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Whitetail buck – photo by Nels Kilpela, Dickinson

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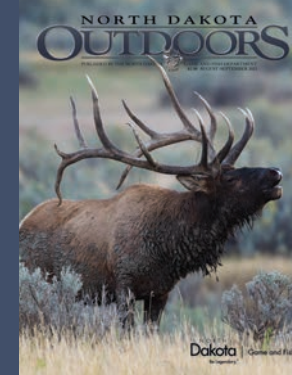
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Sharp-tailed grouse – photo by Kevin Hice, Washburn

JANUARY | 2024

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						31							

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	SR 8:26 SS 5:06 1	SR 8:26 SS 5:07 2	SR 8:26 SS 5:08 3	SR 8:26 SS 5:09 4	SR 8:25 SS 5:10 5	SR 8:25 SS 5:11 6
	NEW YEARS DAY					
SR 8:25 SS 5:13 7	SR 8:25 SS 5:14 8	SR 8:24 SS 5:15 9	SR 8:24 SS 5:16 10	SR 8:24 SS 5:17 ● NEW MOON 11	SR 8:23 SS 5:19 12	SR 8:23 SS 5:20 13
SR 8:22 SS 5:21 14	SR 8:22 SS 5:22 15	SR 8:21 SS 5:24 16	SR 8:20 SS 5:25 17	SR 8:20 SS 5:26 18	SR 8:19 SS 5:28 19	SR 8:18 SS 5:29 20
	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY					
SR 8:17 SS 5:31 21	SR 8:16 SS 5:32 22	SR 8:15 SS 5:33 23	SR 8:14 SS 5:35 24	SR 8:13 SS 5:36 ○ FULL MOON 25	SR 8:12 SS 5:38 26	SR 8:11 SS 5:39 27
SR 8:10 SS 5:41 28	SR 8:09 SS 5:42 29	SR 8:08 SS 5:44 30	SR 8:07 SS 5:45 31	<p>SR, SS - Sunrise and sunset at Bismarck, Central time. The sun rises and sets one minute later for each 12.5 miles straight west of Bismarck and one minute earlier for each 12.5 miles straight east of Bismarck. Mountain time is one hour earlier.</p>		



Gray squirrel – photo by Chad Olson, Minot

FEBRUARY | 2024

JANUARY 2024							MARCH 2024						
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					7	SR 7:56 SS 5:58
					8	SR 7:55 SS 5:59 ● NEW MOON
					9	SR 7:53 SS 6:01
					10	
SR 7:52 SS 6:02	11	SR 7:50 SS 6:04	12	SR 7:48 SS 6:05	13	SR 7:47 SS 6:07
					14	SR 7:45 SS 6:08
					15	SR 7:44 SS 6:10
					16	SR 7:42 SS 6:11
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					18	
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					23	SR 7:32 SS 6:20
					24	○ FULL MOON
					25	
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SR 7:28 SS 6:23	25	SR 7:26 SS 6:25	26	SR 7:25 SS 6:26	27	SR 7:23 SS 6:28
					28	SR 7:21 SS 6:29
					29	

SPRING TURKEY
APPLICATION DEADLINE
ASH WEDNESDAY
VALENTINE'S DAY

PRESIDENTS DAY



Greater white-fronted geese – photo by Steve Oehlenschlager, Elk River, Minn.

MARCH | 2024

FEBRUARY 2024							APRIL 2024						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					SR 7:19 SS 6:30	1 SR 7:17 SS 6:32
SR 7:15 SS 6:33	3	SR 7:13 SS 6:35	4	SR 7:12 SS 6:36	5	SR 7:10 SS 6:38
SR 8:02 SS 7:43	10	SR 8:00 SS 7:45	11	SR 7:58 SS 7:46	12	SR 7:56 SS 7:48
● NEW MOON						
DST BEGINS CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR						
SR 7:48 SS 7:53	17	SR 7:46 SS 7:55	18	SR 7:44 SS 7:56	19	SR 7:42 SS 7:57
ST. PATRICK'S DAY			SPRING BEGINS			
SR 7:34 SS 8:03	24	SR 7:32 SS 8:04	25	SR 7:28 SS 8:07	26	SR 7:26 SS 8:08
PALM SUNDAY		○ FULL MOON				
SR 7:21 SS 8:13	31					
EASTER				MOOSE, ELK, SHEEP APPLICATION DEADLINE		GOOD FRIDAY



