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ELEMENTALS

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A CALENDAR FOR 2026

FROM SCOTLAND'S FOREMOST LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHER



**Bidean nam Bian, Buachaille Etive Mòr and Ben Nevis, Lochaber**

Rising to the south, the Black Mount range gradually encroaches upon the Rannoch Moor until the entrance of the glen presents a striking contrast with the sight of the Buachaille Etive Mòr. From the upper reaches of the mountains, the absence of modern artefacts, or human activity, over much of the landscape creates a sense of sanctuary.

# January

2026

1						
			Thu 1	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4
2						
Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thu 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
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Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18
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Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
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Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 31	



**Scarba, Lunga, Eilean Dubh Mòr, Flada, Belnahua and the Garvellachs, Sound of Luing**

The pyramid of Scarba (449m) rises high above these lower islands, supporting moorland that is in striking contrast to their green meadows or slate wastes. Between the islands, tidal races rip with ferocity that is easily seen, and the streaming waters are themselves an important visual element in the total scene.

# February

2026

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							Sun 1
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Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8	
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Mon 9	Tue 10	Wed 11	Thu 12	Fri 13	Sat 14	Sun 15	
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Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22	
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Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28		



### Creag Dhubh and Liathach, Loch Clair, Glen Torridon

Torridon is one of the most dramatic and distinctive landscapes in Scotland. Liathach and Beinn Alligin's pink, terraced cliffs and distinctive pyramidal peaks, composed of Torridonian sandstones, are unmistakable, as are the white, scree-covered slopes of Beinn Eighe's Cambrian quartzite, which offer vantage points onto a billion-year-old landscape.

## March 2026

Mon 30	Tue 31					Sun 1
<sup>10</sup> Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8
<sup>11</sup> Mon 9	Tue 10	Wed 11	Thu 12	Fri 13	Sat 14	Sun 15
<sup>12</sup> Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22
<sup>13</sup> Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29



### Isle of Sanday and Rum from Isle of Canna

Whether travelling the coast road to Tarbert, climbing up to Compass Hill or standing above the northern cliffs, a striking feature of Canna is the abrupt, vertical, columnar cliffs that occur throughout the landscape. The coastline is predominantly steep and rocky, with cliffs, caves, natural arches, wave-cut platforms, skerries, isles, stacks and raised beaches.

## April 2026

14 Mon						
			1 Wed	2 Thu	3 Fri	4 Sat
						5 Sun
15 Mon	6 Tue	7 Wed	8 Thu	9 Fri	10 Sat	11 Sun
						12 Sun
16 Mon	13 Tue	14 Wed	15 Thu	16 Fri	17 Sat	18 Sun
						19 Sun
17 Mon	20 Tue	21 Wed	22 Thu	23 Fri	24 Sat	25 Sun
						26 Sun
18 Mon	27 Tue	28 Wed	29 Thu	30 Fri		



**Sgùrr Dearg and the Inaccessible Pinnacle, Sgùrr Alasdair and Sgùrr Dubh Mòr, Cuillin, Isle of Skye**

The Cuillin landscape has long been an inspiration for folklore, storytellers, writers, poets, artists and musicians. Loch Coruisk, surrounded by towering walls of dark gabbro, the walls reflected in the dark water of the loch, inspired the painter Turner, and was called 'That Dread Lake' by Sir Walter Scott in his poem *The Lord of the Isles*.

May  
2026

18					1	Sat 2	Sun 3
19	Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thu 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10
20	Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thu 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Sun 17
21	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thu 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
22	Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27	Thu 28	Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 31



### Loch Beinn a' Mheadhoin, Glen Affric

Ancient forests, interspersed with stands of the lighter birch, add to the air of antiquity and timelessness of this glen. With its extensive native woodland and moorland, its flowing river, its surrounding hills and general absence of artefacts, the glen has a natural and peaceful feel, an oasis from the modern world.

## June 2026

23 Mon	1 Tue	2 Wed	3 Thu	4 Fri	5 Sat	6 Sun
24 Mon	8 Tue	9 Wed	10 Thu	11 Fri	12 Sat	13 Sun
25 Mon	15 Tue	16 Wed	17 Thu	18 Fri	19 Sat	20 Sun
26 Mon	22 Tue	23 Wed	24 Thu	25 Fri	26 Sat	27 Sun
27 Mon	29 Tue	30 Wed				



### Dunottar Castle, Old Hall Bay, Stonehaven

Dunottar Castle was a medieval fortress that now stands in ruin on the north-eastern coast of Scotland. Its strategic locations and defensive strength meant that it played a prominent role in the 18th century Jacobite risings, and is best known as the place where the Honours of Scotland, the Scottish crown jewels, were hidden from Oliver Cromwell's invading army in the 17th century.

## July 2026

27						
		Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4	Sun 5
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Mon 6	Tue 7	Wed 8	Thu 9	Fri 10	Sat 11	Sun 12
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Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
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Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26
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Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29	Thu 30	Fri 31		





### Tràigh Mhangarstaidh, Isle of Lewis

Hebridean sounds add richly to the scene: the sound of the wind is a defining quality, and in coastal areas, the sound of waves is ever present – their loudness determined by the prevailing weather. The call of birds is a summer sound of the machair. Natural sounds tend to predominate due to the absence of traffic and other man-made noise.

