

The Exedra Monthly Almanac

PUBLISHED FOR THE HILLS & GARDENS OF PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA

JUNE • 2026

Lat. 37°49'N · Long. 122°14'W · Elevation 600 ft · Pacific Daylight Time (UTC-7)

PIEDMONT EXEDRA NEWS
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General Prognostication for the Month

WARM & MOSTLY SUNNY · HIGHS 65-76°F · LOWS 50-58°F · AVG. RAINFALL ~ 0.5 IN.

SUN TIMES

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	DAYLIGHT
1★	5:48a	8:27p	14h 39m
2	5:48a	8:27p	14h 37m
3	5:48a	8:26p	14h 35m
4	5:47a	8:26p	14h 33m
5	5:47a	8:27p	14h 30m
6	5:47a	8:28p	14h 27m
7	5:47a	8:28p	14h 24m
8★	5:46a	8:29p	14h 21m
9	5:46a	8:29p	14h 18m
10	5:46a	8:30p	14h 15m
11	5:46a	8:30p	14h 12m
12	5:46a	8:31p	14h 9m
13	5:46a	8:31p	14h 6m
14	5:46a	8:32p	14h 3m
15★	5:46a	8:32p	14h 0m
16	5:46a	8:32p	13h 57m
17	5:46a	8:33p	13h 54m
18	5:46a	8:33p	13h 51m
19	5:46a	8:33p	13h 48m
20	5:47a	8:34p	13h 45m
21★	5:47a	8:34p	13h 42m
22	5:47a	8:34p	13h 39m
23	5:47a	8:34p	13h 36m
24	5:48a	8:34p	13h 33m
25	5:48a	8:34p	13h 30m
26	5:48a	8:34p	13h 27m
27	5:48a	8:34p	13h 24m
28	5:48a	8:34p	13h 21m
29	5:48a	8:34p	13h 18m
30★	5:50a	8:33p	13h 15m

★ = lunar phase day • = summer solstice • = ♀ = full

CELESTIAL EVENTS

JUN 21 – SUMMER SOLSTICE

The longest day of 2026 arrives at 7:24 a.m. PDT. Piedmont enjoys 14h 47m of daylight – sunrise 5:47 a.m., sunset 8:34 p.m. The Sun reaches its northernmost point, pausing before its slow retreat toward autumn.

JUN 29 – STRAWBERRY MOON

Named for the ripening of wild strawberries. Rises at 8:24 pm near the Sagittarius teapot in the SE, glowing deep amber above the Oakland Hills. A fine evening for moonlit walks in Piedmont Park.

THE SUMMER SOLSTICE

JUN 21 – LONGEST DAY

The summer solstice marks the Sun's northernmost point along the ecliptic, arriving at 7:24 a.m. PDT. In Piedmont, the Sun rises at 5:47 a.m. and sets at 8:34 p.m., granting nearly 14½ hours of daylight. After the solstice, days imperceptibly shorten – though the warmest days still lie ahead. Evening is equally magical, with a lingering golden light on the hills through 9 p.m.

THE GARDENER'S CALENDAR

SOW & PLANT

- Plant out warm-season vegetables – tomatoes, peppers, eggplant & squash – now that nights are reliably above 55°F.
- Sow basil, beans, cucumbers & corn directly once soil reaches 65°F.
- Set out dahlias, zinnias & sunflowers for peak summer colour.
- Continue succession plantings of lettuce and radishes every two weeks while temperatures remain moderate.
- Plant out warm-season groundcovers – portulaca and gazania – for colour in dry spots.

PRUNE & TEND

- Cut back leggy spring annuals – snapdragons, stock & nemesis – to encourage a fresh flush of blooms before heat arrives.
- Deadhead roses and feed every two weeks with a rose fertilizer.
- Pinch tips of basil before it bolts to concentrate flavour.
- Remove spring bulb foliage once it has yellowed fully – do not rush.

WATER & FEED

- Transition irrigation systems to summer scheduling – typically 2-3 days per week by month's end.
- Top-dress vegetable beds with compost and apply balanced organic fertilizer as growth accelerates.
- Feed citrus a second time with a high-nitrogen blend to support flush of new growth.
- Match all beds to 3 inches – the dry season is fully underway, every drop matters.

PESTS & WEEDS

- Aphid populations peak on roses and new vegetable growth – treat with strong water spray or insecticidal soap.
- Monitor tomatoes for early signs of hornworm, hand-pick at dawn when they're easiest to spot.
- Pull annual weeds before they set seed – oxalis and spurge spread prolifically in June's warm, dry conditions.

"In June the garden holds its breath – between the last cool morning and summer's full arrival."

