

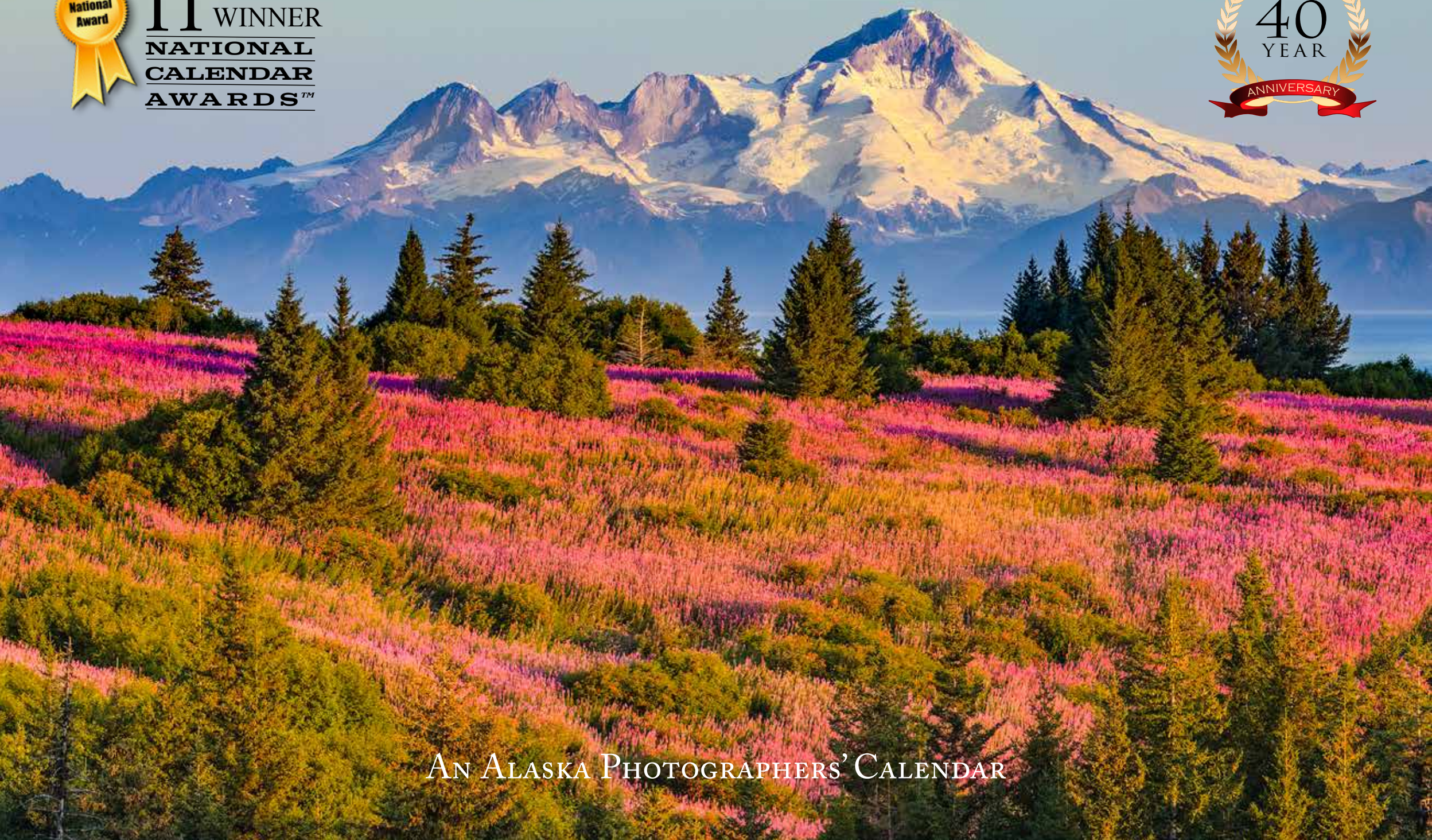
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Nugget Falls, Juneau

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<p><b>DECEMBER 2024</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>Nugget Falls is a breathtakingly beautiful waterfall near the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska. The Nugget Glacier feeds the waterfall and drops over 370 feet into a picturesque pool below. Visitors can reach the falls via a short, scenic hike from the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center.</p> 	<p><b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY</p> <p>City and Borough of Juneau, 1970 Governor Tony Knowles, 1943- Fairbanks-North Star, Kenai Peninsula, and Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs, 1964</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Sitka fire destroyed St. Michael's Cathedral, 1966 Robert Marshall, forester, 1901-1939</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>President Eisenhower signed Alaska statehood proclamation, 1959</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Alessandro Malaspina, navigator, 1754-1809; Federal government sold Alaska Railroad to state, 1985</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Barry Lopez, author, 1945-2020 Mt. Trident (Katmai NP) erupted, 1961</p>	<p><b>7</b> Eastern Orthodox Christmas</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968 First issue of <i>The Alaska Free Press</i> (Juneau), 1887</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Baron Ferdinand Von Wrangell, Russian governor, 1797-1870</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Keith Nyitray arrived in Kotzebue, 1990, having walked length of Brooks Range</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Jack London, writer, 1876-1916</p>	<p><b>13</b> Full moon 🌕</p> <p>Celia Hunter, conservationist, 1919-2001 Submarine <i>USS Alaska</i> launched, 1985 First issue of <i>Anchorage Daily News</i>, 1946</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Record 2.145 million barrels of oil flowed through the pipeline in one day, 1988</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968 First issue of <i>The Alaska Free Press</i> (Juneau), 1887</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Record 47.5" 24-hr. snowfall, Valdez, 1990 1 billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 1980 Robert Service, poet, 1874-1958</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Direct long-distance phone service to Alaska began, 1959</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Observed)</p> <p>Cape Newenham National Wildlife Refuge established, 1969</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Colonel James Steese, civil engineer and soldier, 1882-1958</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>John B. Mertic, Jr., geologist, 1888-1980</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>First sunrise of year, Utqiagvik (Barrow)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Alaska's first pulp mill opened, Juneau, 1921</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>-82°F at Coldfoot (unofficial), 1989</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>First dog team left Nenana with serum for Nome, 1925; Alaska Board of Road Commissioners established, 1905</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Chinese New Year New moon 🌑</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Record North American high pressure, 31.74 inches, Northway, Alaska 1989</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>

