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# ALASKA

## Wildlife & Wilderness 2027

An Alaska Photographers' Calendar





Great gray owl, Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area

photo by Sergius Hannan

JANUARY

ALASKA Wildlife & Wilderness 2027  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Whose Tracks? Trumpeter Swan</div> <div></div>					<div>I NEW YEAR'S DAY</div> <div>City and Borough of Juneau, 1970 Fairbanks-North Star, Kenai Peninsula, and Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs, 1964</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Sitka fire destroyed St. Michael's Cathedral, 1966 Robert Marshall, forester, 1901-1939</div>
<div>3</div> <div>President Eisenhower signed Alaska statehood proclamation, 1959</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Alessandro Malaspina, navigator, 1754-1809; Federal government sold Alaska Railroad to state, 1985</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Barry Lopez, author, 1945-2020 Mt. Trident (Katmai NP) erupted, 1961</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Eastern Orthodox Christmas</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Baron Ferdinand Von Wrangell, Russian governor, 1797-1870</div>
<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Keith Nyitray arrived in Kotzebue, 1990, having walked length of Brooks Range</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Jack London, writer, 1876-1916</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Celia Hunter, conservationist, 1919-2001 Submarine USS Alaska launched, 1985 First issue of Anchorage Daily News, 1946</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Eastern Orthodox New Year</div> <div>Record 2.145 million barrels of oil flowed through Trans Alaska Pipeline in one day, 1988</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968 First issue of The Alaska Free Press (Juneau), 1887</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Record 47.5" 24-hr. snowfall, Valdez, 1990 1 billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 1980 Robert Service, poet, 1874-1958</div>
<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</div> <div>Direct long-distance phone service to Alaska began, 1959</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Cape Newenham National Wildlife Refuge established, 1969 expanded to Togiak National Wildlife Refuge under ANILCA, 1980</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Colonel James Steese, civil engineer and soldier, 1882-1958</div>	<div>22</div> <div>John B. Mertic, Jr., geologist, 1888-1980</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Coldest recorded temp -80°F (-79.8°C) at Prospect Creek Camp, 1971 Sun rises for the first time in 65 days at Utqiagvik</div>
<div>24</div> <div>Alaska's first pulp mill opened, Juneau, 1921</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>First dog team left Nenana with serum for Nome, 1925; Alaska Board of Road Commissioners established, 1905</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>
<div>31</div> <div>Record North American high pressure, 31.74 in Hg, Northway, Alaska 1989</div>						

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umyugaat tuknirituuq quyatmek.  
Orphans' and elders' feelings of gratitude are strengthened in time. (Yup'ik)

FULL MOON | January 22  
 NEW MOON | January 7

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Island with trees, Kenai Fjords National Park

photo by Tom Bol



# FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<div>I</div> <div>Joe Reddington, Sr., musher, 1917-1999 U.S. Forest Service established, 1905 First issue of The Daily Alaskan, Skagway, 1898</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Marmot Day (Alaska)  Alaska Highway route is chosen, 1942 Diphtheria serum delivered to Nome by dogsled relay, 1925</div>	<div>3</div> <div>  79-inch snowfall in Valdez (3rd-6th), 1996</div>	<div>4</div> <div>  Attu battleground and airfields designated as national historic landmarks, 1985</div>	<div>5</div> <div>  Ernest Gruening, territorial governor and US Senator, 1887-1974</div>	<div>6</div> <div>  </div>
<div>7</div> <div>Ramadan begins</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div>	<div>9</div> <div>  First scheduled commercial airline flight to Deadhorse, 1969</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Ash Wednesday</div>	<div>11</div> <div>  Sarah Palin, first female governor, 1964-; Marie Drake, author of "Alaska's Flag," 1888-1963</div>	<div>12</div> <div>  Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865 White Pass &amp; Yukon Railroad shops burned, Skagway, 1932</div>	<div>13</div> <div>  Naomi Uemura, mountaineer, 1941-1984</div>
<div>14</div> <div>Valentine's Day</div>	<div>15</div> <div>PRESIDENTS' DAY</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Alaska)</div>	<div>17</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div></div>	<div>19</div> <div>  Roxy Wright-Champaine is first woman to win Fur Rondy World Championship Sled Dog Race, Anchorage, 1989</div>	<div>20</div> <div>  Fred Machetanz, artist, 1908-2002 First passenger train to White Pass, 1899 Walter Mendenhall, geologist, 1871-1957</div>
<div>21</div> <div>Alexander Baranof, first Russian governor of Alaska, 1747-1819</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Elmer Rasmuson, pioneer banker and philanthropist, 1909-2000</div>	<div>23</div> <div>ARCO and Humble Oil announce discovery of oil at Prudhoe Bay, 1968</div>	<div>24</div> <div>  First commercial airline flight, Europe-Orient via Anchorage, 1957</div>	<div>25</div> <div>  E. H. Harriman, financier, 1848-1909</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Heritage Day (Yukon Territory)</div>	<div>27</div> <div>  Pope John Paul II in Anchorage, 1981 Glacier Bay National Monument, 1925 Mt. McKinley National Park, 1917 Arctic Brotherhood, Skagway, 1899</div>
<div>28</div> <div>First winter ascent of Denali, 1967</div>	<div>Whose Tracks? Muskox</div> <div></div>					