TIDAL CHART – SAN FRANCISCO BAY



Tide height

Golden Gate NOAA Sta. 9444990

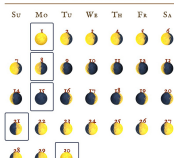
Times in PDT

DATE	H ₁	L ₁	H ₂	L ₂
Jun 1	10:01ft	3:20ft	14:20ft	10:01ft
Jun 2	10:24a	6:39a	8:48p	6:39p
Jun 3	10:47a	9:58a	5:57p	10:07p
Jun 4	11:10a	12:47a	2:47p	12:07p
Jun 5	11:33a	15:40a	11:31a	12:07p
Jun 6	11:56a	18:31a	9:01a	—
Jun 7	12:19a	21:20a	6:30p	—
Jun 8	12:42a	24:09a	4:00p	—
Jun 9	1:05a	27:00a	1:30p	—
Jun 10	1:28a	29:51a	11:00a	—
Jun 11	1:51a	32:42a	8:30p	—
Jun 12	2:14a	35:33a	6:00p	—
Jun 13	2:37a	38:24a	3:30p	—
Jun 14	3:00a	41:15a	1:00p	—
Jun 15	3:23a	44:06a	11:30a	—
Jun 16	3:46a	46:57a	9:00a	—
Jun 17	4:09a	49:48a	6:30p	—
Jun 18	4:32a	52:39a	4:00p	—
Jun 19	4:55a	55:30a	1:30p	—
Jun 20	5:18a	58:21a	11:00a	—
Jun 21	5:41a	61:12a	8:30p	—

H = high tide, L = low tide. ☉ = Sun, ☾ = lunar phase day. — = at the time of day.

Data collection: North Point, Pier 49, San Francisco Bay, Times PDT.

MOON PHASES



- Full Moon (Blue Moon) – Jun 4, 1:47 am
- Third Quarter – Jun 8, 3:02 am
- New Moon – Jun 11, 7:19 pm
- First Quarter – Jun 15, 1:37 pm
- Full Moon (Strawberry Moon) – Jun 20, 4:57 pm

"June is the month of rains, long evenings, and the sweet scent of summer on the hills."

THE BIRDWATCHER'S NOTEBOOK – JUNE IN PIEDMONT

SUMMER RESIDENTS & LINGERING MIGRANTS

- Olive-sided Flycatcher – "Quack!" Three been! calls ring from hilltop stages into early June; a few breed in tall eucalyptus and foothill canyons before the southward journey begins.
- Western Wood-Pewee – now settled on breeding territory, its plaintive, descending whistle carries through oak woodland edges all month.
- Warbling Vireo – singing persistently from riparian willows and oaks while incubating easy to hear, hard to spot in the leaf canopy.
- Lazuli Bunting – most have moved on; stragglers still possible on brushy hillsites in early June.
- Vaux's Swift – small, twinkling swifts remain visible overhead in loose flocks on warm evenings throughout June.

PEAK NESTING ACTIVITY

- American Robin – second clutches well underway; fledglings scatter across lawns in June, still following parents to beg for worms.
- Black-headed Grosbeak – males singing boldly from the oak canopy all month; females incubating or brooding in dense foliage.
- Anna's Hummingbird – young from second broods fledging through June; territorial males buzzing feeders and flowering salvias at all hours.
- California Scrub-Jay – noisy fledglings follow parents through the neighbourhood, begging loudly from fences and rooftops.
- House Finch – third-brood nesting underway by mid-June; males continue their rollicking, warbling song from rooftops and aerials.

BEST VIEWING SPOTS & TIPS

- Piedmont Park – open lawn draws foraging robins and fledgling California Scrub-Jays; willows and creek edge host Warbling Vireos and Common Yellowthroats.
- Morcom Rose Garden – Anna's Hummingbirds ubiquitous amid the blooms; Bullock's Orioles visit the flowering trees through June.
- Dawn chorus runs 5:30-7:00 a.m. and remains rich in June – resident breeders in full song as migrants thin out; a rewarding hour for any level of birder.
- Evening is productive too: listen for the drawn-out song of the Swainson's Thrush drifting from wooded ravines at dusk through late June.

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ASTRONOMICAL DATA SOURCED FROM U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY COMPUTATIONS & NASA/JPL EPHEMERIS DATA · WEATHER FROM NOAA CLIMATOLOGICAL AVERAGES

BIRD DATA FROM CORNELL LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY eBIRD REGIONAL REPORTS · GARDENING GUIDANCE ADAPTED FOR USDA ZONE 9a / SUNSET ZONE 17

"In June the hills turn gold, the fog rolls in off the Bay at evening, and Piedmont settles into the long, luminous luxury of summer."