

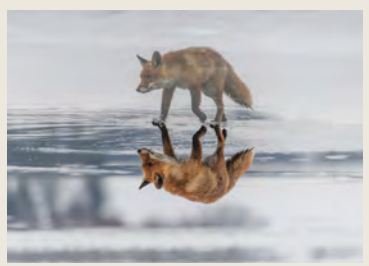
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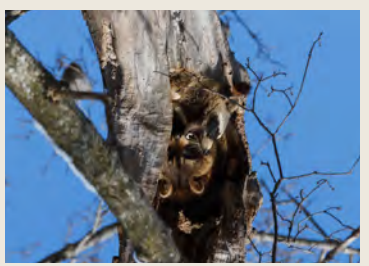
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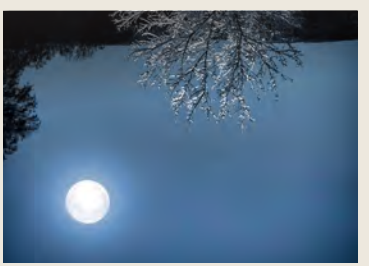
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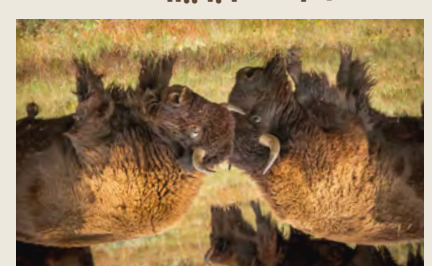
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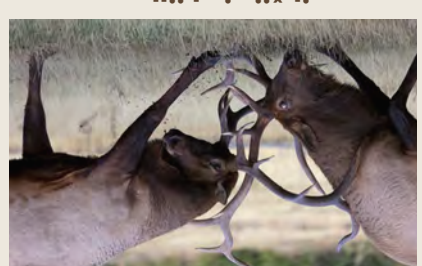
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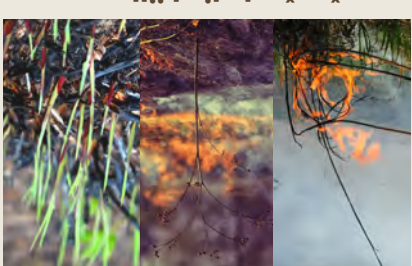
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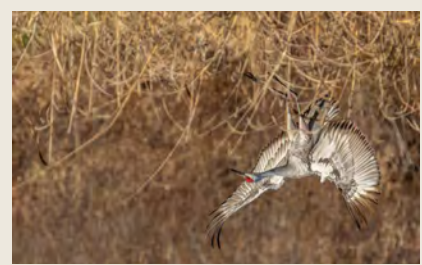
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Elk Moon



šaašaaakolia kiihswa
Fires Burning Moon



cecaahkwa kiihswa
Sandhill Crane Moon



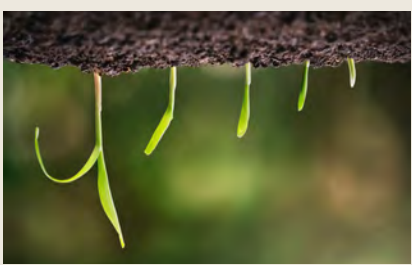
tahkinkamiaahkwa kiihswa
Cold Water Moon



moocapinka kiihswa
Resting Moon



moonahakiihswa
Plowing Moon



2025 peewaalia kiihswaakani

Peoria Lunar Calendar



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The Peewaalia lunar year is approximately 354 days long and regularly has 12 moons (months). However, approximately every 3 years waawiita kiilhswa ‘Lost Moon’ is added to the end of the lunar year, resulting in 13 moons. Pahsaahkaahkanka neepinwiki ‘summer solstice’ nearing the end of aciikatakiilhswa ‘Hilling The Corn Moon’ results in the appearance of waawiita kiilhswa. This ensures the lunar calendar stays connected with ecological occurrences. Waawiita kiilhswa will occur this winter, at the end of the 2025 Peewaalia lunar year.

