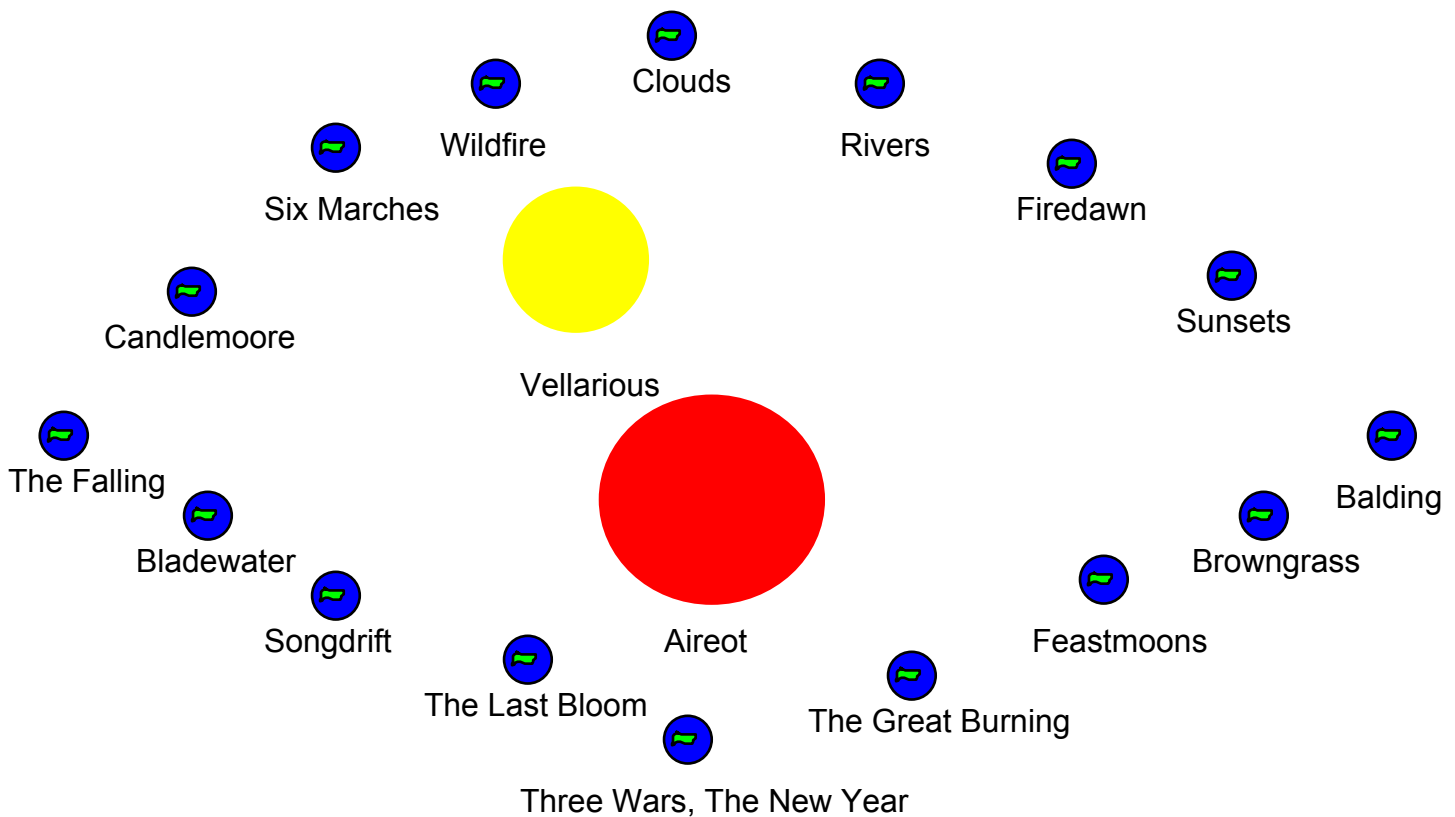


The Calendar of Man

The World of Draconspire rotates around the Stars Vellarious and Aireot once every 432 Days, its day is roughly 24 hours in length. The orbit of Draconspire gives the planet eight distinct seasons separated into sixteen Months. The Calendar of Man developed 2308 years ago by scholars and mages of Dana with the assistance of Yurland Burfoot, a Cleric of Sardack, the years are abbreviated into CM. Each month is composed of exactly 27 days, 3 weeks (called counts) of nine days each. The world of Draconspire does not have traditional satellites. An asteroid field known as Rytol (The World Belt) circles the world of Draconspire and is visible day and night. Some of its larger asteroids are named and well known. Of the five prime races Humans use the calendar unerringly, Elves have come to adapt it as of late. Dwarves on the other hand use a simple form of time based on family generations and the passing of its members. For example, if a Human and Dwarf were asked the date a Human may reply 2308 while the Dwarf would respond by stating the last birth or death in his clan's history. Dwarves have a hard time adapting to the Calendar of Man, they use the passing and birth of clan members in place of seasons and stars due to the underground climate and skyless vantage they have evolved in. Other forms of time passage and its recording exist in Draconspire, but the Calendar of Man is the main accepted form.



The Months and The Seasons

The first of the year is in Summer, as Draconspire approaches its closest encounter with Aireot. The Months are divided into eight groups of two, the eight seasons. They pass as follows.

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| 1. Three Wars | 5. Balding | 9. Clouds | 13. The Falling |
| 2. The Great Burning | 6. Sunsets | 10. Wildfire | 14. Bladewater |
| 3. Feastmoons | 7. Firedawn | 11. Six Marches | 15. Songdrift |
| 4. Browngrass | 8. Rivers | 12. Candlemoore | 16. The Last Bloom |

Months 1,2,9 & 10 are the summer months. 3,4,11 & 12 are fall.

Months 5,6,13 & 14 are winter months. 7,8,15 & 16 are spring.

The Days of The Count

The week (Count) of a Month is nine days long, each month has 3 Counts. From beginning to finish the days are as follows.

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| 1. Oathday | 2. Hearth | 3. Setout | 4. Fourthday | 5. Midspan |
| 6. Revel | 7. Seventhday | 8. Drawing | 9. Restingday | |

Putting it all Together

The way one writes or tells the date might take this format.

“ Today is the Second Drawing of Bladewater 2308 CM “

“ Today is the First Count of Setout in Songdrift “

Solar Events: The Wartide: At the new year, on the 1st Oathday of Threewars the Wartide begins to wax. This is when the planets orbit places Aireot between it and Vellarious. During this time a crimson hue is cast on the surface of Draconspire, this continues until the 3rd Resting day of The Great Burning at which time the Wartide wanes. During this time arcane spell casters cast all spells at +1 caster level and divine spell casters cast all spells at -1 caster level (to a minimum of 1st level).

The Goldcast: Similarly, on the 1st Oathday of Wildfire, the Goldcast begins to wax. This is when the planets orbit places Vellarious between it and Aireot. During this time a golden hue is cast on the surface of Draconspire, this continues until the 3rd Resting day of Six Marches when the Goldcast wanes. During this time divine spell casters cast all spells at +1 caster level and arcane spell casters cast all spells at -1 caster level (to a minimum of 1st level).

Rytol (The World Belt): Long before recorded history, Rytol was a planet much like Draconspire. Its demise was sealed in the battle that ensued between the Shattered Pantheon and the Five, some of its residents were spared mass extinction by the gods, others escaped through the few portals which linked the two worlds. In any case, the “aberrations” of Rytol made Draconspire their new home. Adamantine is another gift from Rytol, alien to Draconspire but abundant on its sister world, some of its fragments rained down upon Draconspire in the destruction.