

# Birthstone Information

Birthstones tend to be a very personal choice, even to the point that people who don't like the colour of their true birthstone will find any excuse to claim another. You may notice that the colours of the modern and traditional birthstones tend to be the same, implying that (historically speaking) the traditional colour is the important consideration and blue topaz would not be an acceptable birthstone choice for November, only golden topaz. Also, blue sapphire is the traditional colour for September. Note that sapphires come in every colour of the rainbow (except hues of red, given the name ruby), as do tourmalines and even diamonds. Garnet, usually thought of as a red birthstone, actually is available in a variety of colours including orange, green, and even the lovely deep purple colour of grapes. Remember, however here at **Crystal Connection** we believe that there are no wrong birthstone choices. And we can take any stone and turn it into a unique, personal gift for you or any member of your family.

It would seem that the custom of wearing birthstones first became popular in Poland during the fifteenth or sixteenth century. And it is thought that each birthstone is worn in turn during its month, as the power of the stone is heightened at that time. This would seem to be an excuse for buying all twelve stones and rotating them.

Most scholars believe that the original tradition of birthstones arose from the breastplate of Aaron, a ceremonial garment set with gemstones to represent the twelve tribes of Israel. These were set in gold filigree and each stone was engraved with the name of the tribe. People of Jewish heritage may wish to select their birthstones based on tribal names. Paul E Desautels (1920-1991) the curator of minerals at the US National Museum of Natural History, author of the Gem Kingdom offered the following list which uses modern gemstone names.

RUEBEN	CARNELIAN
SIMEON	PERIDOT
LEVI	EMERALD
JUDAH	GARNET
ISSACHER	LAPIS LAZULI
ZEBULUN	ROCK CRYSTAL
JOSEPH	ZIRCON
BENJAMIN	AGATE
DAN	AMETHYST
NAPHTALI	CITRINE
GAD	ONYX
ASSHER	JASPER

The choice as always is with the customer. For a wide selection of tumbled gemstones, collector's minerals and birthstone jewellery visit [www.crystalconnection.co.uk](http://www.crystalconnection.co.uk)

# SEPTEMBER

MODERN BIRTHSTONE SAPPHIRE  
ZODIAC FOR VIRGO CARNELIAN

## ANCIENT TRADITIONAL BIRTHSTONES



September  
Sapphire

HEBREW	PERIDOT
ROMAN	PERIDOT
ARABIC	PERIDOT
HINDU	ZIRCON
POLISH	PERIDOT



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For those who were born in the month of September the Sapphire is the traditional birthstone.

Some of the properties the Sapphire is associated - truth, sincerity and constancy. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties are clairvoyance, insight and interpretation. The healing properties are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to lowering fevers and inflammation, hearing problems, cancer and burns.

The Sapphire is also used to enhance the influences of Venus and to banish evil thoughts.

Egyptians once associated the clear sapphire with the eye of Horas, the "eye in the sky". Sapphires were used by Greeks to tap into their subconscious mind by opening of the "third eye".

The September birthstone, Sapphire, is chemically and structurally the same as Ruby - both are varieties of the mineral corundum Sapphires are well known among the general public as being blue, but can be nearly any colour except shades of red or pink (since those are called rubies).

The blue colour is by far the most popular colour for sapphire but orange-pink, golden, white, and even black have generated much interest in the gem trade. Tennis bracelets are available that contain a complete rainbow of sapphire gemstones.

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