## T'aawáḱ Dísi

canada goose month; when geese fly and call (Lingit)




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# January 2025



Great gray owl, Anchorage

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<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>The Great Gray Owl is one of North America's largest owls, with a wing span of up to five feet. They are skilled hunters known for their silent flight, exceptional hearing, and are easily recognized by a unique facial disk framed by a ruff of gray feathers and piercing yellow eyes.</p> 	30	31	1	<p>Joe Reddington, Sr., musher, 1917-1999 U.S. Forest Service established, 1905 First issue of <i>The Daily Alaskan</i>, Skagway, 1898</p>
<p>2 Marmot Day (Alaska)</p> <p>Alaska Highway route is chosen, 1942 Diphtheria serum delivered to Nome by dogsled relay, 1925</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>First scheduled commercial airline flight to Deadhorse, 1969 Archdiocese of Anchorage, 1966</p>	79-inch snowfall in Valdez (3rd-6th), 1996	<p>Gov. Sarah Palin, 1964-; Marie Drake, author of "Alaska's Flag," 1888-1963</p>	<p>Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) Full moon 🌕</p> <p>White Pass &amp; Yukon Railroad shops burned, Skagway, 1932</p>	<p>Senator Ernest Gruening, 1887-1974</p>	<p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>Alexander Baranof, first Russian governor of Alaska, 1747-1819</p>	<p>Elmer Rasmuson, pioneer banker and philanthropist, 1909-2000</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Alaska)</p> <p>ARCO and Humble Oil announce discovery of oil at Prudhoe Bay, 1968</p>	<p><b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b> George Washington (1732-1799)</p>		<p>Roxy Wright-Champagne became first woman to win World Championship Sled Dog Race, Anchorage, 1989</p>	<p>Fred Machetanz, artist, 1908-2002 First passenger train to White Pass, 1899 Walter Mendenhall, geologist, 1871-1957</p>	<p>Heritage Day (Yukon Territory)</p> <p>Eielson made first airmail delivery in Alaska, Fairbanks-McGrath, 1924</p>	<p>Kluane, Nahanni, and Baffin Islands national parks established, Canada, 1972</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	<p>First commercial airline flight, Europe-Orient via Anchorage, 1957</p>	<p>E. H. Harriman, financier, 1848-1909</p>	<p>Alaska oil closes above \$100/barrel, 2008 Pope John Paul II in Anchorage, 1981 Glacier Bay National Monument, 1925 Mt. McKinley National Park, 1917 Arctic Brotherhood, Skagway, 1899</p>	<p>New moon 🌑</p> <p>President Harding established National Petroleum Reserve-4 on North Slope, 1923 Bering Sea National Wildlife Refuge, 1909</p>	<p>First winter ascent of Denali, 1967</p>	

# Veegwaadhat

the leftover (Gwich'in)

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# February

## 2025



Easter Creek and Killik River, Gates of the Arctic National Park

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<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>The Killik River in Alaska's Brooks Range flows through the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. Rugged mountains, pristine tundra, and vast expanses of untouched wilderness surround the river making it a favored destination for hikers seeking unspoiled natural beauty.</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1 Susan Butcher Day (Alaska)</p> <p>Gov. Keith Miller, 1925-; Ephraim Agnot, Sr., Native elder, 1926-1995 Olaus Murie, biologist, 1889-1963</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>First Iditarod Sled Dog Race, 1973 Board of Trade Saloon opened, Nome, 1901; Trade and Manufacturing Act extended to Alaska, 1891</p>	<p>4</p> <p>World's Winter Special Olympics, largest sporting event ever held in Alaska, opened in Anchorage, 2001 (2,750 athletes) Capt. James Cook, navigator, 1728-1779</p>	<p>5 Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>First successful solo winter ascent of Mt. Denali completed, Vern Tejas, 1988; Sonny Lindner won the first Yukon Quest, 1984; Fire destroyed McCarthy, 1919</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Daylight Saving Time begins</p> <p>Troops arrived in Dawson Creek to build Alaska Highway, 1942</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Georg Wilhelm Steller, scientist, 1709-1746</p>	<p>11</p> <p>First cruise ship sailings to Alaska canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, 2020; Admiral Vasilii Chichagov, Russian navigator, 1726-1809</p>	<p>12</p> <p>DC-4 crashed on Mt. Sanford, killing 30, 1948; Alaska Railroad authorized, 1914 Mike Stepovich, territorial gov., 1919-2014</p>	<p>13 Purim begins Full moon 🌕</p> <p>Lance Mackey first musher to win both Yukon Quest and Iditarod Sled Dog Race in same year, 2007; Hurricane-force, icy winds ripped through southcentral Alaska, 2003</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Alaska-Seattle commercial passenger service, International Airways, 1929</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>First winter ascent of Mt. Logan, Tejas party, 1986</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Baranof Castle (Governor's House) burned, Sitka, 1894</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Spring Equinox</p> <p>Denali Princess Hotel burned, 1996; Libby Riddles won Iditarod, 1985; Allen Expedition left Nuchuk, 1885; Gen. Wilds Preston Richardson, civil engineer, 1861-1929</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Women's suffrage in Alaska, 1913</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Sitka National Monument, 1910</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, 1989. Adak Naval Facility closed, 1997. Robert Atwood, publisher, 1907-1997</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>White Alice communication system dedicated, Elmendorf AFB, 1958 Richard G. McConnell, Canadian geologist, 1857-1942</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Mount Augustine erupted, 1986 Robert Reeve, pioneer aviator, 1902-1980 Largest recorded earthquake in North America (RS 9.2) hit Alaska, 1964</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Gov. Frank Murkowski, 1933-</p>	<p>29 Vietnam Veterans' Day (Alaska)</p> <p>New moon 🌑</p> <p>Copper River and Northwestern Railroad completed, 1911</p>
<p>30</p> <p>William Seward signed Alaska Purchase treaty from Russia, 1867</p>	<p>31 Seward's Day (Alaska)</p> <p>Adak Naval Facility closed, 1997</p>					