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The wilderness will never become modernized (in deep respect for the land, waters, and sky). (*Yup'ik*)

 FULL MOON | February 20

NEW MOON | February 6

January

March

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Stellar sea lions, Channel Islands State Marine Park

photo by John Hyde

MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	I <div>Gov. Keith Miller, 1925-; Ephraim Agnot, Sr., Native elder, 1926-1995 Olaus Murie, biologist, 1889-1963</div>	2	3 <div>First Iditarod Sled Dog Race, 1973 Board of Trade Saloon opened, Nome, 1901; Trade and Manufacturing Act extended to Alaska, 1891</div>	4 <div>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</div>	5	6Susan Butcher Day (Alaska)
7 <div>First successful solo winter ascent of Mt. Denali completed, Vern Tejas, 1988; Sonny Lindner won the first Yukon Quest, 1984; Fire destroyed McCarthy, 1919</div>	8Ramadan ends <div>John McPhee, author, 1931-</div>	9 <div>Troops arrived in Dawson Creek to build Alaska Highway, 1942</div>	10 <div>Georg Wilhelm Steller, scientist, 1709-1746</div>	11 <div>Admiral Vasilii Chichagov, Russian navigator, 1726-1809</div>	12 <div>DC-4 crashed on Mt. Sanford, killing 30, 1948; Alaska Railroad authorized, 1914 Mike Stepovich, territorial gov., 1919-2014</div>	13 <div>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</div>
14Daylight Saving Time begins <div>Alaska-Seattle commercial passenger service, International Airways, 1929</div>	15	16 <div>Michael Oleksa, Russian Orthodox priest and cultural communicator, 1947-2023 First winter ascent of Mt. Logan, Tejas party, 1986</div>	17St. Patrick's Day <div>Baranof Castle (Governor's House) burned, Sitka, 1894</div>	18	19	20Spring Equinox <div>Libby Riddles, first woman to win Iditarod, 1985; Allen Expedition left Nuchuk, 1885; Gen. Wilds Preston Richardson, civil engineer, 1861-1929</div>
21Palm Sunday <div>Women's suffrage in Alaska, 1913</div>	22	23 <div>Sitka National Monument established, 1910</div>	24 <div>Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, 1989 Robert Atwood, publisher, 1907-1997</div>	25	26Good Friday <div>White Alice communication system dedicated, Elmendorf AFB, 1958 Richard G. McConnell, geologist, 1857-1942</div>	27 <div>Mount Augustine erupted, 1986 Robert Reeve, pioneer aviator, 1902-1980 M9.2 earthquake and tsunami hit Prince William Sound, 1964</div>
28Easter <div>Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senator and Governor, 1933-</div>	29Sewards Day (Alaska) Vietnam Veterans Day <div>Copper River and Northwestern Railroad completed, 1911</div>	30 <div>Secretary of State Seward signs Treaty of Cession with Russia, 1857, purchasing Alaska</div>	31 <div>Naval Air Facility Adak closed, 1997</div>	Whose Tracks? Red Fox <div></div>		



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Have faith, and it shall be so. (Lingít)

