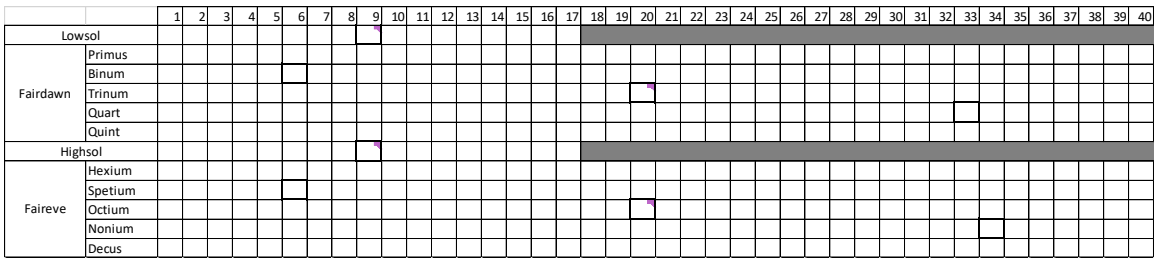
Tanaskan Unity Calendar (T.U.C.)

The current Tanaskan calaendar was created after the War of Unity which ended the Age of Pestilence in order to facilitate commerce and cooperation among the disparate nation-states. It has since become the common calendar used by nearly all the civilized races on the Tanaskan continent.

The planet of Haret, as it is known in the Tanaskan Kingdom, orbits one of two stars in a binary star system. The closest star is called Sol in the common tongue, while the far distant twin is referred to as Noc. A year in the Unity Calendar is the amount of time it takes Haret to make one complete circuit around Sol and is 434 days long. The Unity Calendar divides the year into 10 "full" months of 40 days each and 2 "Sol" months, named Highsol and Lowsol, of 17 days each. The Sol months coincide with the two solstices which fall on the 9th day of each. Some clerical professions such as merchants, traders, moneylenders, etc. further divide each full month into 4 weeks of 10 days each, but most common folk simply refer to the day by its number within the month (e.g. the 32nd of Quart)

The month of Lowsol occurs when Sol's daily apex is the lowest in the mid-day sky and when Noc, Sol's twin in the binary star system, is in conjunction with and occluded by, Sol. During the month of Lowsol, the night is fully dark because Noc is not present in the sky.

High Sol occurs when the sun's apex is it's highest in the mid-day sky, and when Haret lies directly between the two stars. During the month of Highsol, Noc is always present in the nighttime. When visible in the nighttime sky, Noc appears to be about the size of a pea when held at arm's length. The illumination provided by Noc has a reddish tint and provides dim light if not obscured by clouds or tree cover.

The months from Lowsol to Highsol are called the months of ascension, or the "fairdawn" months and in order are: Primus, Binum, Trinum, Quart and Quint. During the passing of these months, Noc begins rising slightly ahead of Sol each morning and continues to rise earlier each day until the High solstice at which time Noc is rising when Sol is setting (and visa-versa).

The months from Highsol to Lowsol are the months of descension, or "faireve" months and in order are: Hexium, Septium, Octium, Nonium, and Decus. During the months of descension, Noc begins rising later each day and setting sooner each night until the Low solstice occurs again and both stars are rising and setting simultaneously.