A lunar month lasts approximately 29.5 days; therefore, months are alternated from 29 to 30 days to compensate for the half day.

The Peewaalia lunar year begins with cecaahkwa kiilhswa ‘Sandhill Crane Moon’. Peoria Moons (Peoria Months) are named to recognize specific ecological occurrences during the time of year they regularly occur. Naming and timekeeping of the lunar year provides direction for daily life and events such as: planting, crop harvesting, hunting, maintenance and repairs, seasonal preparation, ecological changes, summer solstice, green corn harvest and much more.

The Peewaalia lunar calendar reflects days in the top left corner; Gregorian dates are located in the lower left corner. Moon ‘kiilhswa’ is our Grandfather and is described as ‘he’ throughout the Peewaalia lunar calendar.

Some terms associated with the Peewaalia lunar calendar

nkotakone poonikiišikahki..... Monday	peewaalia kiilhswaakani Peoria Lunar Calendar
niišakone poonikiišikahki Tuesday	weehkikihkatwe Peewaalia Lunar New Year
nihsokone poonikiišikahki Wednesday	kiilhswa Sun, Moon, Month, Clock
niiyakone poonikiišikahki Thursday	kiilhsooki..... Suns, Moons, Months, Clocks
yaalanokone poonikiišikahki Friday	waahseekiilhswa Sun
kaakaathsokone poonikiišikahki Saturday	tipehki kiilhswa Moon
swaahteethsokone poonikiišikahki Sunday	ašiihkiwi Earth, Land, Dirt, Soil
peewaalia..... Peoria	peewaaliaki aacimwiyankwi Peoria Council Meeting
pahsaahkaahkanka neepinwiki Summer Solstice	kiiwahtekaataawi koteenki Stomp Dance

Peoria Tribal Offices are closed for the days marked in red.

keešaakosita kiilhswa

the moon is growing larger,
waxing phase

peemineeta kiilhswa

the moon is going along dying,
waning phase



keešaakosita kiilhswa the moon is growing largerwaxing phase
saakiwa kiilhswa the moon has sprouted (first thin sliver visible)the new moon
waakhšinka kiilhswa crescent moon
napale kiilhswa..... half moonfirst quarter phase
naawi waawiyiisita kiilhswa..... he is almost a full moonwaxing gibbous moon
waawiyiisita kiilhswa full moon
peemineeta kiilhswa the moon is going along dyingwaning phase
kiinte waawiyiisita kiilhswahe was just a full moonwaning gibbous moon
napale neepiki kiilhswa the moon is half deadlast quarter phase
myaalisiba kiilhswa the moon is very ill (only a sliver left)waning crescent phase



cecaahkwa kiilhswa
sandhill crane moon

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aapooši aapweeyaanki ‘returning again’



cecaahkwa kiilhswa 2025
sandhill crane moon

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12	13	14	15	16 Valentine’s Day	17	18
2/10	2/11	 2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16
19 Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
2/17	2/18	2/19	 2/20	2/21	2/22	2/23
26	27	28	29	30 Peoria Language Gathering		
2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28		



tahkinkamiaahkwa kiilhswa
cold water moon

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peepoonki neehi meeloohkamiki *‘it is winter and spring’*

tahkinkamiaahkwa kiilhswa 2025

cold water moon

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3 3/3	4 3/4	5 3/5	6 3/6	7 3/7	8 3/8	9 Daylight Saving Time - begins 3/9
10 Peoria Beginner 1 Course - begins 3/10	11 3/11	12 3/12	13 Peoria Intermediate 1 Course - begins 3/13	14 3/14	15 3/15	16 3/16
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24 3/24	25 3/25	26 3/26	27 3/27	28 3/28	29 3/29	



moocapinka kiilhswa

resting moon

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aanchtwaani *‘I repair it’*



moocapinka kiilhswa

resting moon

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4/7	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/13
16	17 Tax Day	18	19	20 Good Friday	21	22 Easter
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23 4/21	24 Earth Day	25	26	27	28	29
30 4/28	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27



