How To Calculate When Orla Is Over

You may eat tree fruit if the tree's buds appeared after *Tu B'Shvat* of the fourth year. This may be a span of only 2.5 years if the tree was planted on or before *Tu B'Av* (at least 45 days before *Rosh Hashana):*

1st Year *Tu B'Av* to *Rosh Hashana* #1
2nd Year *Rosh Hashana* #1 to *Rosh Hashana* #2
3rd Year *Rosh Hashana* #2 to *Rosh Hashana* #3
4th Year *Rosh Hashana* #3 to *Tu B'Shvat*

EXAMPLE

A fruit tree planted on *Tu B'Av*, Aug. 15, 2011, will be one year old 6 weeks later, on *Rosh Hashana*, Sept. 29, 2011. By *Rosh Hashana*, Sept. 5, 2013, the tree will have completed three years and it enters its fourth year. Buds that appear on or after *Tu B'Shvat*, Jan. 15, 2014, and turn into fruit will be *neta revai* and may be redeemed and eaten.

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