



NINE STARS ASTROLOGY CALENDAR

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Nine Star Calendar

Foreword

When selecting an auspicious day for any activity, the most important factors are the daily stars. Unfortunately, the rules for determining these stars are highly complex, and most published sources deviate from the correct principles. This issue extends even to Nine Star calendars published in Chinese.

The authors of nearly all these Chinese books claim that their works are based on the classical text *Bao Hai Jing*. The principles in this text are actually very simple, and the only reason for errors is the excessive focus on the concept of *3 Yuan 9 Yun* (*Three Cycles and Nine Periods*) in Feng Shui. This concept divides 180 years into three 60-year cycles known as Upper Yuan, Middle Yuan, and Lower Yuan. However, in *Bao Hai Jing*, these terms refer to three cycles containing different days within a year:

- **Upper Yuan** = Winter Solstice – Rain Water
- **Middle Yuan** = Rain Water – Grain Rain
- **Lower Yuan** = Grain Rain – Summer Solstice
- **Upper Yuan** = Summer Solstice – End of Heat
- **Middle Yuan** = End of Heat – First Frost
- **Lower Yuan** = First Frost – Winter Solstice

Since a year is not exactly 360 days but 365.24 days, the Nine Star calendar applies a technique from the lunar calendar—adding an extra month to compensate for this discrepancy. Occasionally, a *yuan* will contain two *Jia Zi* days.

The start of the 24 solar terms marks precise shifts in energy. At the **Winter Solstice**, *yang* energy begins to rise, while at the **Summer Solstice**, *yin* energy starts increasing. The Nine Stars transition from a *yin* sequence to a *yang* sequence at the Winter Solstice, meaning the star order will be ascending. Conversely, during the Summer Solstice, the sequence shifts from *yang* to *yin*, resulting in a descending order of stars.

At the exact moment of the Winter Solstice, two ruling stars govern the day. One originates from the descending sequence and the other from the ascending sequence. The first rules before the Solstice, and the second after it. These two stars represent the opposing Luo Shu stars. If one is *yang*, the other is *yin*, and together they sum to 10. The possible transitions are as follows:

1-9, 9-1, 2-8, 8-2, 3-7, 7-3, 4-6, 6-4 (5 does not change).

This ensures a smooth transition, as summing to 10—according to *Xian Tian Ba Gua* (*Earlier Heaven Ba Gua*)—represents perfect harmony.

Even when the star sequence changes due to the presence of a second Jia Zi day within a *yuan*, the shift will always involve either a He Tu pair of the same element or a pair summing to 10. If you analyze the entire calendar, you will recognize the elegance of this principle.

This calendar also provides the **Year Star** and **Month Stars**. The Year Star governs from the **Beginning of Spring**, typically on February 4th. Each solar month begins at a moment called *Jie*, which is marked in the calendar.

The start of the 24 solar terms is based on data from a specific observatory in China (*Purple Gold Mount Observatory*), located near 120° East longitude. To adjust calculations to the reader's local time, one must account for time zone differences, where 15° longitude equals one hour.

People in different parts of the world may experience the influence of a different star at the same moment. Sometimes, the difference may be as much as one day. However, with a bit of mathematics, the reader can determine the correct star.

This calendar is essential for studying the **Nine Star Ki** system. It is also useful for Feng Shui analysis and date selection. I am confident that readers will find this calendar a helpful companion.

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The Principle of Daily Stars

The "year" is divided into two cycles of 180 days each. This results in a shortfall of 5.24 days, as a full year contains approximately 365.24 days. Each cycle consists of three 60-day periods formed by the 60 combinations of Heavenly Stems and Earthly Branches. The rules for determining the daily star originate from the ancient Chinese text *Bao Hai Jing*.

- From **Winter Solstice (December 22) to Rain Water (February 19):** Jia Zi is **1 White**.
- From **Rain Water (February 19) to Grain Rain (April 21):** Jia Zi is **7 Red**.
- From **Grain Rain (April 21) to Summer Solstice (June 22):** Jia Zi is **4 Green**.
- From **Summer Solstice (June 22) to End of Heat (August 23):** Jia Zi is **9 Purple**.
- From **End of Heat (August 23) to First Frost (October 24):** Jia Zi is **3 Jade**.
- From **First Frost (October 24) to Winter Solstice (December 22):** Jia Zi is **6 White**.

From the **Winter Solstice**, the sequence of Daily Stars increases until reaching the **Summer Solstice**. After the **Summer Solstice**, the sequence shifts into a descending order until the next **Winter Solstice**.

