2018

California and Oregon

Total Solar Eclipse (8/21/2017, Madras, OR)

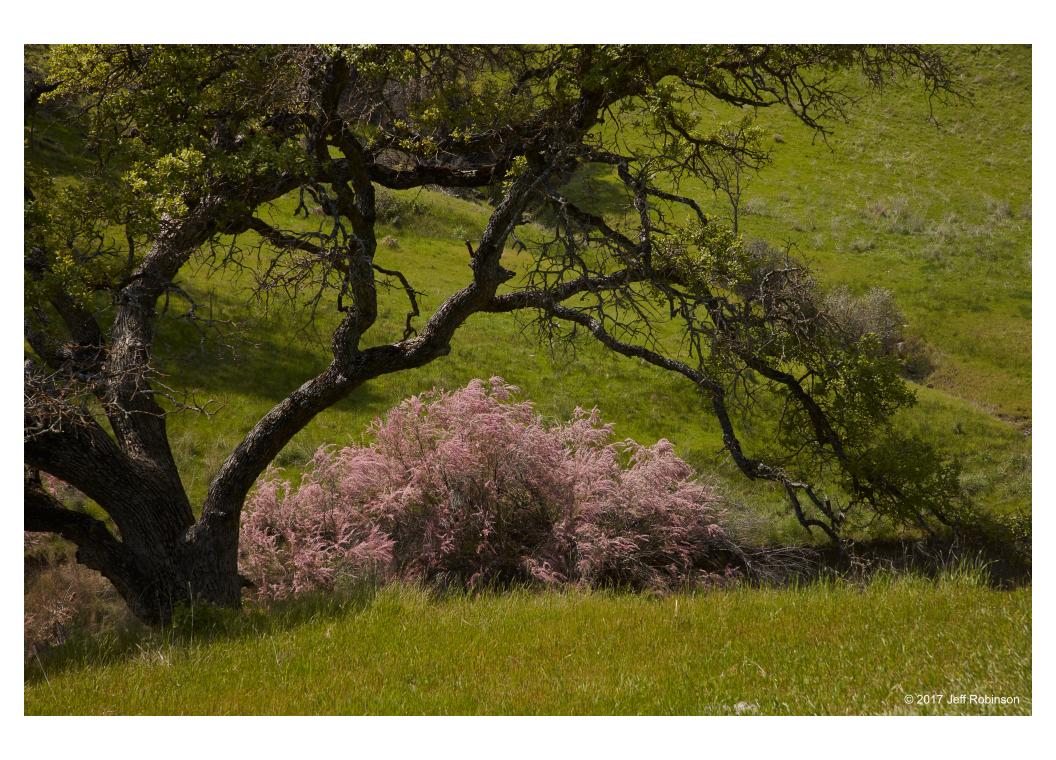
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Great Blue Heron

Great Blue Herons are best known for hunting fish in shallow water (where they can wade), but they also hunt for gophers in fields.
(1/14/2017, Shingle Springs, CA)

DECEMBER 2017 S M T W T F S 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 31	January Zuio								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
	New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	9	10		12	13			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
21	22	Payday	24	25	26	27			
28	29	30	31						



Pink Blossoms

Every spring Bear Creek is lined with bushes covered in pink blossoms. (4/9/2017, Bear Valley Rd., Colusa County, CA)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Groundhog Day	
				1	2	3
4	Lincoln's Birthday	6	Valentine's Day	8	9	10
11	Presidents' Day	13	14	Washington's Birthday	16	17
18	19	20	Payday	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



Ant

I was photographing a tiny pink flower in my yard (slightly larger than a pencil eraser) when the flower started shaking noticeably, even though there was no wind. Soon the explanation for the shaking appeared.

(3/25/2017, Shingle Springs, CA)

FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 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	March 2018							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
				1	2	3		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Daylight Saving Begins						St. Patrick's Day		
11	12	Spring (9:16 AM PDT)	14	15	16	17		
18	19	20	21	22	Payday	24		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		



Field of Flowers

Bear Valley, near the northern part of California's Central Valley, can get a wide variety of flowers in the spring. (4/9/2017, Bear Valley Rd., Colusa County, CA)

MARCH S M T W T F S 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 31	April 2018							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
April Fool's Day Easter Sunday								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Tax Day								
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	22	24	25	26	27	20		
22	Payday	24	25	26	21	28		
29	30							



Dragonfly

This is one of the two dominant species of dragonflies found near our local lake. The other has vivid green eyes, but is smaller and lacks the flashy white on the wings of this variety.

