

# NORTH DAKOTA OUTDOORS

A golden pheasant is shown in mid-flight, its wings fully extended, revealing the intricate patterns of its feathers. The bird is positioned centrally, facing left. The background is a clear, light blue sky. In the foreground, there are snow-covered branches, some of which are out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The overall scene is bright and crisp, typical of a winter day.

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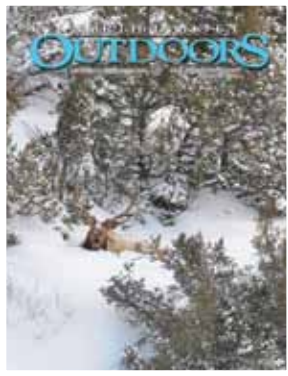
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- 2015 Year in Review
- 2015 Watchable Wildlife Photo Contest
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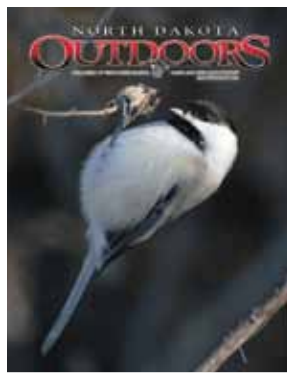
### MAY

- Walleye Tagging Study Delivers Answers
- Volunteers Continue to Fuel Hunter Education
- Blocking Zebra Mussel Movement



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- 2016 Hunting Season Outlook
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- A Changing Waterfowl Landscape



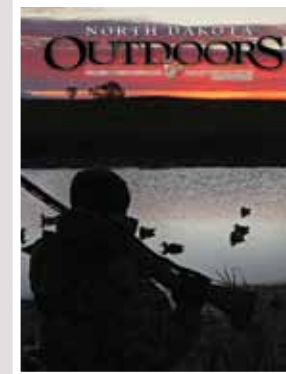
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- Missouri River System Boating Access



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- Focus on Grasslands in a Prairie State
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### NOVEMBER

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- Targeting Big Pike in Winter
- A New Direction for Recruiting New Hunters







DECEMBER 2016	FEBRUARY 2017
1 2 3	1 2 3 4
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11 12 13 14 15 16 17	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
25 26 27 28 29 30 31	26 27 28

# JANUARY

*While exotically colored ring-necked roosters garner much of the attention of this species, hen pheasants – layers of 7-15 eggs and tenders of hatched young – are handsome creatures in their own right.*

*Photo by Steve Silseth, Minot*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SR 8:28 SS 5:06 <b>1</b>  Free Fishing Day New Year's Day	SR 8:28 SS 5:07 <b>2</b>	SR 8:28 SS 5:08 <b>3</b>	SR 8:28 SS 5:09 <b>4</b>	SR 8:28 SS 5:10 <b>5</b>	SR 8:28 SS 5:11 <b>6</b>	SR 8:27 SS 5:12 <b>7</b>
SR 8:27 SS 5:13 <b>8</b>	SR 8:27 SS 5:15 <b>9</b>	SR 8:26 SS 5:16 <b>10</b>	SR 8:26 SS 5:17 <b>11</b>	SR 8:25 SS 5:18 <b>12</b>  ○ FULL MOON	SR 8:25 SS 5:20 <b>13</b>	SR 8:24 SS 5:21 <b>14</b>
SR 8:24 SS 5:22 <b>15</b>	SR 8:23 SS 5:24 <b>16</b>  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	SR 8:22 SS 5:25 <b>17</b>	SR 8:21 SS 5:26 <b>18</b>	SR 8:21 SS 5:28 <b>19</b>	SR 8:20 SS 5:29 <b>20</b>	SR 8:19 SS 5:31 <b>21</b>
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SR 8:11 SS 5:42 <b>29</b>	SR 8:10 SS 5:44 <b>30</b>	SR 8:08 SS 5:46 <b>31</b>				

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JANUARY 2017							MARCH 2017			
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29	30	31					26	27	28	29

# FEBRUARY

*While this hairy woodpecker (left) and white-breasted nuthatch (right) seem like an unlikely duo, they both are after the same thing – food. The woodpecker is using its bill and forked tongue to probe for insects hiding under the bark, while the nuthatch is searching for seeds that it likely cached some time before.*