 FULL MOON | March 22

 NEW MOON | March 8

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Bear Glacier Lagoon, Kenai Fjords National Park

photo by Ray Bulson



APRIL

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<div>Whose Tracks? Mink</div> <div></div>				I	2	3
					Fishing vessel <i>Arctic Rose</i> sank in Gulf of Alaska, 15 died, 2001; Frank Peratrovich, legislator and Native leader, 1895-1984	Dick Willmarth won first Iditarod, 1973 Taylor and Anderson reached Denali's North Summit, 1910; Chilkoot Pass avalanche kills 65, 1898; John Burroughs, naturalist, 1837-1921; William Duncan, missionary, 1832-1918
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	First officially approved survey in Alaska (U.S. Survey #2), 1892	Rep. Nicholas Begich, 1932-1972	William Ogilvie, surveyor, 1846-1912	Alaska-Juneau Mine closed, 1944 Russell Merrill, pioneer aviator, 1894-1929	Edward Hoffman. Sr., Yup'ik leader, 1917-1987	
II	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rep. Howard Pollock, 1920-2011 Troops began construction of pioneer road for Alaska Highway, Ft. Nelson, BC, 1942	Father Aloysius Robaut, missionary, 1855-1930			U.S. tax returns due  Nunivak Island National Wildlife Refuge established, 1929	Sir John Franklin, explorer, 1786-1847	Sheldon Jackson College opened, Sitka, 1878; Treaty of St. Petersburg signed by U. S. and Russia, 1824
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	Senate ratifies treaty to purchase Alaska, 1867; V. M. Golovnin, Russian navigator, 1776-1831	Sen. E. L. "Bob" Bartlett, 1904-1968 Sir William Logan, first director of the Canadian Geological Survey, 1798-1875	Passover begins  John Muir, naturalist, 1838-1914	Earth Day  Chilkat State Park, 1970 Betzi Woodman, journalist, 1913-1990		"Lake and Peninsula Borough established, 1989
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Joe Crosson made first landing on Muldrow Glacier, Mt. Denali, 1932		13 billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 2000		Passover ends  Construction began on Dalton Highway, 1974	Arbor Day  Henry Allen, explorer, 1859-1930 First winner, Nenana Ice Classic, 1917	

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When you hear the arctic loon (or possibly red-throated loon) it is going to rain. *(Kodiak Alutiiq)*

 FULL MOON | April 20

 NEW MOON | April 6

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Musk ox herd, Franklin Bluffs along the Sagavanirktok River

photo by Takashi Nakashima



MAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Whose Tracks?</div> <div>Great Horned Owl</div> <div></div>				<div></div>		<div>I</div> <div>Moose named "official land mammal," 1998; Roy Peratrovich, Native leader, 1901-1989</div>
<div>2</div> <div>Eastern Orthodox Easter</div> <div>Vic Fisher, Alaskan statesman, 1924-2023 Fire swept Cordova, 1963; Benny Benson's territorial flag design adopted, 1927</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Homestead Act extended to Alaska by Congress, 1903; Chief James McKinley, Ahtna traditional chief, 1899-1991</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Charles Hoyt, journalist, 1925-1974 Wilderness established in Alaska state parks, 1972</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Cinco de Mayo</div> <div>Hubert H. Bancroft, historian, 1832-1918</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Yukon River floods, 2009</div>	<div>7</div> <div>William Paul, Tlingit leader, first Alaska Native attorney and first Alaska Native state legislator, 1885-1977</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Chugach State Park established, 1970 Edward Nelson, biologist, 1855-1934</div>
<div>9</div> <div>Mother's Day</div> <div>Kachemak Bay State Park, 1970 George Davidson, geographer, 1825-1911</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Exxon Oil spill reached Katmai NP, 1989</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Sun rises in Utqiagvik and will not set for 83 days U. S. Army landed on Attu, 1943</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Farley Mowat, author, 1921-2014</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Sen. Mike Gravel, 1930-2021 Dirigible Norge landed in Teller as first airship to pass over the North Pole, 1926</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Armed Forces Day</div>
<div>16</div> <div>Capt. Jim Binkley, tourism pioneer, 1920-2003</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Arbor Day (Alaska)</div> <div>First commercial long-distance call from Fairbanks, 1945; District Organic Act creating District of Alaska, 1884; Native Allotment Act, 1906</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Sheldon Jackson, educator, 1834-1909</div>	<div>19</div> <div>First American scientific expedition to Russian America, Chicago-Ft. Yukon, 1859</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>John Borden, financier, 1884-1961</div>	<div>22</div>
<div>23</div> <div>First live radio broadcast from Denali's summit, 1984; Rep. Ralph Rivers, 1903-1976</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Victoria Day (Canada)</div> <div>Final weld on Trans Alaska Pipeline, 1977 Senate ratified Alaska Purchase, 1867</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Father Bernard Hubbard, priest, author and naturalist, 1888-1962; President Andrew Johnson signed Alaska Purchase, 1867</div>	<div>29</div> <div>George Parks, territorial governor, 1883-1984; First dog team reached Denali summit, 1979; 200 Matanuska Valley settlers selected by lottery, 1935</div>
<div>30</div> <div>Harriman Scientific Expedition left Seattle for Alaska, 1899; 124 boats and more than 30,000 men left Lake Bennett for Dawson City, 1898.</div>	<div>31</div> <div>MEMORIAL DAY</div>			<div>Construction began on White Pass and Yukon Railroad, 1898</div>		

