

# ICAS representation of uniform decades

with ICAS, it is possible to save both time and character-space.

table MMd0-01 - ICAS terms for uniform decades

long	short	name	supplemental
1990–1999	y0–y9	Ypthima	butterfly
2000–2009	c0–c9	Cordulia	dragonfly
2010–2019	d0–d9	Delphastus	beetle
2020–2029	e0–e9	Echinopla	ant

term set reference: AAT ICAS 3110

when a sequence structure of ICAS terms for decade is organized according to a specification for sequence structure of ICAS elements described in *AAT ICAS 1400*, then short form encoding of calendar year data (or metadata) about years can be both alphanumerically and chronologically sortable for up to a century group of 200 years.

keep track of the long form however, to ensure that 'y9' (1999) is not interpreted as occurring chronologically after 'c0' (2000).

with ICAS, it is also possible to be more clear about more uses of more calendar and clock information.