## Taqukat Tanqiat

seals' month (Cup'ig)

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# March

## 2025



Harbor seals, Copper River Delta

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<p>The Copper River Delta in Alaska is an essential habitat for harbor seals, with thousands of seals using the area to rest, breed, and raise their young. The delta provides ideal conditions for seals, with a mix of shallow waters, sandbars, and tidal flats providing a rich food source.</p> 		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Nunavut Territory established, Canada, 1999</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Fishing vessel <i>Arctic Rose</i> sank in Gulf of Alaska, 15 died, 2001; Frank Peratrovich, legislator and Native leader, 1895-1984</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Dick Willmarth won first Iditarod, 1973 Taylor and Anderson reached Denali's North Summit, 1910; 65 people died in Chilkoot Pass, 1898; John Burroughs, naturalist, 1837-1921; William Duncan, missionary, 1832-1918</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Ripple Rock detonated in Seymour Narrows, 1958; First officially approved survey in Alaska (U.S. Survey #2), 1892</p>																																																																																								
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Rep. Nicholas Begich, 1932-1972</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>William Ogilvie, surveyor, 1846-1912</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Alaska-Juneau Mine closed, 1944 Russell Merrill, pioneer aviator, 1894-1929</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Edward Hoffman, Native leader, 1917-1987</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Rep. Howard Pollock, 1920-2011 Troops began construction of pioneer road for Alaska Highway, Ft. Nelson, BC, 1942</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Passover begins Full moon 🌕</p> <p>Father Aloysius Robaut, missionary, 1855-1930</p>																																																																																								
<p><b>13</b> Palm Sunday</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> US tax returns due</p> <p>Nunivak Island National Wildlife Refuge established, 1929</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Sir John Franklin, explorer, 1786-1847</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sheldon Jackson College opened, Sitka, 1878; Treaty of St. Petersburg signed by U. S. and Russia, 1824</p>	<p><b>18</b> Good Friday</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Senate approved Alaska Purchase, 1867 V. M. Golovnin, Russian navigator, 1776-1831</p>																																																																																								
<p><b>20</b> Easter</p> <p>Sen. E. L. "Bob" Bartlett, 1904-1968 Sir William Logan, first director of the Canadian Geological Survey, 1798-1875</p>	<p><b>21</b> Easter Monday (Canada) Eastern Orthodox Easter</p> <p>John Muir, naturalist, 1838-1914</p>	<p><b>22</b> Earth Day</p> <p>Chilkat State Park, 1970 Betzi Woodman, journalist, 1913-1990</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Lake and Peninsula Borough, 1989</p>	<p><b>25</b> Arbor Day</p> <p>Joe Crosson made first landing on Muldrow Glacier, Mt. Denali, 1932</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Second huge fire swept Dawson City, 1899</p>																																																																																								
<p><b>27</b> New moon 🌑</p> <p>13 billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 2000 Flowers mushed solo to magnetic North Pole from Northwest Territories, 1991</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Construction began on "Haul Road," 1974</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Henry Allen, explorer, 1859-1930 First winner, Nenana Ice Classic, 1917</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	15		16	17	18	19	20	21	22		23	24	25	26	27	28	29		30	31							<p><b>MAY</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </table>					1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15	16	17		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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## Tinmirrat Tatqiat

month of geese (Kobuk River Iñupiaq)