*Photo by Kelly Krabbenhoft, West Fargo*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			SR 8:07 SS 5:47 <b>1</b>	SR 8:06 SS 5:49 <b>2</b>	SR 8:04 SS 5:50 <b>3</b>	SR 8:03 SS 5:52 <b>4</b>
SR 8:02 SS 5:53 <b>5</b>	SR 8:00 SS 5:55 <b>6</b>	SR 7:59 SS 5:56 <b>7</b>	SR 7:58 SS 5:58 <b>8</b>  Spring Turkey Application Deadline	SR 7:56 SS 5:59 <b>9</b>	SR 7:55 SS 6:01 <b>10</b>	SR 7:53 SS 6:02 <b>11</b>  ○ FULL MOON
SR 7:51 SS 6:04 <b>12</b>	SR 7:50 SS 6:05 <b>13</b>	SR 7:48 SS 6:07 <b>14</b>	SR 7:47 SS 6:08 <b>15</b>	SR 7:45 SS 6:10 <b>16</b>	SR 7:43 SS 6:11 <b>17</b>	SR 7:42 SS 6:13 <b>18</b>
		Valentine's Day				
SR 7:40 SS 6:14 <b>19</b>	SR 7:38 SS 6:16 <b>20</b>	SR 7:37 SS 6:17 <b>21</b>	SR 7:35 SS 6:19 <b>22</b>	SR 7:33 SS 6:20 <b>23</b>	SR 7:31 SS 6:22 <b>24</b>	SR 7:29 SS 6:23 <b>25</b>
	Presidents Day					
SR 7:28 SS 6:25 ● NEW MOON <b>26</b>	SR 7:26 SS 6:26 <b>27</b>	SR 7:24 SS 6:28 <b>28</b>	<p>There's something <b>WILD</b> in your tax forms this year.</p> <p>Please donate to the Watchable Wildlife Fund.</p>			

# 2017









FEBRUARY 2017	APRIL 2017
1 2 3 4	1
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26 27 28	23 24 25 26 27 28 29
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# MARCH

*Badgers are found throughout North Dakota, but are more abundant in prairie regions. They are digging machines and feed mostly on ground squirrels and pocket gophers. Badgers also eat insects, birds, mice, rabbits and eggs.*

*Photo by Craig Bihrl, Bismarck*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			SR 7:22 SS 6:29 <b>1</b>	SR 7:20 SS 6:31 <b>2</b>	SR 7:18 SS 6:32 <b>3</b>	SR 7:17 SS 6:34 <b>4</b>
			Ash Wednesday			
SR 7:15 SS 6:35 <b>5</b>	SR 7:13 SS 6:37 <b>6</b>	SR 7:11 SS 6:38 <b>7</b>	SR 7:09 SS 6:39 <b>8</b>	SR 7:07 SS 6:41 <b>9</b>	SR 7:05 SS 6:42 <b>10</b>	SR 7:03 SS 6:44 <b>11</b>
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DST Begins Clocks Ahead One Hour					St. Patrick's Day	
SR 7:47 SS 7:55 <b>19</b>	SR 7:46 SS 7:56 <b>20</b>	SR 7:44 SS 7:58 <b>21</b>	SR 7:42 SS 7:59 <b>22</b>	SR 7:40 SS 8:00 <b>23</b>	SR 7:38 SS 8:02 <b>24</b>	SR 7:36 SS 8:03 <b>25</b>
	Spring Begins		Moose, Elk, Sheep Application Deadline			
SR 7:34 SS 8:05 <b>26</b>	SR 7:32 SS 8:06 <b>27</b>	SR 7:30 SS 8:07 <b>28</b>  ● NEW MOON	SR 7:28 SS 8:09 <b>29</b>	SR 7:26 SS 8:10 <b>30</b>	SR 7:24 SS 8:11 <b>31</b>	

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MARCH 2017											MAY 2017										
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26	27	28	29	30	31						28	29	30	31							

# APRIL

*Sharp-tailed grouse are icons of North Dakota's prairies. In spring, birds gather on leks where males display twice daily for female onlookers. At times, this rite of spring among strutting males can become heated as the birds try to establish dominance.*

