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● New Moon

◐ First Quarter

○ Full Moon

◑ Last Quarter



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**Front cover image:** This features the giant star-forming region in the southern sky known as the Carina Nebula (NGC3372).

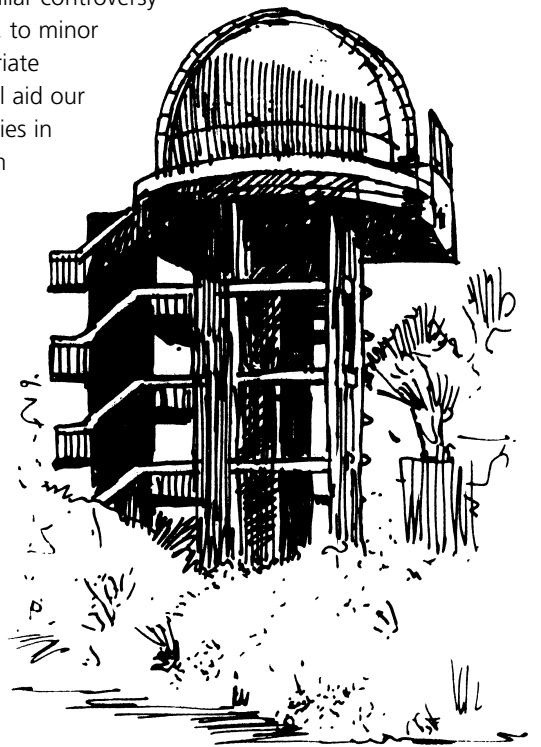
This image is created by combining the light from 3 different filters tracing emission from oxygen (blue), hydrogen (green), and sulphur (red). The colour is also representative of the temperature in the ionized gas: blue is relatively hot and red is cooler. The Carina Nebula is one of the most prominent features of the Southern Milky Way visible to the naked eye. Its distance from us is about 8,000 light years, and it has a diameter of over 200 light years. In normal colour images it is generally red in colour due to the fluorescent emission from hydrogen. This emission from the gaseous nebula is caused by intense ultraviolet radiation from young, hot stars in the clusters within it. In fact, the Carina Nebula is the region nearest to the Sun where there are examples of the most massive stars known (spectral type O3), with surface temperatures 10 times and masses 100 times those of the Sun. The bright star near the centre of the image is Eta Carinae, which is one of the most massive and luminous stars known.

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# INTRODUCTION

It was a case of back to the future for astronomy in 2006. The controversy concerning Pluto's redefinition from a planet to dwarf planet is not unique in astronomical history – similar controversy accompanied the redefinition of the "planets" Ceres, Pallas, Juno, Vesta, and others, to minor planets/asteroids in the mid 1800's. What is not controversial is the need for appropriate definitions, or more precisely a "taxonomical" system for planet-like objects. This will aid our understanding and facilitate advancement in this field and the never-ending discoveries in our Solar System (and the Milky Way galaxy) are forcing us in this direction. The term planet conjures images of a diverse range of astronomical objects that is as unconstructive to astronomers as a zoological garden with all enclosures labelled "animal" is to zoologists.

It is clear that the "planet-definition" debate will continue into 2007 and beyond – and well it should. The current debate has focussed on a definition applicable only to the Solar System. This is justifiable as Solar System objects are closer and thus, in principle, easier to observe and discern their characteristics. However, this limitation has not restrained controversy to date. In fact, it is easy to foresee that the debate will get more problematic as implicitly related to the definition of a planet is the definition of a moon. At one time in the current planet debate it was mooted that Charon, the large moon of Pluto (nearly half Pluto's diameter) should be classified a planet and the Pluto-Charon system should be classified a double planet. However, there are several Solar System moons larger than Pluto, including our Moon (Luna). And why should a planet definition be restricted to the Solar System – free floating objects that have too little mass to become stars have been found in the Milky Way, and convincing evidence has been found for over 200 planets orbiting near, and distant, stars.



Clearly, the "planet" debate has a long way to go and it is very likely that future observations will reveal new objects that further disorientate our preconceptions on this issue.

There is plenty to see in the night sky in 2007. Comet C/2005 P1 (McNaught) was discovered in August 2006 and current estimates suggest it may be just visible to the unaided eye, low in the WSW sky, in mid January. Please note that comet brightness is notoriously variable!