# August 2026

Mon 31					Sat 1	Sun 2
32						
Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9
33						
Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16
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Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thu 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23
35						
Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thu 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30



**Ariundle Oakwood National Nature Reserve, Strontian, Ardnamurchan**

Ariundle Oakwood is an important remnant of ancient woodland and is renowned for its old oak trees. Thriving in the mild, humid climate of the west coast, a lush growth of mosses, ferns, liverworts and lichens cover the trees and the woodland floor, and is one of the best sites in Scotland to catch a glimpse of the rare, chequered skipper butterfly.

# September 2026

36						
	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
37						
Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11	Sat 12	Sun 13
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Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 20
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Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
40						
Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30				



### An Teallach, Cùl Beag and Sgùrr an Fhìdhleir, Assynt

Famed for their strange spectacular shapes, the mountains of Assynt and Coigach appear higher than their statistical height would indicate, by the comparatively uniform level of moorland out of which they rise. Some of them have knife-edged ridges of white quartz and grey scree slopes, which contrast with the weathered red sandstone that forms the core of their structure.

# October 2026

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			Thu 1	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4
41						
Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thu 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
42						
Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18
43						
Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
44						
Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 31	



### Clett of Crura, Wind Wick, South Ronaldsay, Orkney

The east-coast route ascends the cliffs that overlook Windwick and continues to Hesta Head, where, during the breeding season, the cliffs are home to nesting fulmars and shags. In the autumn, geese gather in their hundreds in the hollows between hills and, down by the water's edge, seals haul out on to the rocky strands to give birth.

# November 2026

Mon 30						Sun 1
<sup>45</sup> Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8
<sup>46</sup> Mon 9	Tue 10	Wed 11	Thu 12	Fri 13	Sat 14	Sun 15
<sup>47</sup> Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22
<sup>48</sup> Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29



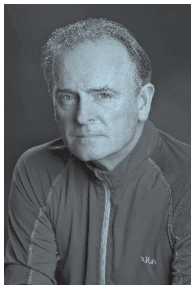
**An Teallach: Corrag Buidhe, Lord Berkley's Seat and Sgùrr Fiona, Fisherfield Forest**

As the winter sun illuminates the landscape, it reveals a series of lines and waves in the rocks that are the signature of glaciation. Scoured, chiselled and scraped into the serrated cliffs we know as Lord Berkley's Seat and Sgùrr Fiona, they form, along with eight other tops, the An Teallach massif, which offers one of the most spectacular skylines in Scotland.

# December

2026

49						
	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
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Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11	Sat 12	Sun 13
51						
Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 20
52						
Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
53						
Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31			



In a career spanning forty years, Colin Prior photographs capture sublime moments of light and land, which are the result of meticulous planning and preparation and often take years to achieve. Prior is a photographer who seeks out patterns in the landscape and the hidden links between reality and the imagination. He has produced nine books that include *The World's Wild Places* and *Living Tribes*, which were published internationally, and has just completed a seven-year project in Pakistan's Karakoram Mountains. His most recent project, *Fragile*, explores the links between birds, eggs and their habitats, and was published in September 2020 by Merrell. Colin has been the subject of three BBC documentaries entitled *Mountain Man* and is Patrons Ambassador for the RSPB.

Today, I continue to search for inspiration, and take great pleasure in the landscape paintings of Gordon Beningfield's Countryside. He too, was shaped by a childhood in the countryside and later trained as an ecclesiastical artist, but spent his life painting the countryside of southern England. He wrote: 'I want to capture seasons and moods to such an extent that you can almost smell the subject of the picture, whether it is a portrait of a fox, or a landscape of a

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bluebell wood.' His words resonated with me deeply and I recall thinking exactly the same thing when I began to work with large-format cameras. Often, it is not so much about what is in the picture, but where it takes you.

#### COLIN PRIOR WORKSHOPS

If you are interested in developing your photographic skills, why not join one of Colin's workshops? With trips to Knoydart, Glencoe, Skye, Harris and Assynt, there are numerous opportunities to photograph some of Scotland's wild and iconic landscapes. Our workshops are designed to give photographers access to some of the best photographic locations in Scotland, where knowledge and expertise is communicated at an individual level. Aimed at photographers who are already familiar with their cameras, our workshops offer adventure where learning is complemented with excellent food and accommodation.

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# January 2026

wk	1	2	3	4	5
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	



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# February 2026

wk	5	6	7	8	9
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tue		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	





March

2026

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wk		10	11	12	13
Mon	30	2	9	16	23
Tue	31	3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29



April

2026

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wk	14	15	16	17	18
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

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May

2026

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wk	18	19	20	21	22
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

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June

2026

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wk	23	24	25	26	27
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

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July

2026

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wk	27	28	29	30	31
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	



August

2026

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wk		32	33	34	35
Mon	31	3	10	17	24
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30



## September 2026

wk	36	37	38	39	40
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

C O L I N P R I O R   E L E M E N T A L S



October 2026

wk	40	41	42	43	44
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	





## November 2026

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wk		45	46	47	48
Mon	30	2	9	16	23
Tue		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29



## December 2026

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wk	49	50	51	52	53
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	