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I feel thankful for my children. (Lingít)

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 NEW MOON | May 6

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Erie Mine bunkhouse, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve

photo by Ron Niebrugge



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How are you? (*Gwich'in*)

 FULL MOON | June 18

● NEW MOON | June 4

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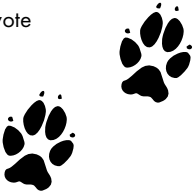

Brown bear, Katmai National Park & Preserve

photo by Jamin Hunter Taylor



JULY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Whose Tracks? Coyote</div> <div></div>				<div>I<div>Canada Day (Canada)</div></div> <div>North Slope Borough organized, 1972 City &amp; Borough of Juneau organized, 1970 Alaskan Fire Control Service, 1939</div>	<div>2</div> <div>First McDonald's opened in Alaska, Anchorage, 1970</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Elizabeth Peratrovich, civil rights advocate, 1911-1958 First Mt. Marathon Race, Seward, 1909 President Arthur appointed John Kinkead first civilian governor of Alaska, 1884</div>
<div>4<div>INDEPENDENCE DAY</div></div> <div>Alaska oil sold at \$144+ per barrel, 2008 Port for Red Dog zinc mine dedicated, 1986 First Alaska airplane flight, Fairbanks, 1913</div>	<div>5<div>INDEPENDENCE DAY (Observed)</div></div> <div>Record single-day harvest of 2.46M fish, Nushagak District, 2022; William Stolt, civic leader, 1900-2001; Magnus "Rusty" Heurlin, artist, 1895-1986</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Two billionth salmon caught by Bristol Bay commercial fishery, 2016</div>	<div>7</div> <div>President Eisenhower signed Alaska Statehood Act, 1958 North Pacific Fur Seal Convention, 1911</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Sven Haakanson, Aleut elder, 1934-2002 Jefferson "Soapy" Smith shot, died in Skagway, 1898 Baranof landed on Kodiak Island, 1791</div>	<div>9<div>Alaska Flag Day</div></div> <div>800-foot tidal wave devastated Lituya Bay, 1958</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Polar Endeavor, first double-hulled tanker, arrived in Valdez, 2001 Maiden voyage of ferry E. L. Bartlett, 1969</div>
<div>11</div> <div>Carl Ben Eileson, aviator, 1897-1929 First land auction in Anchorage, 1915</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Pierre Berton, author, 1920-2004</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Z. J. Loussac, civic leader, 1882-1965</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Ketchikan pulp mill opened, 1954 House approved funds to buy Alaska by 113-43 vote, 1868 Shem Pete, Dena'ina' elder, 1896-1989</div>	<div>15</div> <div>President Harding drove golden spike completing Alaska Railroad, Nenana, 1923; First Anchorage-Fairbanks flight, Noel Wien, 1924</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Vitus Bering, first European on Alaska mainland, landed on Kayak Is, 1741</div>	<div>17</div>
<div>18</div> <div>Alfred H. Brooks, geologist, 1871-1924</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>First commercial Alaska fly-in fishing trip, Admiralty Island, 1929</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Gov. Jay Hammond, 1922-2005 First U.S. Forest Service visitor center in U.S. dedicated, Mendenhall Glacier, 1962</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Felix Pedro's discovery started Fairbanks gold rush, 1902</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Eustace Zeigler, artist, 1881-1969 Swanson River oil field discovered, 1957 Chugach National Forest established, 1907</div>	<div>24<div>Ted Stevens Day (Alaska)</div></div> <div>Gold discovered near Livengood, 1914</div>
<div>25<div>Parents' Day</div></div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>First oil from North Slope reached Valdez terminal, 1977 Philip S. Smith, geologist, 1877-1949</div>	<div>28</div> <div>C-17 plane crash, 4 died, Anchorage, 2010 White Pass and Yukon Railroad, 1900</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Robert Griggs expedition views Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes (Katmai), 1916</div>