## ***Comet C/2005 P1 (McNaught) may be visible in mid January***

Two lunar eclipses are visible from WA in 2007. In the first of these only the early stages are visible because Moonset occurs before mid eclipse. The second lunar eclipse appears more promising as the Moon rises 45 minutes before mid eclipse.

## ***TOTAL ECLIPSE of the MOON March 4 and August 28***

Can you observe any celestial objects other than the Sun and Moon in the daytime? Yes, people with average eyesight should be able to detect the bright planet Venus. But you must know its position because the glare of the daytime sky severely reduces its conspicuousness. One way to overcome this is to try to observe it when it's close to the Moon. This occurs on April 20, May 20, June 18, Oct 7 and Nov 6. So on these dates use the Moon as a position reference and slowly scan around it in order to find Venus. Remember: **Do NOT look at the Sun.**

## ***VENUS VISIBLE in DAYTIME April 20, May 20, June 18, Oct 7 and Nov 6***

In June the Moon will have Full phases on two occasions. This occurrence is not particularly rare; it recurs about every 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years and depends on the time zone. For example, in 2007 Australia has two full Moons in June and New Zealand has two full moons in July. Increasingly, the second Full Moon in a month is called a 'Blue Moon' but this is a recent expression and can be traced back to a US farming almanac from about 50 years ago.

## ***Two Full Moons in June***

Remember to keep an eye to the sky. While this almanac will help you plan your observing sessions based on predictable phenomenon, the sky is full of wondrous unpredictable events that happen at any time.

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# GETTING STARTED

**Competence requires practice.** So if you want to appreciate the night sky beyond the level of simple wonderment (which we might add is a reasonable thing in itself) then you have to practice – you have to get out and observe, and prepare yourself so that you know what you are observing.

Here are some steps that you should take in order to gain a deeper appreciation of the night sky.

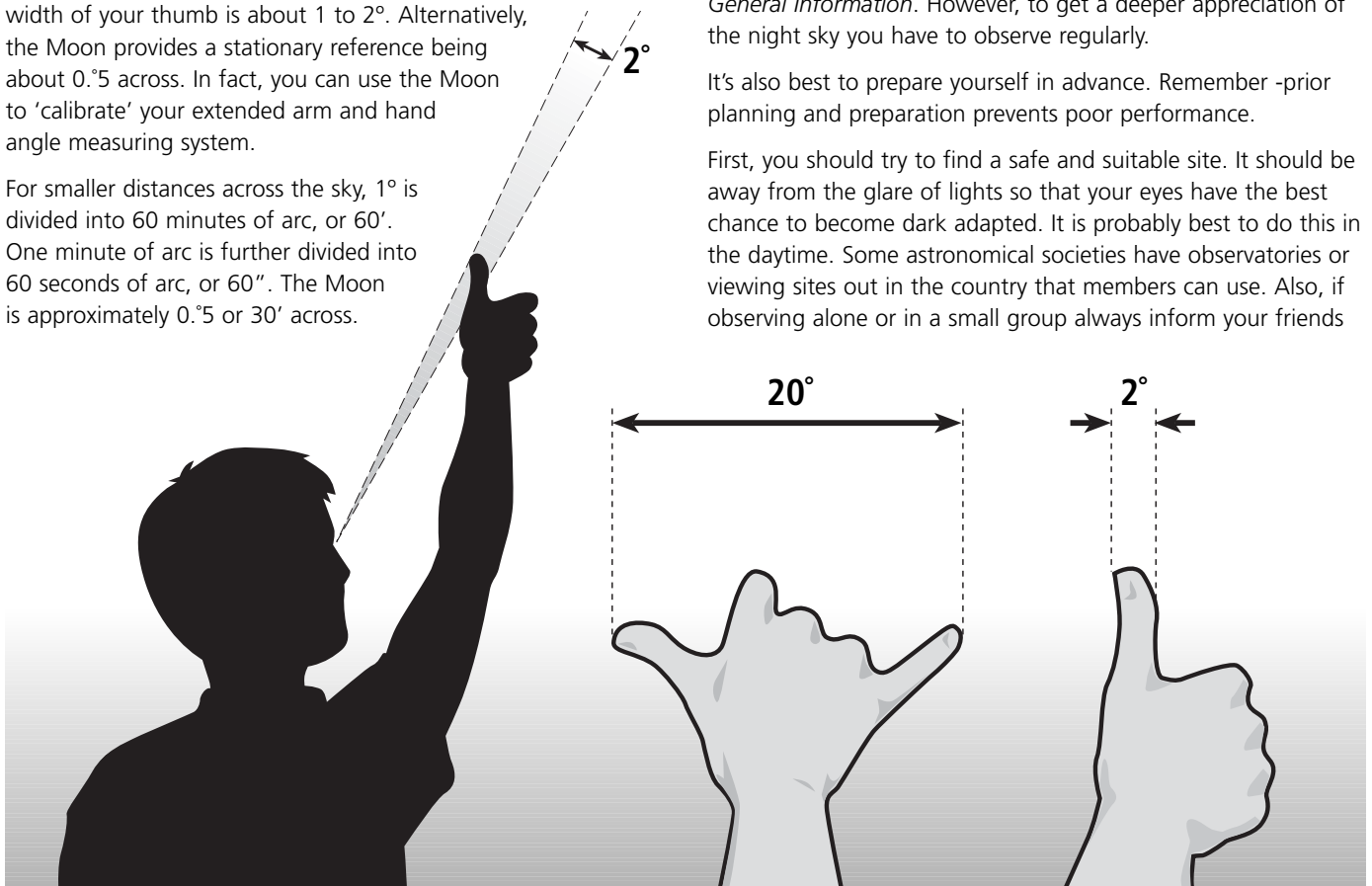
## ■ Read astronomy books and other media