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# April

## 2025



Lupine meadow, Chugach National Forest

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<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>Lupine wildflower meadows are a common sight in Alaska during the summer months, and they provide a stunning display of vibrant colors against the rugged mountain landscape. Lupines are well adapted to the harsh climate of Alaska and can grow in a variety of soil types and elevations.</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Moose named "official land mammal," 1998; Roy Peratrovich, Native leader, 1901-1989</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>President Reagan met Pope John Paul II, Fairbanks, 1984; Fire swept Cordova, 1963; Benson's territorial flag design adopted, 1927</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Homestead Act extended to Alaska by Congress, 1903; Chief James McKinley, Ahtna traditional chief, 1899-1991</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Charles Hoyt, journalist, 1925-1974 Wilderness established in Alaska state parks, 1972</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Gov. Michael Dunleavy, 1961- Hubert H. Bancroft, historian, 1832-1918</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Yukon River floods, 2009</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>William Paul, Native leader, 1885-1977</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Chugach State Park, 1970 Edward Nelson, biologist, 1855-1934</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Kachemak Bay State Park, 1970 George Davidson, geographer, 1825-1911</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Exxon Oil spill reached Katmai NP, 1989</p>
<p><b>11</b> Mother's Day</p> <p>Sun will not set in Barrow until July 30 U. S. Army landed on Attu, 1943</p>	<p><b>12</b> Full moon ☾</p> <p>Farley Mowat, author, 1921-2014</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Sen. Mike Gravel, 1930- Dirigible <i>Norge</i> landed in Teller as first airship to pass over the North Pole, 1926</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Capt. Jim Binkley, tourism pioneer, 1920-2003</p>	<p><b>17</b> Armed Forces Day</p> <p>First commercial long-distance call from Fairbanks, 1945; First Organic Act, 1884 Native Allotment Act, 1906</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Sheldon Jackson, educator, 1834-1909</p>	<p><b>19</b> Victoria Day (Canada) Arbor Day (Alaska)</p> <p>First American scientific expedition to Russian America, Chicago-Ft. Yukon, 1859</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>John Borden, financier, 1884-1961</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Sen. Lisa Murkowski, 1957-</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>First live radio broadcast from Denali's summit, 1984; Rep. Ralph Rivers, 1903-1976</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Final weld on Trans-Alaska Pipeline, 1977 Senate ratified Alaska Purchase, 1867</p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> MEMORIAL DAY New moon ●</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Construction began on White Pass and Yukon Railroad, 1898</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Father Bernard Hubbard, priest, author and naturalist, 1888-1962; President Andrew Johnson signed Alaska Purchase, 1867</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Aurora II satellite launched, 1991; George Parks, territorial governor, 1883-1984; First dog team reached Mt. McKinley summit, 1979; 200 Matanuska Valley settlers selected by lottery, 1935</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Harriman Scientific Expedition left Seattle for Alaska, 1899 124 boats and more than 30,000 men left Lake Bennett for Dawson City, 1898.</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>

## Kiigem Aghnaa

the woman's river (St. Lawrence Island Yup'ik)




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# May 2025



Denali & Tokositna Glacier, Denali National Park

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1  Alaska Aces won Kelly Cup, 2006 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition opened, Seattle, 1909; Captain James Cook explored Turnagain Fjord, 1778	2  Miller's Reach Fire, \$8.8 million damage, Big Lake, June 2-10, 1996 Northwest Arctic Borough, 1986 Japanese bombed Dutch Harbor, 1942 Malaspina reached coast near Sitka, 1791	3  10,000th climber on Mt. McKinley, 1997 Last issue of Anchorage Times, 1992 Robert "Bobby" Sheldon, Alaska pioneer, 1883-1983	4	5  First issue of <i>Anchorage Times</i> , 1915	6 D-Day, 1944  Barbara Washburn was first woman atop Denali, 1947; Mount Katmai exploded, 1912; Territorial capital officially moved from Sitka to Juneau, 1906	7  Galen Johnston, age 11, youngest climber atop Denali, 2001; Whittier Tunnel opened, 2000; Tatum, Harper, Stuck and Karstens first to reach Denali's South Summit, 1913 Noel Wien, pioneer aviator, 1899-1977																																																																																														
8	9  Rep. Don Young, 1933-2022; 8.0 earthquake hit Yakutat, 1958; Belmore Browne, artist, mountaineer, and writer, 1880-1954	10 Full moon 🌕  Chief Walter Northway, 1876-1993 KINY, Juneau's first TV station, 1956	11  Norma Jean Sanders first woman solo climb, Denali, 1990	12  Pribilof landed on St. George Island, 1786	13  Three Strawn brothers perished in climbing accident, Mt. Foraker, 2002 Alaska Airlines friendship flight, Nome-Provideniya, Russia, 1988	14 Flag Day  Fire destroyed Hoonah, 1944																																																																																														
15 Father's Day  Matanuska Valley flooded, 1958	16	17	18  Daily passenger service on Alaska Railroad, Fairbanks-Anchorage, 1951	19 EMANCIPATION DAY (Juneteenth)  First issue <i>Bering Straits Record</i> , 1996 Hydaberg Indian Reservation, 1912	20 Summer Solstice Hours of daylight: Fairbanks: 21:49 Anchorage: 19:21 Juneau: 18:58  Paul Tiulana, Native artist, 1921-1994; First Moravian mission opened in Alaska, Bethel, 1884	21																																																																																														
22  Confederate raider <i>Shenandoah</i> shelled whaling fleet, St. Lawrence Is., 1865 Mountain avens chosen as official flower, Northwest Territories, 1869 George Vancouver, navigator, 1757-1798	23  Diocese of Juneau established, 1951 First successful ascent of Mt. Logan, 19,500 ft., 1925	24  Army base activated at Big Delta, 1942 Tlingits destroyed Redoubt St. Michael, Sitka, 1802	25 New moon 🌑	26  John Strohmeyer, journalist, 1924-2010	27  Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf Air Field activated, Anchorage, 1940 Hottest temperature recorded in Alaska, 100° F, Fort Yukon, 1915 Final connection made in Trans-Alaska Telegraph System, Salcha River, 1903	28  State ferry <i>M. V. Kennicott</i> left Bellingham on inaugural voyage, 1998 550 lb. halibut caught near Dutch Harbor, 1994; Refuge Trespass Act, 1906																																																																																														
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Black bears, Anan Wildlife Observatory Site