(7/1/2017, Shingle Springs, CA)

APRIL S M T W T F S 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	May 2018 S M T W T F S 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							
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				National Day of Prayer		Cinco De Mayo		
		1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Mother's Day			9	10	11	12		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
13	14	15	16	17	10	19		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
	Memorial Day		Payday					
27	28	29	30	31				



Reflections

Red Lake Peak is named after its lake. (10/15/2017, Eldorado National Forest, CA)

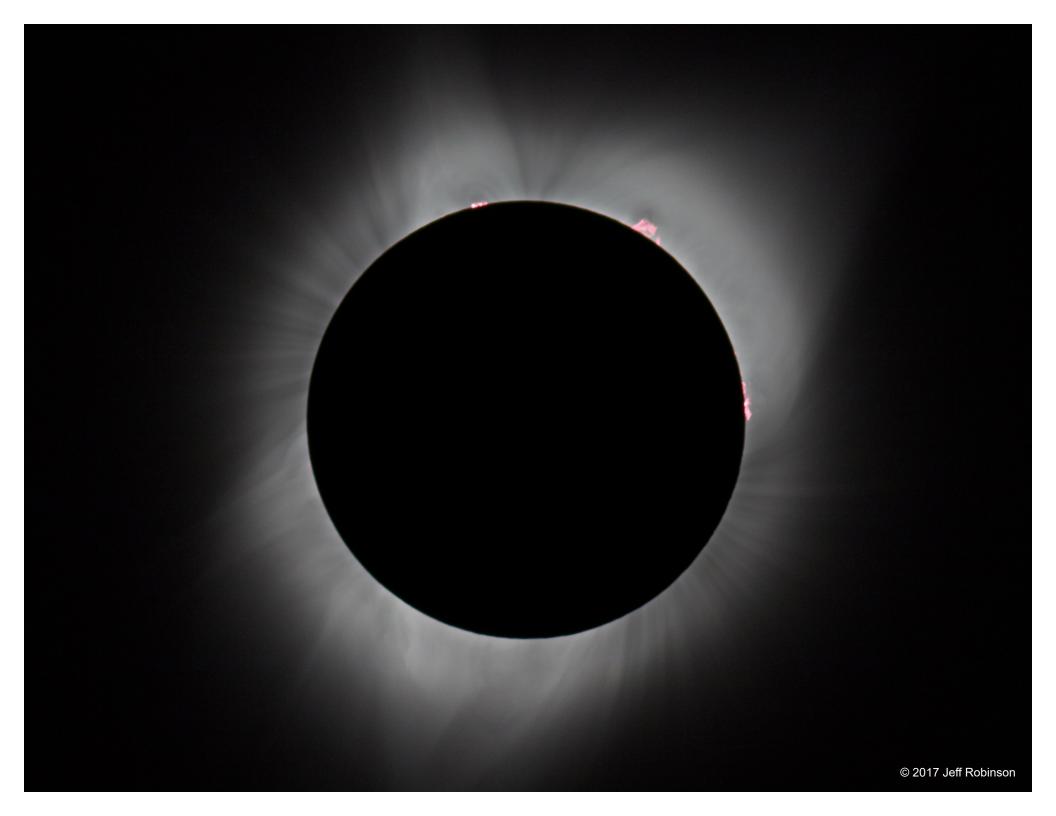
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Father's Day				Summer (3:08 AM PDT)				
17	18	19	20	21	Payday	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		



Swallowtail Butterfly

Although dominantly yellow from a distance, up close a Swallowtail has other vivid colors in its tail. (7/17/2017, Shingle Springs, CA)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	2	3	Independence Day 4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	Payday	25	26	27	28		
29	30	31						



Total Solar Eclipse

On August 21, 2017, the US experienced its first total solar eclipse since 1979. Due to its statistics for clear skies, Madras Oregon was chosen by many (including NASA) as their viewing point, swelling a small town with a population of a bit over 6,000 to well over 100,000 for the eclipse. Those who came were treated to 2 minutes and 2 seconds of views like this. (8/21/2017, Madras, OR)

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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	Payday	31				



Mockingbird

Not everyone knows what a Mockingbird looks like, but most everyone has heard them. They sing songs that not only mimic the sounds of other birds, but also of insects and amphibians.

(10/3/2017, Woodbridge Ecological Reserve, Lodi, CA)

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	Labor Day					<u>'</u>
	Laber Bay					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Patriot Day				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Fall (6:55 PM PDT)
						,
16	17	18	19	20		22
					Payday	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



Fall Mushroom

Early rains followed by extended warm weather produced the perfect conditions for mushrooms in fall 2017. (11/25/2017, Shingle Springs, CA)

SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 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	OCTODER 2016							
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	Columbus Day							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23		25	26	27		
		Payday	Halloween					
28	29	30	31					