It's best to be prepared before you step outside to observe. This means obtaining some reliable background information about what there is to view, in which direction, what time it's visible and so on. This Almanac is a great place to start. It's designed to assist star viewing. Even when you are more expert you can consult it for the information that will assist your nights observing. There are also many websites, magazines, books, CDs and videos that can assist you. We have listed some useful websites in the Section *Background and General Information* that can get you started and they also have references to resources in other media.

A planisphere is a useful tool. It has a representation of the stars and constellations visible for any night of the year. Make sure you purchase the correct one for your latitude.

One important issue in becoming familiar with the sky is size. Astronomers measure distances across the sky in degrees. We all know that in a circle there are  $360^\circ$ . However this is rather large and not easily applicable to star viewing. There is an easy way to estimate smaller angles. Stretch out your arm in front of you. Open your hand and extend your fingers. With your arm outstretched, the angle between the tip of your thumb and tip of your little finger is about  $20^\circ$ . Also, the width of your thumb is about  $1$  to  $2^\circ$ . Alternatively, the Moon provides a stationary reference being about  $0.5^\circ$  across. In fact, you can use the Moon to 'calibrate' your extended arm and hand angle measuring system.

For smaller distances across the sky,  $1^\circ$  is divided into 60 minutes of arc, or  $60'$ . One minute of arc is further divided into 60 seconds of arc, or  $60''$ . The Moon is approximately  $0.5^\circ$  or  $30'$  across.



These detailed units are used in the tables of accurate positions of objects in the sky; for example, see the Section *Solar System Information*. Also note the way that astronomers write decimal angles – the symbol is always placed after its integer part, eg  $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ = 30' = 0.5^\circ$ , not  $0.5^\circ$ . Another system to define angular positions on the sky uses time-based units: hours, minutes and seconds. This type of unit is convenient because the sky moves one rotation about every 24 hours, similar to the Sun. In this system, one complete rotation corresponds to 24 hours (denoted  $24^h$ ) and the hour is subdivided into minutes and seconds in the conventional way. Note: This system is used for positions on the sky, for example right ascension. In order to measure positional differences the system based on degrees, arcminutes and arcseconds should be used.

## ■ Join an astronomy society

At an astronomy society you will meet a diverse range of people who have in common a great appreciation for and fascination with astronomy. The more established members are a great source of knowledge not only about the sky, but also instruments and observing sites. These societies can also provide enjoyable learning opportunities with formal and semi-formal lectures on astronomical topics, viewing nights, camps for star viewing and the like. The viewing nights also present an opportunity to learn about telescopes from the people who already own one. Some local societies are listed in the Section *Western Australian Places of Astronomical Interest*.

## ■ Basic Observing

A lot of star viewing occurs incidentally, while putting out the rubbish bin, driving home late from a trip to the country and so on. You can see some spectacular sights when you least expect it. Some of these are discussed in the Section *Background and General Information*. However, to get a deeper appreciation of the night sky you have to observe regularly.

It's also best to prepare yourself in advance. Remember -prior planning and preparation prevents poor performance.

First, you should try to find a safe and suitable site. It should be away from the glare of lights so that your eyes have the best chance to become dark adapted. It is probably best to do this in the daytime. Some astronomical societies have observatories or viewing sites out in the country that members can use. Also, if observing alone or in a small group always inform your friends

and family and have some form of mobile communication in case of an emergency.