Since the solstices are precise moments in time, there will be **two ruling stars on these days**. These two stars are positioned opposite each other in **Luo Shu**. Occasionally, two **Jia Zi days** may occur within the same period, meaning the stars will be repeated on the second Jia Zi day. However, the transition remains smooth, as the stars either share the same element according to **He Tu** or sum to **10**.

1930: Year Star starting from Feb 4 – 7 Red
Month Star starting from Jie

		9		8		7		6		5		4	
Jan	Star	Feb	Star	Mar	Star	Apr	Star	May	Star	Jun	Star	Jul	Star
1	6	1	1	1	2	1	6	1	9	1	4		
2	7	2	2	2	3	2	7	2	1	2	5		
3	8	3	3	3	4	3	8	3	2	3	6		
4	9	4	4	4	5	4	9	4	3	4	7		
5	1	5	5	5	6	5	1	5	4	5	8		
6	2	6	6	6	7	6	2	6	5	6	9		
7	3	7	7	7	8	7	3	7	6	7	1		
8	4	8	8	8	9	8	4	8	7	8	2		
9	5	9	9	9	1	9	5	9	8	9	3		
10	6	10	1	10	2	10	6	10	9	10	4		
11	7	11	2	11	3	11	7	11	1	11	5		
12	8	12	3	12	4	12	8	12	2	12	6		
13	9	13	4	13	5	13	9	13	3	13	7		
14	1	14	5	14	6	14	1	14	4	14	8		
15	2	15	6	15	7	15	2	15	5	15	9		
16	3	16	7	16	8	16	3	16	6	16	1		
17	4	17	8	17	9	17	4	17	7	17	2		
18	5	18	9	18	1	18	5	18	8	18	3		
19	6	19	1	19	2	19	6	19	9	19	4		
20	7	20	2	20	3	20	7	20	1	20	5		
21	8	21	3	21	4	21	8	21	2	21	6		
22	9	22	4	22	5	22	9	22	3	22	7/3		
23	1	23	5	23	6	23	1	23	4	23	2		
24	2	24	6	24	7	24	2	24	5	24	1		
25	3	25	7	25	8	25	3	25	6	25	9		
26	4	26	8	26	9	26	4	26	7	26	8		
27	5	27	9	27	1	27	5	27	8	27	7		
28	6	28	1	28	2	28	6	28	9	28	6		
29	7			29	3	29	7	29	1	29	5		
30	8			30	4	30	8	30	2	30	4		
31	9			31	5			31	3				

Jan 14 is Jia Zi after Winter Solstice – 1 White □□

Mar 15 is Jia Zi after Rain Water – 7 Red □□

May 14 is Jia Zi after Grain Rain – 4 Green

1930: Year Star starting from Feb 4 – 7 Red
Month Star starting from Jie

		3		2		1		9		8		7	
Jul	Star	Aug	Star	Sep	Star	Oct	Star	Nov	Star	Dec	Star		
1	3	1	8	1	4	1	1	1	6	1	3		
2	2	2	7	2	3	2	9	2	5	2	2		
3	1	3	6	3	2	3	8	3	4	3	1		
4	9	4	5	4	1	4	7	4	3	4	9		
5	8	5	4	5	9	5	6	5	2	5	8		
6	7	6	3	6	8	6	5	6	1	6	7		
7	6	7	2	7	7	7	4	7	9	7	6		
8	5	8	1	8	6	8	3	8	8	8	5		
9	4	9	9	9	5	9	2	9	7	9	4		
10	3	10	8	10	4	10	1	10	6	10	3		
11	2	11	7	11	3	11	9	11	5	11	2		
12	1	12	6	12	2	12	8	12	4	12	1		
13	9	13	5	13	1	13	7	13	3	13	9		
14	8	14	4	14	9	14	6	14	2	14	8		
15	7	15	3	15	8	15	5	15	1	15	7		
16	6	16	2	16	7	16	4	16	9	16	6		
17	5	17	1	17	6	17	3	17	8	17	5		
18	4	18	9	18	5	18	2	18	7	18	4		
19	3	19	8	19	4	19	1	19	6	19	3		
20	2	20	7	20	3	20	9	20	5	20	2		
21	1	21	6	21	2	21	8	21	4	21	1		
22	9	22	5	22	1	22	7	22	3	22	9/1		
23	8	23	4	23	9	23	6	23	2	23	8		
24	7	24	3	24	8	24	5	24	1	24	7		
25	6	25	2	25	7	25	4	25	9	25	6		
26	5	26	1	26	6	26	3	26	8	26	5		
27	4	27	9	27	5	27	2	27	7	27	4		
28	3	28	8	28	4	28	1	28	6	28	3		
29	2	29	7	29	3	29	9	29	5	29	2		
30	1	30	6	30	2	30	8	30	4	30	1		
31	9	31	5			31	7			31	9		

