

Nursultan, solo ascent of northwest face and descent with skis

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In July, Jonathan Jay, an American living in Almaty, soloed the northwest face (750m, Russian 3B) of Nursultan (4,330m, formerly called Komsomol). After skiing a few turns down the normal route on the southwest ridge, he dropped onto the northwest face and skied and sidestepped a couloir through the upper face. Local climbers said both the solo and the ski descent probably were firsts.

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