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One language is never enough. (Iñupiaq)

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 NEW MOON | July 3

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Sea otters and kelp, Gibson Cove, Kodiak, AK

photo by Jennifer Smith



AUGUST

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I	2Civic Day (Canada)	3	4	5	6	7
First tanker left Valdez with north slope oil, ARCO <i>Juneau</i> , 1977 George Dawson, geologist, 1849-1901; Kotzebue entered Kotzebue Sound, 1816	Sun sets in Utqiagvik for first time in 83 days Bobby Sheldon first to drive a car from Fairbanks to Valdez, 1913; “Alaska City” chosen as city name by residents, 1915, but U.S. Postmaster decided on "Anchorage".	Shelikov established first Russian colony, Kodiak Island, 1784			Chugach State Park established, 1970 First ascent of Mt. Foraker, north summit, 19,400 ft., by Houston party, 1934 Glacier outburst floods over 300 homes in Juneau, 2024	
8	9	10	II	12	13	14
George Atlla, champion Native sprint dog musher, 1933-2015	Sen. Ted Stevens, four others died in plane crash, southwest Alaska, 2010; First official Alaska government land survey, 1887	Ray Petersen, pioneer aviator, 1912-2008 Howard Rock, publisher/artist, 1911 -1976 Czar Paul I granted first charter to Russian American Company, 1799		15,000th tanker departed Valdez, 1997 Philemon Tutiakoff, Native leader, 1927-1985; Alaska Territorial Act, 1912	First flight over Denali summit, Matt Nieminen, 1930	
15	16Discovery Day (Yukon Territory)	17	18	19	20	21
Chena River flooded Fairbanks, 1967 Will Rogers and Wiley Post lost en route Fairbanks-Utqiagvik (Barrow), 1935	Crystal Serenity departed Seward for 32-day cruise to New York City via Northwest Passage, 2016; Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, 1941; Klondike Gold Rush began, 1896	Joe Juneau and Richard Harris discovered gold near Juneau, 1880	Governor Walter Hickel, 1919-2010 Margaret Murie, conservationist, 1902-2003; Mt. Spurr erupted, 1992; Sir John Franklin named Prudhoe Bay, 1826	First (and northernmost) high school football game, Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow), 2006 Floods battered Mat-Su Borough, 2006	Alexander Archipelago Forest Reserve created by Theodore Roosevelt, 1902 City of Kenai founded by Russians, 1791	Gov. Steve Cowper, 1938- George DeLong, explorer, 1844-1881 William Dall, naturalist, 1845-1927; Vitus Bering landed on St. Lawrence Is., 1728
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		James Wickersham, federal judge and Alaska territorial delegate to US House of Representatives, 1957-1939	Milo Fritz, pioneer doctor, 1909-2000	Alaskans approved statehood, 1958 Roald Amundsen completed first transit of the Northwest Passage, 1905	Alaskans approve ballot initiative to move state capital away from Juneau, 1974	Mt. McKinley officially renamed Denali by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, 2015
29	30	31	<div>Whose Tracks? Ermine</div> <div></div>			
Haines Borough established, 1968 Joe Crosson flew over Denali summit without oxygen, 1931	Allen expedition reached St. Michaels, 1885	Rep. Mary Peltola, first Alaska Native elected to US House, 1973 –				
						

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Respect the elders at all times. (Akuzipik)

 FULL MOON | August 16

 NEW MOON | August 2, 31

July										September									
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Autumn colors, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

photo by Patrick Endres



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You be well (health and mind). (*King Island lñupiaq*)



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● NEW MOON | September 29

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Caribou migration, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

