

Definitions starting with J: jack-o'-lantern

(Black); jack-ma-lantern (Andros) [cf. Montserrat jak lánchan (I. Wells), Trin. jackalantan (Ottley 45), US Black Jack o ma lantern (Smiley 1919: 363), all similar; cf. OED jack-o'-lantern will-o'-the wisp, something misleading or elusive; US dial. jack-m'lantern a light that goes about at night to mislead people, carrying them who follow through briars and swamps ADD] n. a ghostly light appearing in the forest at night to mislead people: The light [on the dark road] then disappeared. This made us frightened, since we had heard so much about "Jack O 'Lantern" we thought perhaps this was one (COB). (Black)

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