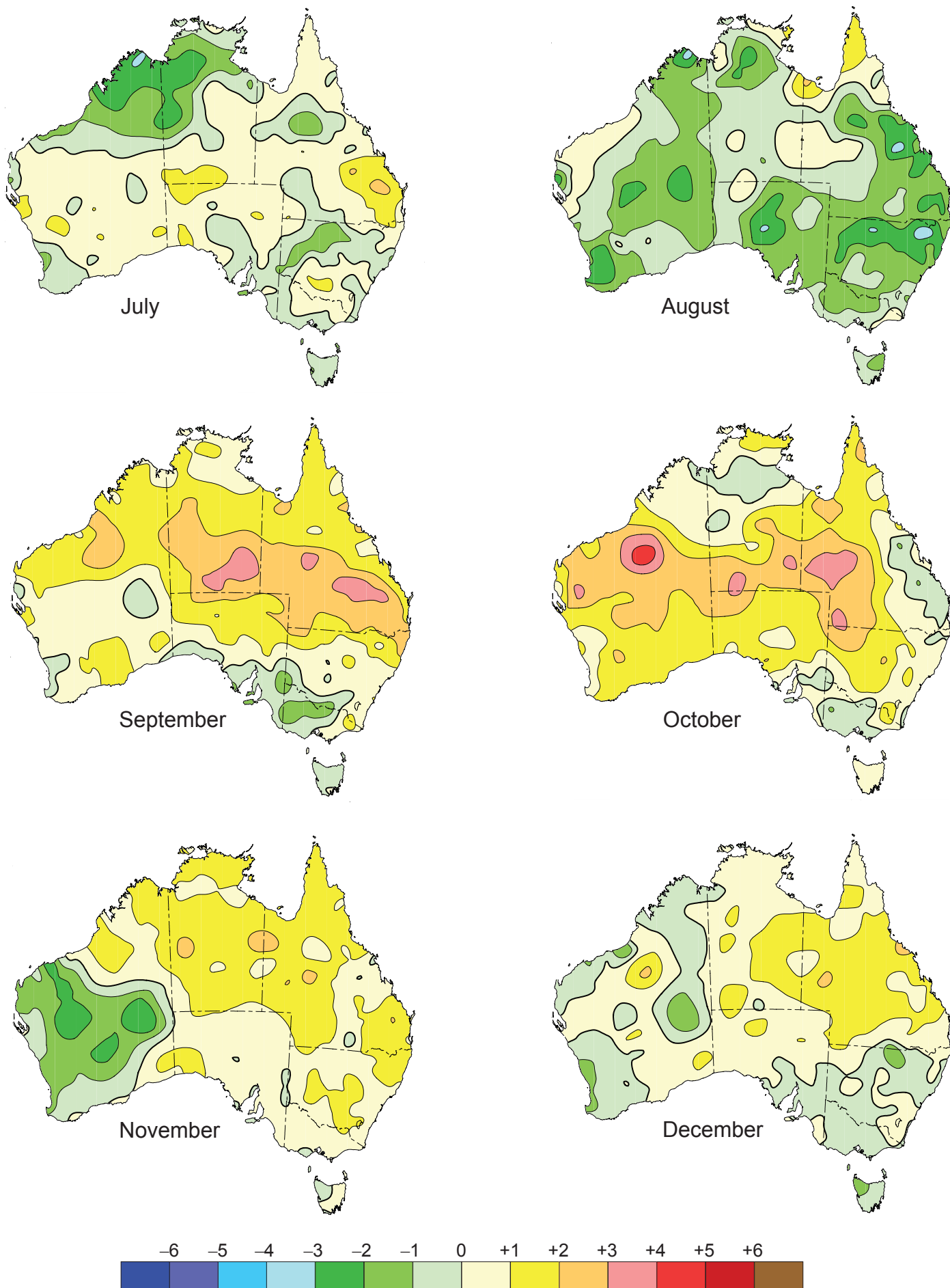
Nights were generally warmer than average (positive anomalies) in January, June, from September to November and to a lesser extent in December. Departures from normal that exceeded +2°C were widespread in the first four of these months, with the peak anomalies of +4 to +5°C being observed in the WA Pilbara in October. Negative anomalies occurred in many areas in April, May and August, while some locally intense negative departures occurred in March, July and November.



**Minimum Temperature: Departures from average (°C)**

(Based on a 30-year mean calculated from 1961-1990)

April and May were particularly cool months over northern Australia, with large areas having minima more than 3°C below average. Anomalies peaked at -6 to -7°C in a small part of the northern Kimberley in May, while -5 to -6°C anomalies occurred in Queensland in April and in the NT in May. Extremes of the Australia-wide average minimum temperature were +1.33°C in October and -1.09°C in April.



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