photo by Tom Walker



# OCTOBER

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<div>Whose Tracks? Polar Bear</div> <div></div>				<div></div>	<div>I<div>Rosh Hashanah begins</div></div> <div>First issue of <i>Tundra Times</i>, 1962 First radio broadcast, KFAR-AM, Fairbanks, 1939</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Milrow nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1969 Bristol Bay Borough, 1962</div>
<div>3</div> <div>Frederica de Laguna, anthropologist, 1906-2004</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Trans Alaska Pipeline shot by gunman, 6,800 barrels of oil spilled, 2001 “Klondike Kate” Rockwell, entertainer, 1876-1957</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Winds, rain, floods batter Seward, Valdez and Cordova, 7 days, 2006</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, Jr. 1923-2016 Alaska Federation of Natives, 1966</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Hubbard Glacier ice dam broke releasing 1500 billion gallons of water into Disenchantment Bay</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Governor William Egan, 1914-1984</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Largest auction in state history: 33,000 tons of Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup gear, 1990</div>
<div>10</div> <div>Yom Kippur begins</div>	<div>11</div> <div>COLUMBUS DAY Thanksgiving (Canada) Indigenous People's Day (Alaska);  Seward devastated by floods, 1986; Cruise ship Prinsendam sank in Gulf of Alaska, 1980; Yukon River Bridge completed, 1975 Typhoon Halong hits YK Delta region flooding several communities and displacing over 1000 people, 2025.</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Bennie Benson, designer of state flag, 1913-1972;15.2" of rain fell on Angoon, 1982; (state record for 24-hour period)</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Sydney Laurence, artist, 1865-1940</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Chief Peter John, Athabascan traditional chief, 1900-2003</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Rep. Nicholas Begich and Sen. Hale Boggs lost en route Anchorage-Juneau, 1972</div>
<div>17</div> <div>Charles Sheldon, naturalists, and author, 1867-1928</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Alaska Day (Alaska)  Stars and Stripes raised at Sitka, 1867</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Typhoon Oscar battered southcentral Alaska, Kenai River and Seward floods, 1995 Alaska-British Columbia boundary dispute settled, 1903</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Federal homesteading laws expired in Alaska, 1986; Merrill's plane wreckage discovered near Tyonek, 1929</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Sowerby arrived in Prudhoe Bay, driving from Tierra del Fuego in 24 days, 1987</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Aleutians-East Borough organized, 1987</div>
<div>24</div> <div>Severe flooding, Kenai Peninsula, 2002</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>
<div>31</div> <div>Halloween  Juneau-Douglas Bridge opened, 1935</div>	<div>SS <i>Princess Sophia</i> sank near Juneau, 1918. All 288 passengers and 61 crew died.</div>	<div>U.S. Navy shelled Angoon, 1882</div>	<div>Aurora I telecommunications satellite launched, 1982</div>	<div>Kodiak linked to mainland Alaska with fiber optic cable, 2006 Two stranded gray whales left Utqiaġvik after international rescue effort, 1988</div>	<div>President Bush signed bill for \$15 million in WWII war reparations to Aleuts, 1989 Long Shot nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1965</div>	<div>Alaska time zones combined, 1983</div>

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Don't be lazy. (*Akuzipik*)



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Mt. Iliamna, Cook Inlet

photo by Todd Salat



NOVEMBER

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<div>Whose Tracks? Sandhill Crane</div> <div></div>	I	2 <div>Voters approved Alaska Permanent Fund, 1976</div>	3 <div>7.9 earthquake rocked Interior, 2002; City dock collapsed by 12-foot wave, Skagway, 1994; Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, and ethnographer, 1879-1962</div>	4 <div>Richard Nelson, Alaskan anthropologist, author, and soundscape artist, 1941-2019 Will Rogers, humorist, 1879-1935</div>	5 <div>First missile launch, Kodiak Launch Facility, 1998</div>	6 <div>Cannikin nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1971</div>
7 <div>Daylight Saving Time ends</div> <div>Eben Hobson, Native leader, 1922-1980</div>	8 <div>Ike P. Taylor, Alaska road commissioner, 1890-1963</div>	9 <div>Aviator Carl Ben Eielson lost en route Teller-Siberia, 1929</div>	10 <div>Iditarod National Historic Trail established, 1978</div>	11 <div>VETERANS DAY Remembrance Day (Canada)</div> <div>Last train left Kennicott, 1938 Hudson Stuck, missionary, 1863-1920</div>	12 <div>Elmendorf Field and Ft. Richardson designated by War Department, 1940</div>	13 <div>Henry Wood Elliott, conservationist, and artist, 1846-1930; Robert Kennicott, explorer and naturalist, 1835-1866</div>
14 <div>Dr. Walter Soboleff, Native leader, 1908-2011</div>	15	16 <div>Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, 1973</div>	17	18 <div>Sen. Ted Stevens, 1923-2010; Sun sets in Utqiagvik last time for 65 days</div>	19 <div>Whittier-Portage railroad tunnel construction began, 1942</div>	20 <div>Don Sheldon, aviator, 1921-1975 Alaska Highway officially opened, 1942 First issue, <i>Wrangell Sentinel</i>, 1902</div>
21	22	23	24	25 <div>THANKSGIVING</div>	26	27
28	29	30 <div>7.1 magnitude earthquake Anchorage, 2018; Kennecott mine shut down, 1938; Anthony Dimond, territorial delegate to US House of Representatives, 1881-1953</div>	<div>Order next year's calendar at <a href="https://GreatlandGraphics.com">GreatlandGraphics.com</a></div> <div></div>			