Read your almanacs and reference books, or run your computer programs to find out what's where and when, then make a list of things to see and do, set up at your observing site and get some equipment to make yourself comfortable such as a chair and blanket well before it gets dark. Also, it's advisable to wear stout shoes to protect your feet.

It also pays to inquire about the weather beforehand. You may need to dress warmly – you will probably be exposed to the breeze and this may create a wind chill factor that can make conditions cool even in summer. Also, star viewing is a rather low energy activity. This has the benefit that star viewing presents little restriction with regard to physical fitness - but keeping your body warm is an issue. If the weather is warm or still, insect repellent may be required.

Whilst star viewing is not a strenuous activity muscle strains can occur if your body is contorted in order to view through a telescope eyepiece or the like. In your planning think about what you will be doing. A simple folding chair may be very useful to minimise the risk of strain injuries.

Bring some spares. Batteries for your torch (very low power, or lens covered with red cellophane), spare cables etc, and food and drink for the humans!

Being organised means that there will be less need to rush and less possibility of mistakes or accidents during star viewing.

### ■ **Keep it simple**

Don't rush out to buy a telescope! There are a lot of telescopes that have been used once then never used again.

Become familiar with what is visible to the unaided eye. In fact, the eye is the best 'instrument' to view large sections of the sky such as those of constellation size. This also gives you an appreciation of the location of stars and constellations and at what season and time they are visible.

Objects that are visible with the unaided eye are the Moon and the five brightest planets, shooting stars (meteors), satellites, and more rarely, meteor showers, bright comets and auroras.

### ■ **Optical Instruments**

Binoculars are a good instrument to start with. They are mass produced and this means that generally their optical quality is quite good, and are relatively inexpensive.

They come in a variety of sizes. 7 x 50 binoculars are a cost effective choice. The 7 refers to their magnification and 50 is the width of the lens in millimetres.

Binoculars need to be held steady in order to minimise image shake. This can be done by leaning up against a tree, or wall, or mounting them on a tripod.

More detail is visible when using binoculars as compared to the unaided eye. This is a simple fact of physics – the wider the aperture the more detail that can be seen. Also, fainter objects become detectable using larger collecting areas; the pupil in the human eye has an aperture of about 7mm, compared to tens of millimetres for binoculars. Sights to see with binoculars include the craters of the Moon, the moons of Jupiter, bright

comets (should any be around), star clusters and vistas rich in stars especially along the Milky Way.

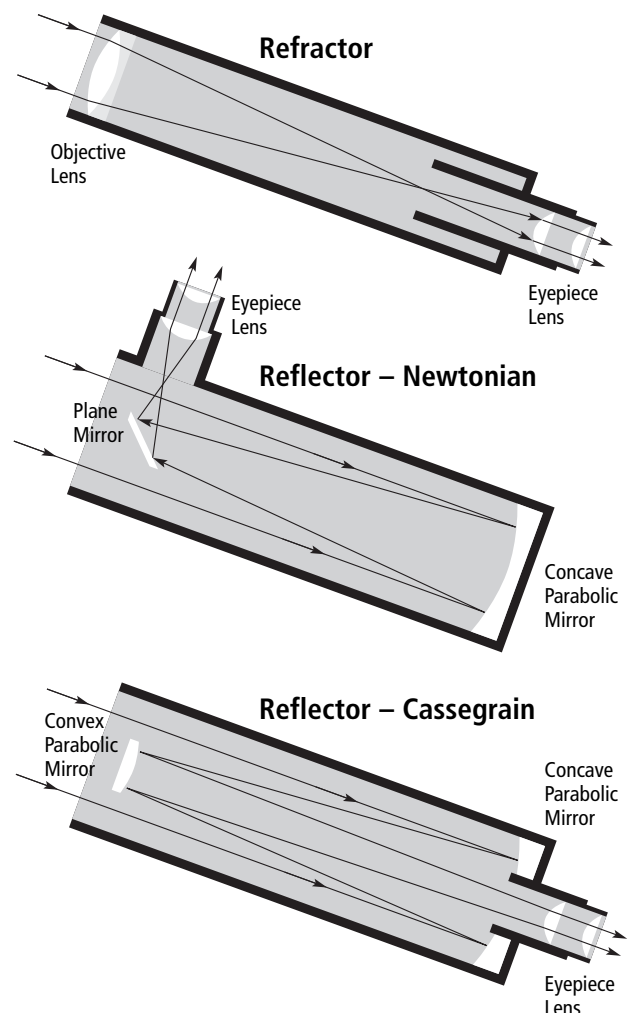
### ■ **Buying a telescope**

Eventually, if you've enjoyed doing all the things mentioned above you will probably want to buy your own telescope. Beware of any telescope that is advertised promoting its high magnification. These are probably built for a price, and not quality. It probably does have a high magnification, but what you will end up magnifying is the distortion in the telescope and atmosphere. Read widely about telescopes and purchase from a reputable business.