*Photo by Darcy Kramlich, Grassy Butte*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						SR 7:22 SS 8:13 <b>1</b>  2017-18 Fishing License Required
SR 7:20 SS 8:14 <b>2</b>	SR 7:18 SS 8:15 <b>3</b>	SR 7:16 SS 8:17 <b>4</b>	SR 7:14 SS 8:18 <b>5</b>	SR 7:12 SS 8:20 <b>6</b>	SR 7:10 SS 8:21 <b>7</b>	SR 7:08 SS 8:22 <b>8</b>
SR 7:06 SS 8:24 <b>9</b>  Palm Sunday	SR 7:04 SS 8:25 <b>10</b>	SR 7:03 SS 8:26 <b>11</b>  ○ FULL MOON	SR 7:01 SS 8:28 <b>12</b>	SR 6:59 SS 8:29 <b>13</b>	SR 6:57 SS 8:31 <b>14</b>  Good Friday	SR 6:55 SS 8:32 <b>15</b>  Spring Turkey Season Opens
SR 6:53 SS 8:33 <b>16</b>  Easter	SR 6:51 SS 8:35 <b>17</b>	SR 6:50 SS 8:36 <b>18</b>	SR 6:48 SS 8:37 <b>19</b>	SR 6:46 SS 8:39 <b>20</b>	SR 6:44 SS 8:40 <b>21</b>	SR 6:43 SS 8:41 <b>22</b>  Earth Day
SR 6:41 SS 8:43 <b>23</b>	SR 6:39 SS 8:44 <b>24</b>	SR 6:37 SS 8:46 <b>25</b>	SR 6:36 SS 8:47 <b>26</b>  ● NEW MOON	SR 6:34 SS 8:48 <b>27</b>	SR 6:32 SS 8:50 <b>28</b>	SR 6:31 SS 8:51 <b>29</b>
SR 6:29 SS 8:52 <b>30</b>						

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# MAY

*The black-crowned night heron, as its name implies, is mostly nocturnal. This heron begins to forage for food at dusk, while other herons are heading to roosts.*

*Photo by Craig Bihrl, Bismarck*

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SR 6:19 SS 9:02 <b>7</b>	SR 6:17 SS 9:03 <b>8</b>  Paddlefish Snagging Opens	SR 6:16 SS 9:04 <b>9</b>	SR 6:14 SS 9:05 <b>10</b>  ○ FULL MOON	SR 6:13 SS 9:07 <b>11</b>	SR 6:12 SS 9:08 <b>12</b>	SR 6:10 SS 9:09 <b>13</b>
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Mother's Day SR 6:01 SS 9:19 <b>21</b>	SR 6:00 SS 9:20 <b>22</b>	SR 5:59 SS 9:21 <b>23</b>	SR 5:59 SS 9:22 <b>24</b>	SR 5:58 SS 9:23 <b>25</b>  ● NEW MOON	SR 5:57 SS 9:24 <b>26</b>	SR 5:56 SS 9:25 <b>27</b>
SR 5:55 SS 9:26 <b>28</b>	SR 5:55 SS 9:27 <b>29</b>  Memorial Day	SR 5:54 SS 9:28 <b>30</b>	SR 5:53 SS 9:29 <b>31</b>	 <p>Subscribe to Game and Fish <b>TEXT ALERTS</b> Just text: <b>NDGF Alerts</b> To: <b>468311</b></p>		

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							30	31					

# JUNE

*Moose calves in North Dakota are born in late May or June. Single calves are typically the rule and twins are not as common. Calves remain with the adult female until their second summer.*

*Photo by Tom Gibson, Bottineau*

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SR 5:49 SS 9:37 <b>11</b>  Free Fishing Day	SR 5:49 SS 9:38 <b>12</b>	SR 5:48 SS 9:38 <b>13</b>	SR 5:48 SS 9:39 <b>14</b>  Deer Gun and Muzzleloader Application Deadline	SR 5:48 SS 9:39 <b>15</b>	SR 5:48 SS 9:40 <b>16</b>	SR 5:48 SS 9:40 <b>17</b>
SR 5:48 SS 9:40 <b>18</b>  Father's Day	SR 5:49 SS 9:41 <b>19</b>	SR 5:49 SS 9:41 <b>20</b>	SR 5:49 SS 9:41 <b>21</b>  Flag Day	SR 5:49 SS 9:41 <b>22</b>	SR 5:50 SS 9:41 <b>23</b>	SR 5:50 SS 9:41 <b>24</b> ● NEW MOON
SR 5:50 SS 9:41 <b>25</b>	SR 5:51 SS 9:41 <b>26</b>	SR 5:51 SS 9:41 <b>27</b>	SR 5:52 SS 9:41 <b>28</b>  Summer Begins	SR 5:52 SS 9:41 <b>29</b>	SR 5:53 SS 9:41 <b>30</b>	