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I am proud of you. (I believe in you). *(King Island Iñupiaq)*

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Salmon River, Gustavus

photo by Sean Neilson



DECEMBER

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<div>Whose Tracks? Red Squirrel</div> <div></div>		<div></div>	<div>I</div> <div>President Carter proclaimed 15 new national monuments in Alaska, 1978</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Dalton Highway opened to public travel to Deadhorse, 1994 President Carter signed Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 1980</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Augie Hiebert, broadcast pioneer, 1916-2007</div>	<div>4</div> <div>MV Selendang Ayu ran aground Unalaska Island, spilling 350,000 gallons fuel oil, killing six crewmembers, 2004</div>
<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Denali Borough organized, 1990 Arctic and Izembek National Wildlife Refuges, Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range established, 1960</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Anchorage International Airport officially opened, 1951; Israel Russell, geologist, 1852-1906; John Kinkhead, first American territorial governor for Alaska, 1826-1904</div>	<div>11</div> <div>First commercial flight over the North Pole from Fairbanks, Alaska Airlines, 1951 Father Bellamine Lafortune, missionary, 1869-1947</div>
<div>12</div> <div>City and Borough of Sitka, 1971</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Larry Beck, entertainer, 1935-1990</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Mt. Redoubt volcano eruptions began, 1989 Hazen Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1937</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Kenai National Moose Range, 1941</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 1971</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Byron Birdsall, artist, 1937-2016</div>
<div>19</div> <div>Col. Norman Vaughan, explorer, 1905-2005 Vitus Bering, navigator, died 1741</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Winter Solstice</div> <div>Hours of daylight: Fairbanks: 3:41 Anchorage: 5:27 Juneau: 6:22 James "Hobo Jim" Varsos singer and song writer, 1951-2021</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Christmas Eve Hanukkah begins</div> <div>Afognak Forest and Fish Culture Reserve established by President Harrison, 1892</div>	<div>25</div> <div>CHRISTMAS</div>
<div>26</div> <div>Boxing Day (Canada)</div> <div>Susan Butcher, musher, 1954-2006</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Historic Sourdough Roadhouse burned, 1992</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Col. William "Billy" Mitchell, aviator, 1879-1936</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Lt. Otto Von Kotzebue, Russian navigator, 1788-1846</div>	<div>31</div> <div>New Year's Eve</div>	

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Be happy; avoid negativity. (Akuzipik)

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 NEW MOON | December 27

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# MEET THE PHOTOGRAPHERS



## John Hyde

wildthingsphotography.com  
Juneau, Alaska  
📷 CANON  
March

My photography was born from my appreciation of all things wild and by an inherent quest to explore the natural world around me. 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 things and 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 steppingstone to the next. That is the philosophy that drives my creative vision.



## Takashi Nakashima

nakashimaphotography.com  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
📷 CANON  
May

I have loved wildlife since I was a child. The moment that led me to pursue photography was when I discovered *The Wolves of Denali* in my university library in Japan. In 2008, after working hard to overcome the challenge of English, I entered the University of Alaska as a student. At first, I planned to return to Japan after five years, but like many others, I found myself unable to leave, and I have been photographing Alaska's remarkable wildlife for sixteen years. I have not yet succeeded in creating a body of work on wolves. Photographing them is extremely difficult, but I continue to make the attempt on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska.



## Patrick Endres

alaskaphotographics.  
photodeck.com  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
📷 CANON  
September

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.



## Ray Bulson

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Eagle River, Alaska  
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DIGITAL SOLUTIONS  
April

I first visited Alaska in 2000 to Gates of the Arctic and Denali National Parks. I was 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 offer stock imagery, fine art prints and calendars, and provide photographic instruction through classroom and field workshops, and on-line webinars. Moving here fulfilled a lifelong dream.



## Ron Niebrugge

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📷 NIKON  
June

In 2002 my wife Janine and I decided to chase a dream and follow my passion for photography on a full-time basis. We left comfortable corporate jobs for the unknown life of a professional photographer team and never looked back. Over the years my images have been widely published, and the creative lifestyle and spending time in nature has delivered tremendous rewards. Several years ago I decided to share my passion for photography with others and began offering photo tours and workshops. This has continued to evolve over time, and I'm now offering tours throughout Alaska and the U.S.