Jul 13 is Jia Zi after Summer Solstice – 9 Purple □□

Sep 11 is Jia Zi after Heat Storage – 3 Jade □□

Nov 10 is Jia Zi after Frost Descending – 6 White

1931: Year Star starting from Feb 5 – 6 White
Month Star starting from Jie

6		5		4		3		2		1	
Jan	Star	Feb	Star	Mar	Star	Apr	Star	May	Star	Jun	Star
1	2	1	6	1	7	1	2	1	5	1	9
2	3	2	7	2	8	2	3	2	6	2	1
3	4	3	8	3	9	3	4	3	7	3	2
4	5	4	9	4	1	4	5	4	8	4	3
5	6	5	1	5	2	5	6	5	9	5	4
6	7	6	2	6	3	6	7	6	1	6	5
7	8	7	3	7	4	7	8	7	2	7	6
8	9	8	4	8	5	8	9	8	3	8	7
9	1	9	5	9	6	9	1	9	4	9	8
10	2	10	6	10	7	10	2	10	5	10	9
11	3	11	7	11	8	11	3	11	6	11	1
12	4	12	8	12	9	12	4	12	7	12	2
13	5	13	9	13	1	13	5	13	8	13	3
14	6	14	1	14	2	14	6	14	9	14	4
15	7	15	2	15	3	15	7	15	1	15	5
16	8	16	3	16	4	16	8	16	2	16	6
17	9	17	4	17	5	17	9	17	3	17	7
18	1	18	5	18	6	18	1	18	4	18	8
19	2	19	6	19	7	19	2	19	5	19	9
20	3	20	7	20	8	20	3	20	6	20	1
21	4	21	8	21	9	21	4	21	7	21	2
22	5	22	9	22	1	22	5	22	8	22	3/7
23	6	23	1	23	2	23	6	23	9	23	6
24	7	24	2	24	3	24	7	24	1	24	5
25	8	25	3	25	4	25	8	25	2	25	4
26	9	26	4	26	5	26	9	26	3	26	3
27	1	27	5	27	6	27	1	27	4	27	2
28	2	28	6	28	7	28	2	28	5	28	1
29	3			29	8	29	3	29	6	29	9
30	4			30	9	30	4	30	7	30	8
31	5			31	1			31	8		

Jan 9 is Jia Zi after Winter Solstice – 1 White □□

Mar 10 is Jia Zi after Rain Water – 7 Red □□

May 9 is Jia Zi after Grain Rain – 4 Green

1931: Year Star starting from Feb 5 – 6 White
Month Star starting from Jie

9		8		7		6		5		4	
Jul	Star	Aug	Star	Sep	Star	Oct	Star	Nov	Star	Dec	Star
1	7	1	3	1	8	1	5	1	1	1	7
2	6	2	2	2	7	2	4	2	9	2	6
3	5	3	1	3	6	3	3	3	8	3	5
4	4	4	9	4	5	4	2	4	7	4	4
5	3	5	8	5	4	5	1	5	6	5	3
6	2	6	7	6	3	6	9	6	5	6	2
7	1	7	6	7	2	7	8	7	4	7	1
8	9	8	5	8	1	8	7	8	3	8	9
9	8	9	4	9	9	9	6	9	2	9	8
10	7	10	3	10	8	10	5	10	1	10	7
11	6	11	2	11	7	11	4	11	9	11	6
12	5	12	1	12	6	12	3	12	8	12	5
13	4	13	9	13	5	13	2	13	7	13	4
14	3	14	8	14	4	14	1	14	6	14	3
15	2	15	7	15	3	15	9	15	5	15	2
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20	6	20	2	20	7	20	4	20	9	20	6
21	5	21	1	21	6	21	3	21	8	21	5
22	4	22	9	22	5	22	2	22	7	22	4
23	3	23	8	23	4	23	1	23	6	23	3/7
24	2	24	7	24	3	24	9	24	5	24	8
25	1	25	6	25	2	25	8	25	4	25	9
26	9	26	5	26	1	26	7	26	3	26	1
27	8	27	4	27	9	27	6	27	2	27	2
28	7	28	3	28	8	28	5	28	1	28	3
29	6	29	2	29	7	29	4	29	9	29	4
30	5	30	1	30	6	30	3	30	8	30	5
31	4	31	9			31	2			31	6