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JUNE 2017										AUGUST 2017									
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# JULY

*Bumblebees, like the one pictured on a North Dakota native Flodman thistle, have seen dramatic declines in many parts of the United States. Loss of habitat, disease and pesticide use are among the factors that affect their populations. Native bumblebees are important pollinators of wildflowers and many agricultural plants. They transfer pollen from flower to flower, not only when it attaches to their bodies, but also when their wing vibrations shake the pollen loose, known as “buzz pollination.”*

*Photo by Craig Bihre, Bismarck*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						SR 5:53 SS 9:41 <b>1</b>
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		Independence Day				
SR 5:59 SS 9:37 <b>9</b>  ○ FULL MOON	SR 6:00 SS 9:37 <b>10</b>	SR 6:01 SS 9:36 <b>11</b>	SR 6:02 SS 9:36 <b>12</b>	SR 6:02 SS 9:35 <b>13</b>	SR 6:03 SS 9:34 <b>14</b>	SR 6:04 SS 9:33 <b>15</b>
SR 6:05 SS 9:32 <b>16</b>	SR 6:06 SS 9:32 <b>17</b>	SR 6:07 SS 9:31 <b>18</b>	SR 6:08 SS 9:30 <b>19</b>	SR 6:10 SS 9:29 <b>20</b>	SR 6:11 SS 9:28 <b>21</b>	SR 6:12 SS 9:27 <b>22</b>
SR 6:13 SS 9:26 <b>23</b>  ● NEW MOON	SR 6:14 SS 9:25 <b>24</b>	SR 6:15 SS 9:23 <b>25</b>	SR 6:16 SS 9:22 <b>26</b>	SR 6:17 SS 9:21 <b>27</b>	SR 6:19 SS 9:20 <b>28</b>	SR 6:20 SS 9:18 <b>29</b>
SR 6:21 SS 9:17 <b>30</b>	SR 6:22 SS 9:16 <b>31</b>					







JULY 2017							SEPTEMBER 2017						
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30	31												

# AUGUST

*A mature whitetail doe and fawn. While deer in agricultural areas will sometimes use crops for food, whitetails are mainly browsers, feeding on tender shoots, twigs and leaves of shrubs and trees.*

*Photo by Craig Bihrl, Bismarck*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		SR 6:24 SS 9:15 <b>1</b>	SR 6:25 SS 9:13 <b>2</b>  Pronghorn Application Deadline	SR 6:26 SS 9:12 <b>3</b>	SR 6:27 SS 9:10 <b>4</b>	SR 6:28 SS 9:09 <b>5</b>
SR 6:30 SS 9:07 <b>6</b>	SR 6:31 SS 9:06 <b>7</b>  ○ FULL MOON	SR 6:32 SS 9:04 <b>8</b>	SR 6:34 SS 9:03 <b>9</b>	SR 6:35 SS 9:01 <b>10</b>	SR 6:36 SS 9:00 <b>11</b>	SR 6:37 SS 8:58 <b>12</b>
SR 6:39 SS 8:56 <b>13</b>	SR 6:40 SS 8:55 <b>14</b>	SR 6:41 SS 8:53 <b>15</b>	SR 6:43 SS 8:51 <b>16</b>  Swan Permit Application Deadline	SR 6:44 SS 8:49 <b>17</b>	SR 6:45 SS 8:48 <b>18</b>	SR 6:46 SS 8:46 <b>19</b>
SR 6:48 SS 8:44 <b>20</b>	SR 6:49 SS 8:42 <b>21</b>  ● NEW MOON	SR 6:50 SS 8:41 <b>22</b>	SR 6:52 SS 8:39 <b>23</b>	SR 6:53 SS 8:37 <b>24</b>	SR 6:54 SS 8:35 <b>25</b>	SR 6:55 SS 8:33 <b>26</b>
SR 6:57 SS 8:31 <b>27</b>	SR 6:58 SS 8:29 <b>28</b>	SR 6:59 SS 8:28 <b>29</b>	SR 7:01 SS 8:26 <b>30</b>	SR 7:02 SS 8:24 <b>31</b>		