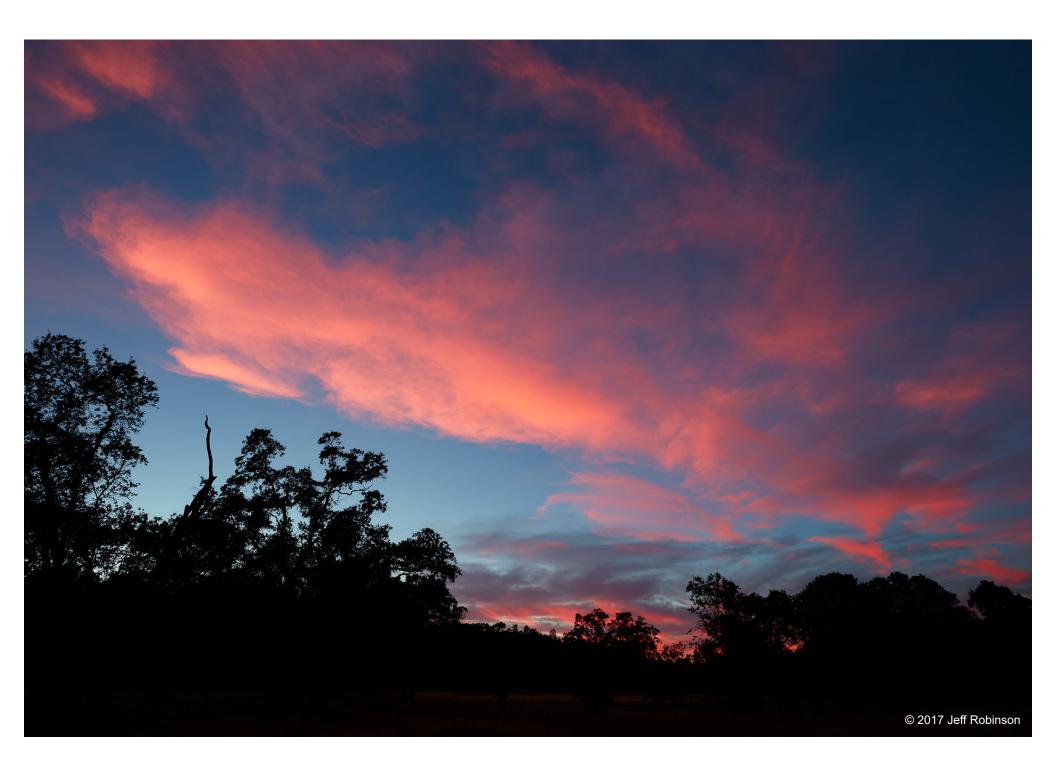


Sandhill Cranes

Sandhill Cranes like to winter in Central California. Although they have mostly gray wings, staining from dirt often causes them to look reddish brown. Despite their impressive wingspan (up to 7.5 feet), what stands out the most in my mind is the sound hundreds of them make while calling to each other near sunset.

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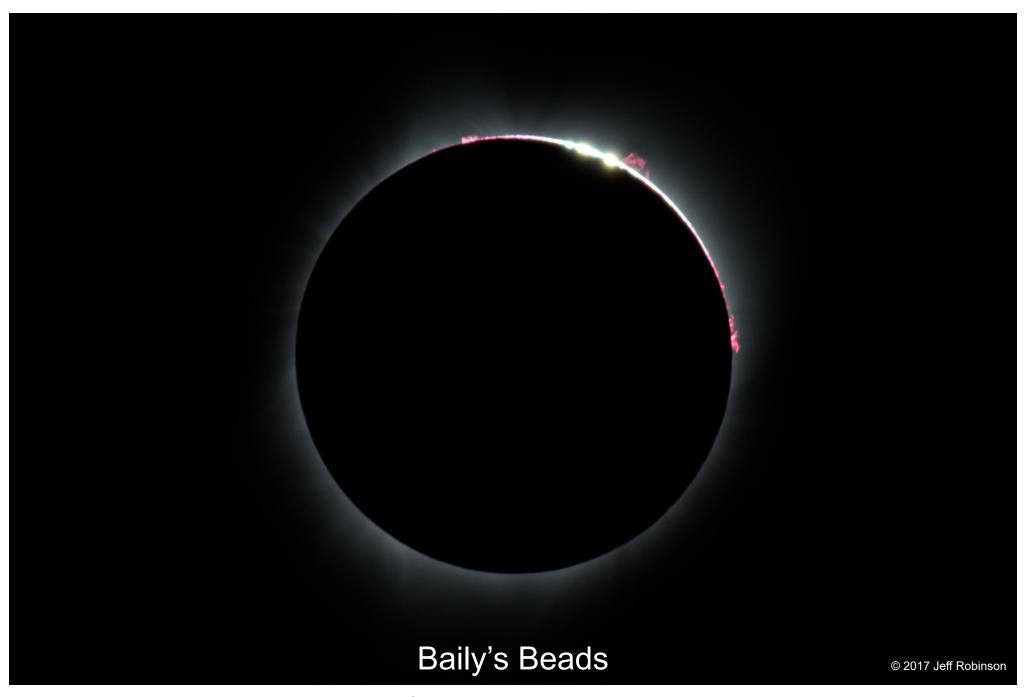
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				1	2	3		
Daylight Saving Time Ends		Election Day						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Veteran's Day	Veterans Day (Observed)							
11	12	13	14	Thanksgiving Day	Day After Thanksgiving	17		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	Payday 29	30			



Sunset

The foothills of the Sierra often produce the right conditions for memorable sunsets. (6/16/2017, Shingle Springs, CA)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	Winter (2:24 PM PST)	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Christmas Day				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Payday 31					



The white spots at the upper-right of the sun are known as Baily's Beads. These appeared just as the sun was coming out of totality during the eclipse.

(8/21/2017, Madras, OR)