Jul 8 is Jia Zi after Summer Solstice – 9 Purple □□

Sep 6 is Jia Zi after Heat Storage – 3 Jade □□

Nov 5 is Jia Zi after Frost Descending – 6 White

1932: Year Star starting from Feb 5 – 5 Yellow
Month Star starting from Jie

		3		2		1		9		8		7	
Jan	Star	Feb	Star	Mar	Star	Apr	Star	May	Star	Jun	Star	Jul	Star
1	7	1	2	1	4	1	8	1	2	1	6		
2	8	2	3	2	5	2	9	2	3	2	7		
3	9	3	4	3	6	3	1	3	4	3	8		
4	1	4	5	4	7	4	2	4	5	4	9		
5	2	5	6	5	8	5	3	5	6	5	1		
6	3	6	7	6	9	6	4	6	7	6	2		
7	4	7	8	7	1	7	5	7	8	7	3		
8	5	8	9	8	2	8	6	8	9	8	4		
9	6	9	1	9	3	9	7	9	1	9	5		
10	7	10	2	10	4	10	8	10	2	10	6		
11	8	11	3	11	5	11	9	11	3	11	7		
12	9	12	4	12	6	12	1	12	4	12	8		
13	1	13	5	13	7	13	2	13	5	13	9		
14	2	14	6	14	8	14	3	14	6	14	1		
15	3	15	7	15	9	15	4	15	7	15	2		
16	4	16	8	16	1	16	5	16	8	16	3		
17	5	17	9	17	2	17	6	17	9	17	4		
18	6	18	1	18	3	18	7	18	1	18	5		
19	7	19	2	19	4	19	8	19	2	19	6		
20	8	20	3	20	5	20	9	20	3	20	7		
21	9	21	4	21	6	21	1	21	4	21	8/2		
22	1	22	5	22	7	22	2	22	5	22	1		
23	2	23	6	23	8	23	3	23	6	23	9		
24	3	24	7	24	9	24	4	24	7	24	8		
25	4	25	8	25	1	25	5	25	8	25	7		
26	5	26	9	26	2	26	6	26	9	26	6		
27	6	27	1	27	3	27	7	27	1	27	5		
28	7	28	2	28	4	28	8	28	2	28	4		
29	8	29	3	29	5	29	9	29	3	29	3		
30	9			30	6	30	1	30	4	30	2		
31	1			31	7			31	5				

Jan 4 is Jia Zi after Winter Solstice – 1 White□□

Mar 4 is Jia Zi after Rain Water – 7 Red□□

May 3 is Jia Zi after Grain Rain – 4 Green

1932: Year Star starting from Feb 5 – 5 Yellow
Month Star starting from Jie

		6		5		4		3		2		1	
Jul	Star	Aug	Star	Sep	Star	Oct	Star	Nov	Star	Dec	Star		
1	1	1	6	1	2	1	8	1	4	1	1		
2	9	2	5	2	1	2	7	2	3	2	9		
3	8	3	4	3	9	3	6	3	2	3	8		
4	7	4	3	4	8	4	5	4	1	4	7		
5	6	5	2	5	7	5	4	5	9	5	6		
6	5	6	1	6	6	6	3	6	8	6	5		
7	4	7	9	7	5	7	2	7	7	7	4		
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12	8	12	4	12	9	12	6	12	2	12	8		
13	7	13	3	13	8	13	5	13	1	13	7		
14	6	14	2	14	7	14	4	14	9	14	6		
15	5	15	1	15	6	15	3	15	8	15	5		
16	4	16	9	16	5	16	2	16	7	16	4		
17	3	17	8	17	4	17	1	17	6	17	3		
18	2	18	7	18	3	18	9	18	5	18	2		
19	1	19	6	19	2	19	8	19	4	19	1		
20	9	20	5	20	1	20	7	20	3	20	9		
21	8	21	4	21	9	21	6	21	2	21	8		
22	7	22	3	22	8	22	5	22	1	22	7/3		
23	6	23	2	23	7	23	4	23	9	23	4		
24	5	24	1	24	6	24	3	24	8	24	5		
25	4	25	9	25	5	25	2	25	7	25	6		
26	3	26	8	26	4	26	1	26	6	26	7		
27	2	27	7	27	3	27	9	27	5	27	8		
28	1	28	6	28	2	28	8	28	4	28	9		
29	9	29	5	29	1	29	7	29	3	29	1		
30	8	30	4	30	9	30	6	30	2	30	2		
31	7	31	3			31	5			31	3		

Jul 2 is Jia Zi after Summer Solstice – 9 Purple □□

Aug 31 is Jia Zi after Heat Storage – 3 Jade □□

Oct 30 is Jia Zi after Frost Descending – 6 White

Dec 29 is Jia Zi after Winter Solstice – 1 White □□