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The Battle of Río Salado

Yusuf I (29 June 1318 – 19 October 1354) was the seventh Nasrid ruler of the Emirate of Granada on the Iberian Peninsula, from 1333 until his death. He allied with the North African Marinids against Alfonso XI of Castile. After a naval victory in April 1340, the Marinid–Granadan alliance was decisively defeated in the Battle of Río Salado (depicted). In 1342–1344, Alfonso besieged and captured the port of Algeciras. A ten-year peace treaty followed, but Alfonso broke it and besieged Gibraltar in 1349. The siege ended when

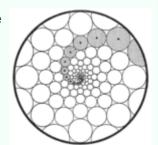
Alfonso died of the Black Death in March 1350. Yusuf signed a treaty with Alfonso's son and successor Peter I. Yusuf was assassinated by a madman while praying in the Great Mosque of Granada. During his reign, the emirate flourished in the fields of literature, medicine, and law. Yusuf was responsible for many new buildings, and major cultural figures served in his court. Modern historians consider his reign and that of his son Muhammad V as the golden era of the Emirate. (Full article...)

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- ... that while some lichen species in the genus *Piccolia* have ranges which span multiple continents, others are restricted to single islands?



Doyle spiral illustrating plant growth in a 1911 *Popular Science* article

- ... that *Stardust*, the title of a composition by **Taylor Scott Davis**for eight voices a cappella commissioned by Voces8, became also the name of the vocal ensemble's 2022 tour?
- ... that the roadless **Solace Provincial Park** in the Temagami area of Ontario, Canada, is considered as one of the most isolated, wild places in the province?
- ... that the day after returning to Atlanta following his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance in 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. joined picketers who were **on strike against Scripto**?
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- Hurricane Julia leaves more than 80 people dead across South and Central America.
- After an explosion damages the Crimean Bridge, Russia attacks many Ukrainian cities with missiles.
- In motor racing, Max Verstappen wins the Formula One World Championship.



Ulf Kristersson

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- 1781 American Revolutionary War: British forces led by Lord Cornwallis officially surrendered to Franco-American forces under George Washington and the comte de Rochambeau, ending the Siege of Yorktown.



Artist's impression of 'Oumuamua

- 1944 The Guatemalan Revolution began with a small group of army officers led by Francisco Javier Arana and Jacobo Árbenz launching a coup against dictator Jorge Ubico.
- 1965 A group of ethnic Hutu military officers failed in **their attempt to overthrow the Burundian government**.
- 2017 Canadian astronomer Robert Weryk discovered 'Oumuamua (depicted), the first known interstellar object detected passing through the Solar System.

Yusuf I of Granada (d. 1354) · Eleanor Norcross (d. 1923) · Yoko Shimomura (b. 1967)

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The **red-billed gull** (*Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae scopulinus*), also known as the tarāpung, is a member of the gull family, Laridae. Endemic to New Zealand, it is found throughout the country and on outlying islands including the Chatham Islands and the New Zealand Subantarctic Islands. Formerly considered a separate species, it is now usually treated as a subspecies of the silver gull. It regularly feeds on small fish, shellfish and worms, and sometimes berries, lizards and insects; it scavenges among urban waste in coastal towns. This red-billed gull was photographed in Christchurch.

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