The Exedra Monthly Almanac

PUBLISHED FOR THE HILLS & GARDENS OF PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA

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Lat. 37° 49' 27" N · Long. 122° 13' 53" W · Elevation ~331 ft · Pacific Standard Time (UTC−8)

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General Prognostication for the Month

Crisp & Changeable, Storm Season Opens, El Niño Building · Highs 60–68°F · Lows 44–50°F · Avg. Rainfall ~2.5 in.

☀ SUN TIMES

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
1★	6:35a	5:10p	10h 35m
2	6:36a	5:09p	10h 33m
3	6:37a	5:08p	10h 31m
4	6:38a	5:07p	10h 29m
5	6:39a	5:06p	10h 27m
6	6:40a	5:05p	10h 25m
7	6:41a	5:04p	10h 23m
8★	6:42a	5:03p	10h 21m
9	6:43a	5:02p	10h 19m
10	6:44a	5:01p	10h 17m
11	6:45a	5:00p	10h 15m
12	6:46a	5:00p	10h 13m
13	6:47a	4:59p	10h 11m
14	6:48a	4:58p	10h 10m
15C	6:49a	4:57p	10h 08m
16	6:51a	4:57p	10h 06m
17★	6:52a	4:56p	10h 04m
18	6:53a	4:55p	10h 03m
19	6:54a	4:55p	10h 01m
20	6:55a	4:54p	9h 59m
21	6:56a	4:54p	9h 58m
22	6:57a	4:53p	9h 56m
23	6:58a	4:53p	9h 55m
24★	6:59a	4:52p	9h 53m
25U	7:00a	4:52p	9h 52m
26	7:01a	4:51p	9h 50m
27	7:02a	4:51p	9h 49m
28	7:03a	4:51p	9h 48m
29	7:04a	4:51p	9h 47m
30★	7:05a	4:50p	9h 45m

★ = lunar phase day C = Mars-Jupiter conj.
U = Uranus opposition

✦ CELESTIAL EVENTS

NOV 15–16 — MARS MEETS JUPITER

Before dawn, ruddy Mars (mag. 0.7) slides just 1.2° from brilliant Jupiter (mag. −2.0) in Leo, high in the southeast by 5:30 am, with Regulus 4° below. The waning Moon joins the pair on the 2nd; on the 7th a thin crescent hangs 3° from dazzling Venus, low in the east-southeast before sunrise. Mercury reaches greatest elongation on the 20th.

NOV 24 — BEAVER SUPERMOON & LEONIDS

The Full Moon peaks at 6:53 am PST, a day before perigee, and rises at 4:50 pm in Taurus, 2° from the Pleiades; its pull drives the King Tides of Nov. 21–28. Uranus reaches opposition nearby on the 25th. The Leonid meteors peak in the small hours of the 17th–18th; the Moon sets about 12:15 am, leaving dark skies until dawn.

☾ MOON PHASES

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
◑ 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					

◑ *Last Qtr Nov 1, 12:28pm* · ● *New Nov 8, 11:02pm*
◐ *First Qtr Nov 17, 3:47am* · ○ *Full (Beaver) Nov 24, 6:53am*
◑ *Last Qtr Nov 30, 10:08pm*

THE GARDENER'S CALENDAR

SOW & PLANT

- Plant tulips that have chilled 6 weeks in the fridge late in the month, along with any remaining daffodils, ranunculus & anemones.
- Finish planting garlic, shallots & onion sets; set cloves pointed-end up, about 2 in. deep.
- Set out broccoli, kale, chard & cabbage starts; keep sowing peas, fava beans, spinach, lettuces & radishes.
- Sow a cover crop of crimson clover, vetch or favas on empty beds as the rains begin.
- Prime time for planting California natives, trees & shrubs — the rains will water them in.

✂ PRUNE & TEND

- Rake fallen leaves and fruit from under fruit trees to cut down on overwintering disease.
- Spray peaches & nectarines for leaf curl once their leaves drop, late this month.
- Clear gutters, drains & downspouts and stake young trees before the big storms.
- Hand-pick snails & slugs at dusk as the rains return.
- Hold off on hard pruning of roses and fruit trees until the dormant season in January.