Blue-winged teal – photo by Seth Owens, Grand Forks

APRIL | 2024

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	2024-25 FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED					
SR 7:07 SS 8:22 7	SR 7:05 SS 8:24 ● NEW MOON 8	SR 7:03 SS 8:25 9	SR 7:01 SS 8:26 10	SR 6:59 SS 8:28 11	SR 6:57 SS 8:29 12	SR 6:56 SS 8:30 13
						SPRING TURKEY SEASON OPENS
SR 6:54 SS 8:32 14	SR 6:52 SS 8:33 15	SR 6:50 SS 8:34 16	SR 6:48 SS 8:36 17	SR 6:46 SS 8:37 18	SR 6:45 SS 8:39 19	SR 6:43 SS 8:40 20
SR 6:41 SS 8:41 21	SR 6:39 SS 8:43 22	SR 6:38 SS 8:44 ○ FULL MOON 23	SR 6:36 SS 8:45 24	SR 6:34 SS 8:47 25	SR 6:33 SS 8:48 26	SR 6:31 SS 8:49 27
	EARTH DAY				NORTH DAKOTA BIRD DAY	
SR 6:29 SS 8:51 28	SR 6:28 SS 8:52 29	SR 6:26 SS 8:54 30				



Mallard – photo by Kevin Hice, Washburn

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			SR 6:24 SS 8:55 1	SR 6:23 SS 8:56 2	SR 6:21 SS 8:58 3	SR 6:20 SS 8:59 4
			PADDFISH SNAGGING OPENS			
SR 6:18 SS 9:00 5	SR 6:17 SS 9:02 6	SR 6:15 SS 9:03 ● NEW MOON 7	SR 6:14 SS 9:04 8	SR 6:13 SS 9:05 9	SR 6:11 SS 9:07 10	SR 6:10 SS 9:08 11
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MOTHER'S DAY SR 6:01 SS 9:18 19	SR 5:59 SS 9:19 20	SR 5:58 SS 9:20 21	SR 5:57 SS 9:21 22	SR 5:57 SS 9:22 ○ FULL MOON 23	SR 5:56 SS 9:23 24	SR 5:55 SS 9:25 25
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	MEMORIAL DAY					



Whitetail fawn – photo by Steve Oehlenschlager, Elk River, Minn.

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JULY 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						SR 5:50 SS 9:31 1 FREE FISHING DAY
SR 5:49 SS 9:32 2 FREE FISHING DAY	SR 5:49 SS 9:33 3	SR 5:48 SS 9:34 4	SR 5:48 SS 9:35 5 DEER GUN AND MUZZLELOADER APPLICATION DEADLINE	SR 5:47 SS 9:35 6 NEW MOON	SR 5:47 SS 9:36 7	SR 5:47 SS 9:37 8
SR 5:47 SS 9:38 9 FREE FISHING DAY	SR 5:46 SS 9:38 10	SR 5:46 SS 9:39 11	SR 5:46 SS 9:39 12	SR 5:46 SS 9:40 13	SR 5:46 SS 9:40 14 FLAG DAY	SR 5:46 SS 9:41 15
SR 5:46 SS 9:41 16 FATHER'S DAY	SR 5:46 SS 9:42 17	SR 5:46 SS 9:42 18	SR 5:46 SS 9:42 19	SR 5:46 SS 9:42 20 SUMMER BEGINS	SR 5:47 SS 9:43 21 FULL MOON	SR 5:47 SS 9:43 22
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Pike fishing – photo by Larry Kirks, Minot

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JUNE 2024

AUGUST 2024

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SR 5:55 SS 9:40 7	SR 5:56 SS 9:39 8	SR 5:57 SS 9:39 9	SR 5:58 SS 9:38 10	INDEPENDENCE DAY 11	SR 6:00 SS 9:37 12	SR 6:01 SS 9:36 13
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Red fox pups – photo by Kevin Hice, Washburn

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				PRONGHORN APPLICATION DEADLINE									
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SR 6:44 SS 8:49	18	SR 6:45 SS 8:47 ○ FULL MOON	19	SR 6:46 SS 8:45	20	SR 6:48 SS 8:44	21	SR 6:49 SS 8:42	22	SR 6:50 SS 8:40	23	SR 6:52 SS 8:38	24
SR 6:53 SS 8:36	25	SR 6:54 SS 8:34	26	SR 6:55 SS 8:32	27	SR 6:57 SS 8:31	28	SR 6:58 SS 8:29	29	SR 6:59 SS 8:27	30	SR 7:01 SS 8:25	31
										DEER, PRONGHORN BOW SEASONS OPEN MOUNTAIN LION SEASON OPENS			