moonahakiilhsua plowing moon

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miincipa ‘corn plants’



moonahakiilhsua 2025 plowing moon

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14 5/12	15 5/13	16 5/14	17 Peoria Tribe Reinstatement Day 5/15	18 5/16	19 5/17	20 5/18
21 5/19	22 5/20	23 5/21	24 5/22	25 5/23	26 5/24	27 5/25
28 Memorial Day & Memorial Day Tribute & Dinner 5/26	29 5/27					



aciikatakiilhswa

hilling the corn moon

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peehkiniikinki miincipi ‘the corn grows well’

aciikatakiilhswa

2025

hilling the corn moon

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27	28	29	30			
6/23	6/24	6/25	6/26			



takwaakikiilhswa
harvest season moon

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lenasooki ‘bison (plural)’

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harvest season moon

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25	26	27	28	29		
7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25		



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elk moon

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mihšiiwiaki ‘elk (plural)’

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elk moon

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šaašaaakolia kiilhswa

fires burning moon

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29 9/22						



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deer rutting moon

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ayaapia ‘buck’

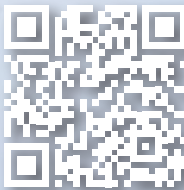
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28 10/20	29 10/21	30 10/22				



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antler shedding moon

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moohswa ‘whitetail deer’

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antler shedding moon

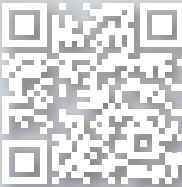
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			10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26
5	6	7	8	9 Halloween	10	11 Daylight Saving Time - ends
10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9
19	20 Veterans Day & Gourd Dance	21	22	23	24	25
11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16
26	27	28	29			
11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20			



pipoonwekiilhsa
winter moon

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paapankamwa ‘fox’



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winter moon

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eehsipana kiilhswa
raccoon moon

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poohkancionki ‘in a hollow tree’

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raccoon moon

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2	3	4	5 Christmas Day	6	7	8
12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28
9	10	11	12 New Year's Day (Gregorian)	13	14	15
12/29	12/30	12/31	1/1/26	1/2/26	1/3/26	1/4/26
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1/5/26	1/6/26	1/7/26	1/8/26	1/9/26	1/10/26	1/11/26
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1/12/26	1/13/26	1/14/26	1/15/26	1/16/26	1/17/26	1/18/26



waawiita kiilhswa lost moon

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tipeewe neeyolaani *‘it is good to see you’*

waawiita kiilhswa 2025

lost moon

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1 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday 1/19/26	2 1/20/26	3 1/21/26	4 1/22/26	5 1/23/26	6 1/24/26	7 1/25/26
8 1/26/26	9 1/27/26	10 1/28/26	11 1/29/26	12 1/30/26	13 1/31/26	14 2/1/26
15 2/2/26	16 2/3/26	17 2/4/26	18 2/5/26	19 2/6/26	20 2/7/26	21 2/8/26
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29 2/16/26	30 2/17/26					

peewaaliaataweenki

Peoria language pronunciation guide

Vowels

Symbol	peewaalia - Peoria example word.....	Sound in English
a.....	<u>a</u> kima (chief)	<u>c</u> ot, <u>p</u> ot
aa.....	ala <u>a</u> ankwia (rainbow)	<u>b</u> all, <u>f</u> all
e.....	ale <u>n</u> ia (man)	<u>w</u> et, <u>n</u> et
ee	ne <u>e</u> we (thank you)	<u>f</u> ade, <u>bl</u> ade
i.....	tipe <u>e</u> we (good, gladly, pleasing)	<u>j</u> ig, <u>w</u> ig
ii.....	nii <u>i</u> wi (four).....	<u>b</u> ee, <u>f</u> eed
o	ko <u>t</u> eewi (fire).....	<u>n</u> o, <u>g</u> o
oo	oo <u>w</u> iši (in this direction, this way).....	<u>g</u> oose, <u>m</u> oose

For double vowels aa, ee, ii, oo, the length of the vowel sound is drawn out longer. Single vowels a, e, i, o, are said at normal vowel sound length.