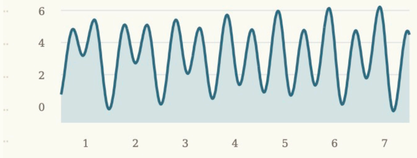
WATER & FEED

- Turn irrigation timers down or off after the first soaking rain; check the soil before watering.
- Feed winter vegetables lightly with a balanced organic fertilizer; skip feeding natives.
- Mulch bare soil and slopes 2–3 in. deep to curb erosion in heavy El Niño rains.

☀ AUTUMN DEEPENS

Clocks fell back on November 1, so sunrise jumps to 6:35 a.m. and sunset to 5:10 p.m. From there the hills lose about 50 more minutes of daylight: by month's end the sun rises at 7:05 a.m. and sets at 4:50 p.m., and days slip below ten hours on the 20th. Storm season opens in earnest, and with a strong El Niño forecast this winter, a wetter-than-usual season is favored. The year's highest King Tides, Nov. 21–28, may briefly flood low Bay-shore paths and the edges of Lake Merritt.

🌊 TIDAL CHART — SAN FRANCISCO BAY



Tide height, Nov 1–7 · 📍 Golden Gate NOAA Sta. 9414290 · Times in PST

THE BIRDWATCHER'S NOTEBOOK — NOVEMBER IN PIEDMONT

⬆ WINTER VISITORS ARRIVE

- **Golden-crowned & White-crowned Sparrow** — now settled in for winter along garden edges and brushy slopes; scatter seed low near cover.
- **Varied Thrush & Hermit Thrush** — watch shady, damp understory for the Varied Thrush's orange-and-black finery and listen for its eerie, buzzy whistle.
- **Barrow's & Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead & Canvasback** — diving ducks build toward peak numbers on Lake Merritt by month's end.
- **Ruby-crowned Kinglet & Yellow-rumped Warbler** — restless winter flocks work the oaks and street trees.
- **Cedar Waxwing & American Robin** — roving flocks strip ripe toyon and pyracantha berries.

YEAR-ROUND NEIGHBORS

- **Acorn Woodpecker** — granary trees stay busy as family groups guard their stored acorns.
- **California & Spotted Towhee** — scratch noisily through leaf litter beneath shrubs.
- **Oak Titmouse, Bushtit & Chestnut-backed Chickadee** — mixed flocks roam with the wintering kinglets and warblers.
- **Anna's Hummingbird** — males begin their high, whistling dive displays ahead of winter nesting; keep feeders clean and filled.
- **Great Horned Owl** — pairs start duetting at dusk as courtship begins; listen on calm nights.

BEST VIEWING SPOTS & TIPS

- **Lake Merritt** — the season's best duck-watching; scan the open water from the island refuge side for goldeneyes and Canvasbacks.
- **Piedmont Park** — towhees and sparrows along the creek trail; thrushes in the shady ravine.
- **Morning light comes earlier** — with sunrise back near 6:35–7:05 a.m., go out by 7:00–8:30 a.m. when flocks are busiest.
- **Count your feeder birds** — Project FeederWatch's winter season opens this month; clean feeders and baths every two weeks.

Calculated for Piedmont, California (37° 49' 27" N, 122° 13' 53" W) · Sunrise/sunset times in Pacific Daylight Time · Moon phase times in PDT
Sunrise/sunset, moon phase & planetary event times computed from standard astronomical algorithms for Piedmont's coordinates, cross-checked against published sunrise tables for San Francisco · Weather from NOAA climatological averages for the East Bay hills
Bird data adapted from Cornell Lab of Ornithology eBird regional patterns · Gardening guidance adapted for USDA Zone 9b / Sunset Zone 17
Tide times from published predictions for Golden Gate, San Francisco Bay (NOAA Sta. 9414290); consult NOAA Tides & Currents for official predictions.