Bighorn sheep – photo by Seth Owens, Grand Forks

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SR 7:02 SS 8:23 1 DOVE SEASON OPENS	SR 7:03 SS 8:21 ● NEW MOON 2 LABOR DAY	SR 7:04 SS 8:19 3	SR 7:06 SS 8:17 4	SR 7:07 SS 8:15 5	SR 7:08 SS 8:13 6	SR 7:10 SS 8:11 7
SR 7:11 SS 8:09 8	SR 7:12 SS 8:07 9	SR 7:14 SS 8:05 10	SR 7:15 SS 8:03 11	SR 7:16 SS 8:01 12	SR 7:17 SS 7:59 13	SR 7:19 SS 7:57 14 SHARPTAIL, PARTRIDGE, RUFFED GROUSE, SQUIRREL SEASONS OPEN YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASON OPENS
SR 7:20 SS 7:55 15	SR 7:21 SS 7:53 16	SR 7:23 SS 7:51 ○ FULL MOON 17	SR 7:24 SS 7:49 18	SR 7:25 SS 7:47 19	SR 7:26 SS 7:45 20	SR 7:28 SS 7:43 21 EARLY RESIDENT WATERFOWL SEASON OPENS
SR 7:29 SS 7:41 22 FALL BEGINS	SR 7:30 SS 7:39 23	SR 7:32 SS 7:37 24	SR 7:33 SS 7:35 25	SR 7:34 SS 7:33 26	SR 7:36 SS 7:31 27	SR 7:37 SS 7:29 28 REGULAR WATERFOWL SEASON OPENS
SR 7:38 SS 7:27 29	SR 7:40 SS 7:25 30					



Bull moose – photo by Jeff Weaver, Sidney Mont.

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		SR 7:41 SS 7:23	1 ● NEW MOON	SR 7:42 SS 7:21	2	SR 7:44 SS 7:19
					3	SR 7:45 SS 7:17
						4 PRONGHORN GUN SEASON OPENS
						5 YOUTH PHEASANT SEASON OPENS
SR 7:48 SS 7:13	6	SR 7:49 SS 7:11	7	SR 7:50 SS 7:10	8	SR 7:52 SS 7:08
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						12 FALL TURKEY, PHEASANT SEASONS OPEN
SR 7:57 SS 7:00	13	SR 7:59 SS 6:58	14	SR 8:00 SS 6:56	15	SR 8:01 SS 6:55
						16 ○ FULL MOON
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						21 COLUMBUS DAY
SR 8:07 SS 6:47	20	SR 8:09 SS 6:46	21	SR 8:10 SS 6:44	22	SR 8:11 SS 6:42
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						26 MINK, MUSKRAT, WEASEL TRAPPING SEASONS OPEN
SR 8:17 SS 6:36	27	SR 8:19 SS 6:34	28	SR 8:20 SS 6:32	29	SR 8:22 SS 6:31
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						31 HALLOWEEN



Whitetail buck— photo by Nels Kilpela, Dickinson

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DST ENDS CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR		ELECTION DAY			DEER GUN SEASON OPENS	
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SR 7:57 SS 5:02	SR 7:59 SS 5:01	SR 8:00 SS 5:00	SR 8:01 SS 5:00	SR 8:02 SS 4:59	SR 8:04 SS 4:59	SR 8:05 SS 4:58
				THANKSGIVING	DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON OPENS	



Ring-necked pheasant – photo by Chad Olson, Minot

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2024 CALENDAR



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FEBRUARY Chad Olson, Minot



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APRIL Seth Owens, Grand Forks



MAY Kevin Hice, Washburn



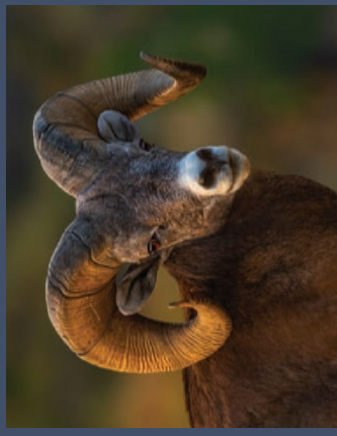
JUNE Steve Oehlenschlaeger, Elk River, Minn.



JULY Larry Kirks, Minot



AUGUST Kevin Hice, Washburn



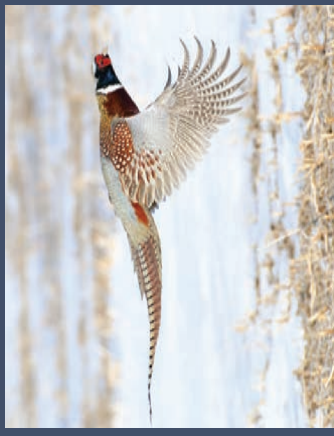
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