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AUGUST 2017	OCTOBER 2017
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27 28 29 30 31	29 30 31

# SEPTEMBER

*The colorful  
splendor of fall  
can be found in  
all its glory along  
the banks of the  
Missouri River  
from the Garrison  
Dam Tailrace to the  
headwaters of Lake  
Oahe.*

*Photo by Craig  
Bihrl, Bismarck*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Opening dates for all hunting and trapping seasons highlighted here are recommended standardized opening dates. Finalized dates are set by governor's proclamation. Always check the appropriate proclamation for official 2017 season information.</i></p>					SR 7:03 SS 8:22 <b>1</b>  Dove Season Opens Deer, Pronghorn Bow Seasons Open Mountain Lion Season Opens	SR 7:04 SS 8:20 <b>2</b>
SR 7:06 SS 8:18 <b>3</b>	SR 7:07 SS 8:16 <b>4</b>  Labor Day	SR 7:08 SS 8:14 <b>5</b>	SR 7:10 SS 8:12 <b>6</b>  ○ FULL MOON  Fall Turkey Application Deadline	SR 7:11 SS 8:10 <b>7</b>	SR 7:12 SS 8:08 <b>8</b>	SR 7:14 SS 8:06 <b>9</b>  Sharptail, Partridge, Ruffed Grouse, Squirrel Seasons Open
SR 7:15 SS 8:04 <b>10</b>	SR 7:16 SS 8:02 <b>11</b>	SR 7:17 SS 8:00 <b>12</b>	SR 7:19 SS 7:58 <b>13</b>	SR 7:20 SS 7:56 <b>14</b>	SR 7:21 SS 7:54 <b>15</b>  Youth Deer Season Opens	SR 7:23 SS 7:52 <b>16</b>  Youth Waterfowl Season Opens
SR 7:24 SS 7:50 <b>17</b>	SR 7:25 SS 7:48 <b>18</b>	SR 7:26 SS 7:46 <b>19</b>	SR 7:28 SS 7:44 <b>20</b>  ● NEW MOON	SR 7:29 SS 7:42 <b>21</b>	SR 7:30 SS 7:40 <b>22</b>  Fall Begins	SR 7:32 SS 7:38 <b>23</b>  Early Resident Waterfowl Season Opens
SR 7:33 SS 7:36 <b>24</b>	SR 7:34 SS 7:34 <b>25</b>	SR 7:36 SS 7:32 <b>26</b>	SR 7:37 SS 7:30 <b>27</b>	SR 7:38 SS 7:28 <b>28</b>	SR 7:40 SS 7:26 <b>29</b>	SR 7:41 SS 7:24 <b>30</b>  Regular Waterfowl Season Opens

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SEPTEMBER 2017														NOVEMBER 2017									
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# OCTOBER

*By October, bowhunters have been pursuing deer for about one month in North Dakota. Arguably the state's most coveted season, the deer gun season, arrives in November.*