## Tom Walker

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Denali Park, Alaska  
📷 NIKON  
October

I live near Denali National Park and have made my home in Alaska for 53 years, mostly self-employed as a nature photographer and writer. Alaskans are dabblers in varied skills and job descriptions, and I am no different, having also taught college courses in journalism, worked as a carpenter, military game warden, and wildlife technician. I have also built log homes and guided wilderness trips. I obtained a commercial pilot's rating but had the sense to abandon that pursuit in favor of less stressful, creative endeavors. I have traveled all over Alaska but find the central Alaska Range the most compelling.



## Jamin Hunter Taylor

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Eagle River, Alaska  
📷 NIKON  
July

Jamin Hunter Taylor was born and raised in Alaska and is an accomplished nature and wildlife photographer. His awe and reverence for His creator has led him to take up photography as a means to express his artistic vision and share the wonder and beauty he sees with others. He loves immersing himself in the wild, continually honing and refining his craft while capturing images that reflect his vision for the incredible moments he captures. Jamin lives in Eagle River, Alaska with his wife and their two children, where the family enjoys a life rooted in Alaska's wild beauty and central access to its many remarkable places.



## Sergius Hannan

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Soldotna, Alaska  
📷 NIKON  
January

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.



## Todd Salat

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Anchorage, Alaska  
📷 NIKON  
November

Since I resigned as an exploration geologist in 1996, I've roamed across the "Great Land" with cameras in hand and a passion for photographing peak moments in nature. I've taken my scientific curiosity for the wonders of nature and melded it with an artistic eye to capture these extraordinary moments. I love it when Mother Nature overwhelms my senses with beauty, and I can preserve that with a camera—I live for those moments! In 2001 I married the love-of-my-life, Shay, and we work enthusiastically together to form Team SalatShots.



## Sean Neilson

seanneilson.com  
Gustavus/Juneau, Alaska  
📷 CANON  
December

I caught the urge to take pictures many years ago while working a summer job in Yellowstone National Park. The natural beauty I witnessed there made me want to share it with others. I began with a borrowed Nikon FM, and after taking thousands of bad photos, I finally started to get the hang of it. I sold my first image in 2003 and now live in Gustavus, Alaska, with Glacier Bay National Park as a backyard. I enjoy exploring the region, photographing wildlife, landscapes, and the night sky. I lead photo tours in the park and share unique places of natural beauty with visitors from around the world.



## Jennifer Smith

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Kodiak, Alaska  
📷 CANON  
August

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 north 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.



## Tom Bol

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Palmer, Alaska  
📷 NIKON  
February

My career in photography began 40 years ago as a journalism student in college. At the time I photographed a lot of adventure sports, which led me to Alaska in 1990. I guided in Denali National Park & Preserve and in the arctic, and fell in love with Alaska. My passion for all things outdoors drives a lot of my photography, and Alaska's wild places inspire me to continue this creative journey.

## COVER SHOT

We selected this image for our cover for several reasons. It is not the typical landscape photo that people expect of Alaska; but that is a reason why Alaska is so wonderful. It is not typical. It also recognizes how much the coastline is a part of the Alaska landscape; the state has more coastline than all 49 other states combined. Lastly, it is a photo that represents the good that comes from perseverance as noted in the photographer's story below.



### ISLAND WITH TREES, KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

We had been out all day on a private charter boat in Kenai Fjords National Park photographing wildlife, glaciers, and the stunning scenery of this park. The weather had been cloudy for much of the day, so we couldn't see the higher peaks above the misty fjords. On the boat ride back to Seward most of the group went inside since the weather was getting worse, but I decided to stay outside and enjoy the fresh air. As we went around a point I noticed an island that I had never photographed before. Just about that time the clouds opened up and the distant snowy peaks created a perfect background behind this steep rocky island. This all happened as the boat was under full power speeding home. We just zoomed past this perfect opening in the clouds framing this sublime little island. I took a few frames and the scene closed up in the clouds...

- Tom Bol

tombolphoto.com





# 2028

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Great grey owl, Homer

Sergius Hannan



Kenai Fjords National Park

Tom Bol



Stellar sea lions

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Bear Glacier Lagoon

Ray Bulson



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Takashi Nakashima



Wrangell – St. Elias National Park

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Brown bear in Katmai

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