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Mt. Iliamna & fireweed, Homer

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<p>3</p> <p>Permanent Fund first topped \$60 billion, 2017; Shelikov established first Russian colony, Kodiak Island, 1784</p>	<p>4 Civic Day (Canada)</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>Chugach State Park established, 1970 First ascent of Mt. Foraker, north summit, 19,400 ft., by Houston party, 1934</p>	7	<p>8 Full moon ☾</p> <p>Diocese of Fairbanks established, 1962</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Sen. Ted Stevens, four others died in plane crash, southwest Alaska, 2010; First official Alaska government land survey, 1887</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Ray Petersen, pioneer aviator, 1912-2008 Howard Rock, publisher/artist, 1911-1976 Czar Paul I granted first charter to Russian American Company, 1799</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>MV Tazlina</i> launched, Ketchikan, 2018</p>	<p>12</p> <p>15,000th tanker departed Valdez, 1997 Philemon Tutiakoff, Native leader, 1927-1985; Alaska Territorial Act, 1912</p>	<p>13</p> <p>First flight over Denali summit, Matt Nieminen, 1930</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Alascom incorporated, 1969</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Chena River flooded Fairbanks, 1967 Will Rogers and Wiley Post lost en route Fairbanks-Barrow, 1935</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Crystal Serenity</i> departed Seward for 32-day cruise to New York City via Northwest Passage, 2016; Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, 1941; Klondike Gold Rush began, 1896</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Joe Juneau and Richard Harris discovered gold near Juneau, 1880</p>	<p>18 Discovery Day (Yukon Territory)</p> <p>Governor Walter Hickel, 1919-2010 Margaret Murie, conservationist, 1902-2003 Mt. Spurr erupted, 1992; Sir John Franklin named Prudhoe Bay, 1826</p>	<p>19</p> <p>First (and northernmost) high school football game, Barrow, 2006 Floods battered Mat-Su Borough, 2006</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Alexander Archipelago Forest Reserve created by Theodore Roosevelt, 1902 City of Kenai founded by Russians, 1791</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Gov. Steve Cowper, 1938- George DeLong, explorer, 1844-1881 William Dall, naturalist, 1845-1927; Vitus Bering landed on St. Lawrence Is., 1728</p>	<p>22 New moon ●</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>St. Clair New York-Nome air expedition landed at Nome, 1920; Judge James Wickersham, 1857-1939</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Milo Fritz, pioneer doctor, 1909-2000</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Alaskans approved statehood, 1958 Roald Amundsen completed first transit of the Northwest Passage, 1905</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mt. McKinley officially renamed Denali, 2015</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Haines Borough established, 1968 Joe Crosson flew over Denali summit without oxygen, 1931</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Rep. Mary Peltola, 1973- "Million Dollar Bridge" reopened to cars, Cordova, 2005; Allen expedition reached St. Michaels, 1885</p>

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Bul Moose, Chugach State Park

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31	1 LABOR DAY  Alaska Reindeer Act, 1937	2  First presidential visit north of Arctic Circle, President Obama, 2015	3  First stoplight installed in Sitka, 2005 McKinley Park hotel burned, 1972	4  Dept. of Commerce awarded USSR passenger route to Alaska Airlines, 1990	5  Roald Amundson cabled discovery of Northwest Passage from Eagle, 1905	6  Ketchikan Gateway Borough, 1963 Ivan Veniaminov, Russian missionary to the Aleuts, 1797-1879																																																																													
7 Grandparents' Day Full moon 🌕  <i>SS Princess Kathleen</i> sank at Lena Point, 1952; Franklin and Madison discovered gold on the Fortymile, 1886	8	9	10  Tongass National Forest established, 1907	11  Alaska aviation shut down for three days after terrorist attack on U.S. cities, 2001	12	13  Marvin Mangus, artist, 1924-2009 Fire burned Nome, 1905																																																																													
14	15  Municipality of Anchorage, 1975 Five billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 1986	16	17  Thomas Riggs, territorial governor, 1873-1945; Fire destroyed Nome, 1934	18  Eielson Air Force Base dedicated, Fairbanks, 1948 University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 1922	19  First issue of <i>Fairbanks News</i> , 1903	20  Kenai Peninsula drenched by typhoon rains, floods, 1995																																																																													
21 New moon 🌑  Denali State Park established, 1970 First reindeer released on Unalaska and Amaknak Islands, 1891	22 Autumn Equinox Rosh Hashanah begins  City and Borough of Yakutat, 1992 Lindberg party discovered gold at Anvil Creek, Nome, 1898	23  Marcus Baker, cartographer, 1849-1903	24  Lend-lease Russian pilots arrived in Fairbanks, 1942 Katmai National Monument, 1918	25  Rival railroad construction crews fought in Keystone Canyon, Valdez, 1907	26  Japanese Emperor Hiroito met President Nixon in Alaska, 1971	27																																																																													
28  Southeast State Forest, 2010	29  <i>Kodiak Star</i> , first orbital rocket launched at Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, 2001 Pipeline Haul Road dedicated, 1974 Lt. Frederick Schwatka, explorer and writer, 1849-1892	30  Kodiak Island Borough, 1963	<p>The Alaska bull moose is one of the largest subspecies of moose, with mature males weighing up to 1,600 pounds and standing over 6 feet tall at the shoulder. They are known for their impressive antlers, which can span up to 6 feet across and weigh over 70 pounds.</p> 		<p>AUGUST</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							<p>OCTOBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </table>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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# September