*Photo by Steve Silseth, Minot*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SR 7:42 SS 7:22 <b>1</b>	SR 7:44 SS 7:20 <b>2</b>	SR 7:45 SS 7:18 <b>3</b>	SR 7:46 SS 7:16 <b>4</b>	SR 7:48 SS 7:14 ○ FULL MOON <b>5</b>	SR 7:49 SS 7:12 <b>6</b>  Pronghorn Gun Season Opens	SR 7:50 SS 7:10 <b>7</b>  Youth Pheasant Season Opens
SR 7:52 SS 7:09 <b>8</b>	SR 7:53 SS 7:07 <b>9</b>  Columbus Day	SR 7:54 SS 7:05 <b>10</b>	SR 7:56 SS 7:03 <b>11</b>	SR 7:57 SS 7:01 <b>12</b>	SR 7:59 SS 6:59 <b>13</b>	SR 8:00 SS 6:57 <b>14</b>  Pheasant, Turkey Seasons Open
SR 8:01 SS 6:55 <b>15</b>	SR 8:03 SS 6:54 <b>16</b>	SR 8:04 SS 6:52 <b>17</b>	SR 8:06 SS 6:50 <b>18</b>	SR 8:07 SS 6:48 ● NEW MOON <b>19</b>	SR 8:08 SS 6:47 <b>20</b>	SR 8:10 SS 6:45 <b>21</b>
SR 8:11 SS 6:43 <b>22</b>	SR 8:13 SS 6:41 <b>23</b>	SR 8:14 SS 6:40 <b>24</b>	SR 8:16 SS 6:38 <b>25</b>	SR 8:17 SS 6:36 <b>26</b>	SR 8:19 SS 6:35 <b>27</b>	SR 8:20 SS 6:33 <b>28</b>  Mink, Muskrat, Weasel Trapping Seasons Open
SR 8:22 SS 6:32 <b>29</b>	SR 8:23 SS 6:30 <b>30</b>	SR 8:24 SS 6:28 <b>31</b>  Halloween	 <b>RAP</b> <i>Report All Poachers, call toll free: 800-472-2121, reward offered.</i>			

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OCTOBER 2017							DECEMBER 2017						
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29	30	31					24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# NOVEMBER

*Thousands of snow geese rest on a mostly frozen wetland in Stutsman County in November 2015. Because snow geese are staging longer in Canada in fall, many of the birds aren't making it to North Dakota until November.*

*Photo by Craig Bihrlé, Bismarck*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>RAP – Report All Poachers, call toll free: 800-472-2121, reward offered.</i>			SR 8:26 SS 6:27 <b>1</b>	SR 8:27 SS 6:25 <b>2</b>	SR 8:29 SS 6:24 <b>3</b>	SR 8:30 SS 6:23 <b>4</b>  ○ FULL MOON
SR 7:32 SS 5:21 <b>5</b>	SR 7:33 SS 5:20 <b>6</b>	SR 7:35 SS 5:18 <b>7</b>	SR 7:36 SS 5:17 <b>8</b>	SR 7:38 SS 5:16 <b>9</b>	SR 7:39 SS 5:14 <b>10</b>	SR 7:41 SS 5:13 <b>11</b>
DST Ends Clocks Back One Hour		Election Day			Deer Gun Season Opens	Veterans Day
SR 7:42 SS 5:12 <b>12</b>	SR 7:44 SS 5:11 <b>13</b>	SR 7:45 SS 5:10 <b>14</b>	SR 7:46 SS 5:09 <b>15</b>	SR 7:48 SS 5:08 <b>16</b>	SR 7:49 SS 5:07 <b>17</b>	SR 7:51 SS 5:06 <b>18</b>  ● NEW MOON
SR 7:52 SS 5:05 <b>19</b>	SR 7:54 SS 5:04 <b>20</b>	SR 7:55 SS 5:03 <b>21</b>	SR 7:56 SS 5:02 <b>22</b>	SR 7:58 SS 5:01 <b>23</b>	SR 7:59 SS 5:01 <b>24</b>	SR 8:00 SS 5:00 <b>25</b>
				Thanksgiving		
SR 8:02 SS 4:59 <b>26</b>	SR 8:03 SS 4:59 <b>27</b>	SR 8:04 SS 4:58 <b>28</b>	SR 8:05 SS 4:58 <b>29</b>	SR 8:07 SS 4:57 <b>30</b>		

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NOVEMBER 2017

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JANUARY 2018

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# DECEMBER

*Coyotes are secretive by nature and most of their activity occurs from dusk until dawn. Even so, it's certainly not uncommon to see these guarded canines during daylight hours hunting for food.*

