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IOS 27 · PREVIEW

Your iPhone Camera is Getting a Major Upgrade

Apple is redesigning the Camera app with a fully customizable widget system — and you'll be the one deciding exactly what goes where.

Article Summary

According to Bloomberg's Mark Gurman, iOS 27 will introduce the most significant redesign of Apple's native Camera app to date. Set to be officially unveiled at WWDC on June 8, 2026, the update introduces a widget-based control system that lets users pick, reorder, and personalize the Camera interface to match their shooting style.

Camera controls — flash, exposure, timer, depth of field, photo styles, and resolution — become draggable widgets placed at the top of the viewfinder. A transparent tray slides up from the bottom of the app to reveal available options, organized into three categories: Basic, Manual, and Settings.

Apple preserves the default simple layout for everyday users, while the new advanced layout targets photographers and power users. Each mode — Photo, Video, and a new Siri camera mode — gets its own independent widget configuration. The Siri mode notably brings Visual Intelligence directly into the viewfinder.

Beyond the Camera app, iOS 27 also refreshes the Weather app with a new Conditions panel, redesigns Safari's start page with tabbed navigation (Favorites, Bookmarks, Reading List, History), adds Undo/Redo to Home Screen editing, and introduces a new keyboard slide-up animation system-wide.

Key Changes at a Glance

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Camera Widgets

Drag and reorder flash, exposure, timer, depth of field & more in a fully custom layout.

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Siri Camera Mode

Visual Intelligence moves directly into the Camera app via a dedicated Siri mode.

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Weather Conditions

New panel for switching between temperature, rain and wind at a glance.

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Safari Start Page

Four tabs at the top: Favorites, Bookmarks, Reading List and History — unified.

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Home Screen Undo/ Redo

Reverse or redo icon and widget layout changes without starting over.

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Keyboard Animation

A refined slide-up animation when the keyboard appears, system-wide.

Tip of the Month

Get Ready for iOS 27: Audit Your Camera Habits Now

1. Note which Camera controls you use most often — **flash, timer, or exposure?** Those should be your first widgets in the new layout.
2. Photo and Video will have **separate widget sets** in iOS 27. Plan your configurations for each mode independently.
3. Explore the **Camera Control or Action button** now (iPhone 16/17) — the new Siri camera mode expands on it, so familiarity pays off.
4. Register for the **iOS 27 public beta** at beta.apple.com after June 8 to test the new Camera UI before the fall release.

Features described are based on pre-release reporting by Bloomberg and are subject to change before the final release.

On the Horizon

WWDC 2026 — iOS 27 & macOS 27 Preview	June 8–12, 2026
iOS 27 Public Beta	Late June 2026
iOS 27 & macOS 27 General Release	Fall 2026
iPhone 18 & iPhone Fold Launch	September 2026

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