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adj.

Biology

Relating to or exhibiting approximately 24-hour periodicity.

[Latin *circā*, around; see [CIRCA](#) + Latin *diēs*, day; see [dyeu-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cir·ca di·an·ly *adv.*

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