*Kelly Krabbenhoft,  
West Fargo*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Season's Greetings from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department					SR 8:08 SS 4:57 <b>1</b>	SR 8:09 SS 4:56 <b>2</b>
					Deer Muzzleloader Season Opens Darkhouse Spearfishing Season Opens	
SR 8:10 SS 4:56 <b>3</b>  ○ FULL MOON	SR 8:11 SS 4:56 <b>4</b>	SR 8:12 SS 4:55 <b>5</b>	SR 8:13 SS 4:55 <b>6</b>	SR 8:14 SS 4:55 <b>7</b>	SR 8:15 SS 4:55 <b>8</b>	SR 8:16 SS 4:55 <b>9</b>
SR 8:17 SS 4:55 <b>10</b>	SR 8:18 SS 4:55 <b>11</b>	SR 8:19 SS 4:55 <b>12</b>	SR 8:20 SS 4:55 <b>13</b>	SR 8:21 SS 4:55 <b>14</b>	SR 8:22 SS 4:55 <b>15</b>	SR 8:22 SS 4:56 <b>16</b>
SR 8:23 SS 4:56 <b>17</b>	SR 8:24 SS 4:56 <b>18</b>  ● NEW MOON	SR 8:24 SS 4:57 <b>19</b>	SR 8:25 SS 4:57 <b>20</b>	SR 8:25 SS 4:58 <b>21</b>	SR 8:26 SS 4:58 <b>22</b>	SR 8:26 SS 4:59 <b>23</b>
SR 8:27 SS 4:59 <b>24</b>  Christmas Eve	SR 8:27 SS 5:00 <b>25</b>	SR 8:27 SS 5:01 <b>26</b>	SR 8:28 SS 5:01 <b>27</b>	SR 8:28 SS 5:02 <b>28</b>  Winter Begins	SR 8:28 SS 5:03 <b>29</b>	SR 8:28 SS 5:04 <b>30</b>
SR 8:28 SS 5:05 <b>31</b>  Free Fishing Day New Year's Eve	Christmas Day					Free Fishing Day

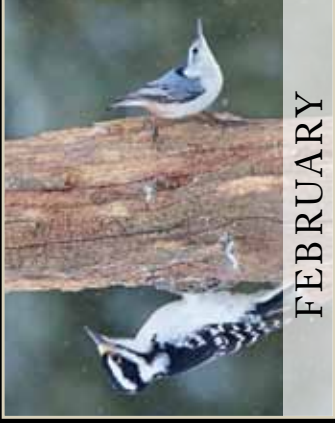
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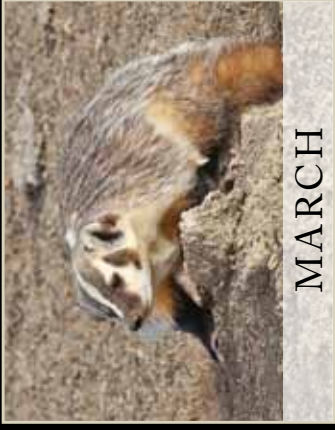
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*Steve Silseth, Minot*



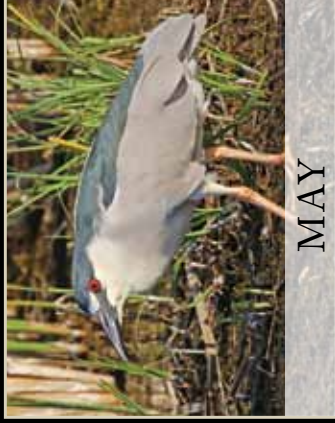
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*Craig Bibrle, Bismarck*



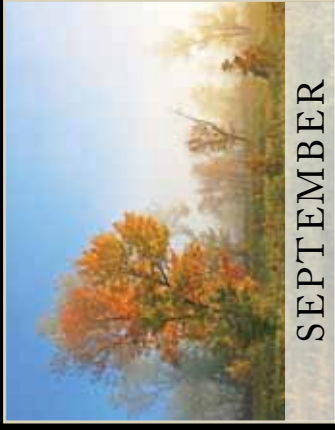
*Tom Gibson, Bottineau*



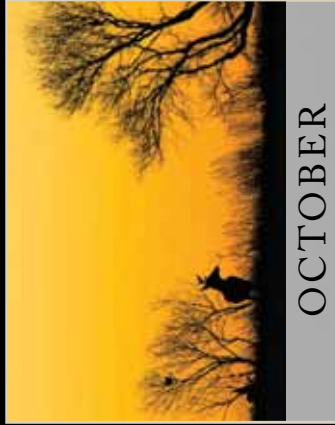
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