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Lynx and Dall sheep, Denali National Park

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<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>Dall sheep rams are an iconic species of wild sheep that inhabit the mountain ranges of Alaska, including the Chugach, Wrangell, and Alaska Ranges. They are known for their distinctive, curved horns, which can weigh up to 30 pounds and measure up to 3 feet in length.</p> 	<p><b>1</b> Yom Kippur begins</p> <p>First issue of Tundra Times, 1962 First radio broadcast, KFAR-AM, Fairbanks, 1939</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Milrow nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1969 Bristol Bay Borough, 1962</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Frederica de Laguna, anthropologist, 1906-2004</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Trans Alaska Pipeline shot by gunman, 6,800 barrels of oil spilled, 2001 "Klondike Kate" Rockwell, entertainer, 1876-1957</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Winds, rain, floods batter Seward, Valdez and Cordova, 7 days, 2006</p>	<p><b>6</b> Full moon 🌕</p> <p>Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, Jr. 1923-2016 Alaska Federation of Natives, 1966 First northbound ferry left Bellingham terminal, <i>M.V. Matanuska</i>, 1989</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Hubbard Glacier ice dam broke, 1986</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Governor William Egan, 1914-1984</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Largest auction in state history: oil spill cleanup gear, 33,000 tons on 50 acres, Anchorage, 1990</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Seward devastated by floods, 1986; Cruise ship <i>Prinsendam</i> sank in Gulf of Alaska, 1980; Yukon River Bridge completed, 1975</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Bennie Benson, designer of state flag, 1913-1972; 15.2" of rain fell on Angoon, 1982; (state record for 24-hour period)</p>	<p><b>13</b> COLUMBUS DAY (observed) Thanksgiving (Canada) Indigenous People's Day (Alaska)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Sydney Laurence, artist, 1865-1940</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Chief Peter John, Athabascan traditional chief, 1900-2003</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Rep. Nicholas Begich and Sen. Hale Boggs lost en route Anchorage-Juneau, 1972</p>	<p><b>17</b> Alaska Day (observed)</p> <p>Charles Sheldon, naturalists, and author, 1867-1928</p>	<p><b>18</b> Alaska Day (Alaska)</p> <p>Stars and Stripes raised at Sitka, 1867</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Typhoon Oscar battered southcentral Alaska, Kenai River and Seward floods, 1995 Alaska-British Columbia boundary dispute settled, 1903</p>	<p><b>21</b> New moon 🌑</p> <p>Federal homesteading laws expired in Alaska, 1986; Merrill's plane wreckage discovered near Tyonek, 1929</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Sowerby arrived in Prudhoe Bay, driving from Tierra del Fuego in 24 days, 1987</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Aleutians-East Borough organized, 1987</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Severe flooding, Kenai Peninsula, 2002</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>SS Princess Sophia</i> sank near Juneau, 1918. All 288 passengers and 61 crew died.</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>U.S. Navy shelled Angoon, 1882</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>Aurora I</i> telecommunications satellite launched, 1982</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Kodiak linked to mainland Alaska with fiber optic cable, 2006 Two stranded gray whales left Barrow after international rescue effort, 1988</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>President Bush signed bill for \$15 million in WWII war reparations to Aleuts, 1989 Long Shot nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1965</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Alaska time zones combined, 1983</p>	<p><b>31</b> Halloween</p> <p>Juneau-Douglas Bridge opened, 1935</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>

## Sikkuvi

time when ice forms (Kobuk River Iñupiaq)

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# October 2025



Aurora & Tanana River

PHOTO BY AMY J JOHNSON

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<p>2 Daylight Saving Time ends</p> <p>Voters approved Alaska Permanent Fund, 1976</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7.9 earthquake rocked Interior, 2002; City dock collapsed by 12-foot wave, Skagway, 1994; Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, and ethnographer, 1879-1962</p>	<p>4 Election Day</p> <p>Richard Nelson, Alaskan anthropologist, author, and soundscape artist, 1941-2019 Will Rogers, humorist, 1879-1935</p>	<p>5 Full moon ☾</p> <p>First missile launch, Kodiak Launch Facility, 1998</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cannikin nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1971</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Eben Hobson, Native leader, 1922-1980</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ike P. Taylor, Alaska road commissioner, 1890-1963</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Aviator Carl Ben Eielson lost en route Teller-Siberia, 1929</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Iditarod National Historic Trail, 1978</p>	<p>11 VETERANS DAY Remembrance Day (Canada)</p> <p>Last train left Kennicott, 1938 Hudson Stuck, missionary, 1863-1920</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Elmendorf Field and Ft. Richardson designated by War Department, 1940</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Henry Wood Elliott, conservationist, and artist, 1846-1930; Robert Kennicott, explorer and naturalist, 1835-1866</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Dr. Walter Soboleff, Native leader, 1908-2011</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Trans-Alaska pipeline construction authorized, 1973</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sen. Ted Stevens, 1923-2010; Last sunrise of the year in Utqiagvik (Barrow)</p>	<p>19 New moon ☀</p> <p>Gov. Sean Parnell, 1962-; 24-hour darkness begins, Utqiagvik (Barrow); Whittier-Portage railroad tunnel construction began, 1942</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Don Sheldon, aviator, 1921-1975 Alaska Highway officially opened, 1942 First issue, <i>Wrangell Sentinel</i>, 1902</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Order next year's calendar at <a href="http://www.GreatlandGraphics.com!">www.GreatlandGraphics.com!</a></p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>7.0 earthquake SE Alaska, 2018; Kennecott mine shut down, 1938; Anthony Dimond, legislator to Congress, 1881-1953</p>						