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Consonants

Symbol	peewaalia - Peoria example word.....	Sound in English
c.....	<u>c</u> iikamwaki (twins)	<u>ch</u> arley, <u>ch</u> uck
h	nintee <u>h</u> i (my heart)	<u>h</u> ear ^t , <u>h</u> app ^y
k.....	<u>k</u> ociihsa (bean)	<u>k</u> ind, <u>k</u> ey
l.....	nipaa <u>l</u> o (You go to sleep!)	<u>s</u> leep, <u>l</u> ow
m	<u>m</u> iicioni (food).....	<u>m</u> eal, <u>m</u> outh
n	<u>n</u> oohsa (my father)	<u>n</u> ew, <u>n</u> ow
p	<u>p</u> eewaaliaki (Peoria people)	<u>p</u> erson, <u>p</u> eople
s.....	<u>s</u> aakiciki (they sprout).....	<u>s</u> prout, <u>s</u> ong
š.....	kii <u>š</u> ikwi (sky)	<u>sh</u> oe, <u>sh</u> ovel
t	<u>t</u> aanaaha (where about, when).....	<u>t</u> ip, <u>t</u> op
w.....	ni <u>w</u> iwa (my wife).....	<u>w</u> e, <u>w</u> ind
y.....	ki <u>y</u> ošia (elder man, old man)	<u>y</u> ard, <u>y</u> arn



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Consonant Clusters & Other Sounds

Symbol..	peewaalia - Peoria example word	Sound in English
mp	wi <u>m</u> pi (bone marrow)	<u>sl</u> umber, cucum <u>b</u> er
nc.....	ceekon <u>c</u> i (on both sides, on all sides)	<u>in</u> jure, con <u>j</u> oin
nk	noon <u>k</u> i (now).....	<u>f</u> inger, <u>l</u> inger
ns	mahkoon <u>s</u> a (young bear, little bear)	<u>br</u> onze, bon <u>z</u> ai
nš	kin <u>š</u> imi (soon, swiftly)	<u>nzh</u> sound (as in an “n” sound plus the “zh” sound of the “s” in treasure, meas<u>ure</u>)
nt	wi <u>n</u> tanto (You read it!)	<u>f</u> ender, <u>b</u> ender
mVs.....	<u>m</u> isihkwa (hail)	as in the example <u>miz</u> (sound <u>m</u> vowel <u>z</u>)
mVš	<u>m</u> oo <u>š</u> aki (always, continuously, all the time).....	as in the example <u>moozh</u> (sound <u>m</u> vowel <u>zh</u>)
nVs.....	ahkwan <u>i</u> swa (young girl)	as in the example <u>niz</u> (sound <u>n</u> vowel <u>z</u>)
nVš	<u>n</u> aa <u>š</u> i (You fetch him/her! You get him/her!)	as in the example <u>naazh</u> (sound <u>n</u> vowel <u>zh</u>)

V = any Peoria vowel



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Preaspirated Consonants

Symbol	peewaalia - Peoria example word.....	Sound in English
		no comparison sounds in English
hc.....	pi <u>h</u> cita (little bird).....	preaspirated <u>hc</u> small puff or breath of air plus c consonant (ch) sound
hk	a <u>h</u> k <i>i</i> (garden, field)	preaspirated <u>hk</u> small puff or breath of air plus k consonant (k) sound
hp	ee <u>h</u> piši (when, ago, time).....	preaspirated <u>hp</u> small puff or breath of air plus p consonant (p) sound
hs.....	mi <u>h</u> si (piece of firewood)	preaspirated <u>hs</u> small puff or breath of air plus s consonant (s) sound
hš	mi <u>hš</u> iiwia (elk)	preaspirated <u>hš</u> small puff or breath of air plus š consonant (sh) sound
ht	ee <u>h</u> twaani (I have it, I put it).....	preaspirated <u>ht</u> small puff or breath of air plus t consonant (t) sound

Preaspiration (preaspirated “h”) is like a sound of a small puff of air or breath of air (like an “h” sound) before the consonant written.



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