## Aqumuq

The moon when the sun stands still (St. Lawrence Island Yup'ik)



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# November 2025



Brown bear, Kodiak Island

PHOTO BY JENNIFER FOGLE-SMITH



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<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Pearl Harbor Day</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Anchorage International Airport officially opened, 1951; Israel Russell, geologist, 1852-1906; John Kinkhead, first American territorial governor for Alaska, 1826-1904</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>First commercial flight over the North Pole from Fairbanks, Alaska Airlines, 1951 Father Bellamine Lafortune, missionary, 1869-1947</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>City and Borough of Sitka, 1971</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Larry Beck, entertainer, 1935-1990</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Hanukkah begins</p> <p>Mt. Redoubt volcano eruptions began, 1989 Hazen Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1937</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Kenai National Moose Range, 1941</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 1971</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Byron Birdsall, artist, 1937-2016</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>New moon 🌑</p> <p>Col. Norman Vaughan, explorer, 1905-2005</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Winter Solstice Hours of daylight: Fairbanks: 3:42 Anchorage: 5:23 Juneau: 6:21</p> <p>James "Hobo Jim" Varsos singer and song writer, 1951-2021</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Afognak Forest and Fish Culture Reserve established by President Harrison, 1892</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Boxing Day (Canada)</p> <p>Susan Butcher, musher, 1954-2006</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Historic Sourdough Roadhouse burned, 1992</p>
<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Col. William "Billy" Mitchell, aviator, 1879-1936</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Lt. Otto Von Kotzebue, Russian navigator, 1788-1846</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Kodiak Island is home to one of the largest populations of brown bears in the world. Brown bears on Kodiak Island are a subspecies known as Kodiak bears, and they are larger than other brown bears found in North America, with some males weighing over 1,000 pounds.</p> 	<p><b>JANUARY 2026</b></p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	



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# MEET THE PHOTOGRAPHERS

## JOHN HYDE

WILDTHINGSPHOTOGRAPHY.COM  
JUNEAU, ALASKA  
CANON  
JANUARY



My photography was born from my appreciation of all things wild and by an inherent quest to explore the natural world. I can't imagine doing anything else that would provide the satisfaction I receive from sharing my work with others, opening windows that help enrich their lives and appreciation for the intrinsic values of wild places. Students often ask me what the "perfect picture" is, and that is simple: The perfect picture is the one that drives you to make another. Each image should be viewed as a stepping stone to the next. That is the philosophy that drives my creative vision.

## BENJAMIN TRAYLOR

TRAYLOR-PHOTOGRAPHY.COM  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
NIKON  
MAY



I moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1983 at eight years old. Since then, I have grown to love everything about Alaska. I bought my first camera in 2012 to capture images while enjoying my lifelong passion for hiking. Over the years, my photography has pushed me to explore Alaska further and meet new people. I want my pictures to portray a sense of Alaska's majestic grandeur and jaw-dropping beauty for many who dream of one day visiting but have yet to get the opportunity. When I'm not helping guide Aurora tours, I spend time with Tracy, my wife, our two children, and many dogs, cats, and horses.

## AISLING JOHNSON

AISLINGJOHNSONPHOTOGRAPHY.COM  
EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA  
NIKON  
SEPTEMBER



I have enjoyed the outdoors from a young age. While growing up in Ireland, I spent my free time exploring the back roads, ruins, coast, and countryside. Animals were always a significant part of my life, which led me to study equine science at the University of Limerick. After moving to the U.S. in 2001, my interest in animal science naturally translated to wildlife. Photography has become a passion and enabled me to observe and document animals in their natural environment. Alaska, with its wild, rugged beauty and fascinating wildlife, is a dream to explore and photograph. I enjoy every minute spent in nature.

## JAMIN TAYLOR

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EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA  
NIKON  
FEBRUARY



I was born and raised in the heart of the Mat-Su Valley near Talkeetna and was exposed to the Alaskan outdoors very young. I have been an artist for as long as I can remember, and in 2016, I bought my first DSLR camera. What started as a means to photograph birds for drawing reference turned into a full-on obsession when I discovered photography itself as an art form. I use photography not only as a venue to express my artistic vision but also to showcase the beauty I see in my home state of Alaska. I am passionate about my craft and love to share that passion with others.

## FRED HIRSCHMANN

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SUTTON, ALASKA  
PENTAX, TOYO, HASSELBLAD  
JUNE



After eleven years working as a park ranger in Yellowstone, Everglades, Yosemite, Bryce Canyon, Death Valley, Petrified Forest, Voyageurs and Lake Clark National Parks, I "retired" and returned to Alaska to photograph the coffee table books *Bush Pilots of Alaska* and *Alaska's National Parks*. Now, seventeen books later, my wife, Randi, and I continue photographing the wonders of Alaska while living above the Matanuska Glacier. To give back to the wild land that nourished my career as a park ranger and photographer, I serve as Chairman of the non-profit Friends of Dick Proenneke and Lake Clark National Park.

## SERGIUS HANNAN

SERGIUSHANNAN.COM  
HOMER, ALASKA  
NIKON  
OCTOBER



Growing up in Homer, Alaska, I've always been surrounded by beauty. I didn't quite realize what I had until I left for college in Minnesota, where I earned a biology degree. Upon my return to Alaska, I fell in love with the landscapes and wildlife around me. Eager to capture and share Alaska's natural wonders through my photography, I spent more time exploring the Kenai Peninsula's wild places. My hobby eventually transformed into a full-time job after becoming more established as a photo guide, freelancer, and artist.

## PATRICK J ENDRES

ALASKAPHOTOGRAPHICS.COM  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
CANON  
MARCH



I grew up in a small town in southern Wisconsin where I developed a passionate interest in nature and the outdoors. In 1981, I landed in Fairbanks, Alaska, to attend the University. I was young and green, hungry for adventure and wide open spaces. After dabbling in a few jobs following graduation, I eventually combined my childhood love of the visual arts and outdoor interests to forge a career as a freelance nature photographer. Now in my fourth decade of exploring and photographing Alaska, its epic landscape continues to captivate me both personally as an observer and professionally as an artist.

## LAURA LYN GREGORY

LAURALYNPHOTOGRAPHY.COM  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
CANON  
JULY



I've been obsessed with wildlife as long as I can remember, and at 16 I purchased a camera and telephoto lens with my first paycheck. It was the intimate contact with animals that captured my attention. After several years photographing in Yellowstone country, I headed north for a place less crowded. I arrived in Alaska in 1995 with plans to spend five years photographing its wilderness. But like many, I have found that once you're here it's not easy to leave. Rather than traveling widely in search of wildlife, I spend time getting to know nature in my own backyard, seeking out subjects so often overlooked by others.

## AMY J JOHNSON

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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
CANON  
NOVEMBER



I moved from New England to Alaska at the age of 18 in order to quench my thirst for adventure and experience wilderness on an intimate level. I first settled near the Gates of the Arctic National Park where I obtained my first SLR camera and developed a love for photography. I'm passionate about photographing the Aurora. Sometimes, under the aurora-filled skies, I just set my camera aside and appreciate the moment. For me, viewing and photographing the Northern Lights is a spiritual experience which heightens my sense of connection to this vast universe.

## MILO BURCHAM

MILOSPHOTOS.COM  
CORDOVA, ALASKA  
CANON  
APRIL



As a wildlife biologist and photographer living in Cordova, Alaska, for the past 20 years, I'm passionate about capturing the beauty of all wildlife, from reptiles and amphibians to birds and mammals, to create awareness and appreciation. I genuinely believe that humans will conserve what they understand, and I have worked closely with conservation groups to highlight issues that threaten biodiversity. I love exploring the many remote regions of my home state and international travel to experience more of the world's exotic wildlife and diverse ecosystems.

## RAY BULSON

RAYBULSON.COM  
EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA  
CANON  
AUGUST/COVER



As a nature lover, Alaska has been a lifelong dream of mine. My first visit was in 2000 to Gates of the Arctic and Denali National Parks. I remember being mesmerized by the sights outside the airplane window during the flight to Anchorage. Sensing my excitement, an Alaskan resident sitting next to me said that Alaska gets in your blood, and that I would return. He was right. After a 25-year career in engineering, I moved to Alaska in 2006 to pursue my passion for nature photography. Now a full-time photographer, I provide photographic instruction through classroom, field workshops, and on-line webinars.

## JENNIER SMITH-FOGLE

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KODIAK, ALASKA  
CANON  
DECEMBER



A gift of a black and white photo class from my parents as a 7th grader led to a lifelong passion for wildlife photography. Growing up in Yellowstone allowed me to immerse myself in some of nature's most spectacular wonders and fostered a desire to move to Alaska. After a successful teaching career, I could focus full time on photography and spend a portion of every year photographing bears. Living on Kodiak Island and close to Katmai National Park, I've been able to observe, photograph, and spend time in the field with not only bears but Alaska's other amazing subjects.

## Cover Shot

I chose this cover shot because it embodies dramatic and contrasting elements so often found in Alaska's landscape. The dramatic and rugged mountain horizon juxtaposed against a dreamy blossoming meadow of fireweed.

RAY BULSON, RAYBULSON.COM



MT ILLIAMNA & FIREWEED, KENAI PENINSULA

This is what photographer Ray Bulson says about capturing this image:

*"Because it was a banner year for fireweed in Southcentral Alaska, I knew I stood a good chance of getting a "fire and ice" composition that juxtaposed colorful wildflowers with snow-covered mountains. I scouted this scene in Homer in the evening, hoping that sunrise the following morning would come with clear skies and interesting cloud formations to complement the subject. I was not disappointed!"*

## Guest Artist

DAWN GERETY  
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GIRDWOOD, ALASKA  
ALASKA-INSPIRED ART



Dawn Gerety, the award-winning lifelong Alaskan Artist behind Art Seriously, is known for her compelling, creative approaches of stylized wildlife subjects and view of the land through her use of unconventional interpretations and layered organic elements. Her series of whimsical interpretations of Alaska wildlife and adventures are a signature of her artwork. Dawn lives in Girdwood, Alaska, and her paintings and prints can be found at [www.ArtSeriously.com](http://www.ArtSeriously.com)

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