The subject of astronomical telescopes is quite large and only a very brief discussion is presented here. Telescopes come in three basic types:

- **refractors** – uses lenses,
- **reflectors** – uses a concave mirror to focus light, and
- **catadioptrics** – part reflecting telescope that has a correcting lens at the top to form the image. Most catadioptrics are of the Schmidt-Cassegrain design and these are quite a popular and useful design.

A sturdy mount is necessary in order to keep the image stable. A motor drive is also very useful as it allows your telescope to track celestial objects (assuming it is aligned correctly). This eliminates the tedious task of winding knobs in order to keep objects in the field of view and allows you to concentrate on astronomy.





# HOW TO USE THIS ALMANAC

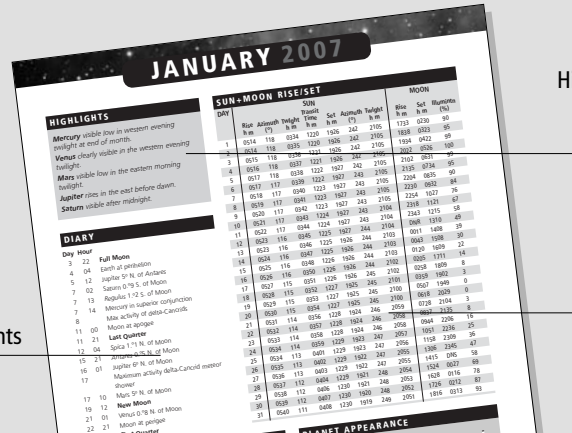
The majority of this almanac is dedicated to the provision of detailed information about what is to be seen and where it is located for each month. Following that is a section providing details about very rare and/or unusual events. Finally, the later sections provide background and reference information relevant for this year, as well as more general astronomical information.

## Monthly Sections

Highlights for each month and a more detailed diary of events are provided in the **monthly sections**. Also, the relative size of the planets (in seconds of arc) is illustrated graphically. In order to put the previous information in context, a diagram of the inner Solar System is included for the beginning and middle of the month. The planets in the outer Solar System do not move very fast and only one plot for the middle of the month is provided for them. Detailed rise and set times for the major Solar System objects are tabulated along with other useful information such as twilight times, azimuth of sunrise and set, and the fraction of the Moon illuminated. In the table of Moonrise and set times, DNR indicates the Moon did not rise on that date, and DNS indicates the Moon did not set on that date. Note that all times are given in Western Australian Standard Times (WAST = Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), the modern equivalent of Greenwich Mean Time) + 8 hours) unless noted otherwise and twilight refers to astronomical twilight – the time when the Sun is 18° below the horizon and its glow is approximately equal to the background starlight. Sometimes the planets rise or set twice in one night – this is just a consequence of the planet's and Earth's orbital motions. A chart graphically summarises the rise and set times of the Sun, Moon and planets over a given month. All rise and set times are correct for observers in Perth, however graphs indicating the corrections required for observers elsewhere in WA are provided in the Section *Background and General Information*. No information is supplied for Pluto as it is no longer classified as a planet (See Section *Solar System Information – Definition of the Planets in the Solar System*).

Jupiter is the next major focus of these sections. A table is provided that indicates the time of events involving its four brightest moons Io (I), Europa (II), Ganymede (III) and Callisto (IV). The events indicated are a transit (Tr, passage of moon across Jupiter), shadow (Sh, a moon's shadow crosses the disc of Jupiter), eclipse (Ec, a moon passes into Jupiter's shadow) and occultation (Oc, a moon passes behind Jupiter). The timings associated with these events are related to the disappearance (D) and reappearance (R) of a moon after an occultation, and, ingress (I) into, and egress (E) from, Jupiter's disc associated with a transit, shadow or eclipse event. Also, the times of visibility of Jupiter's Great Red Spot (GRS) are provided. In practise, the Great Red Spot is only visible for around one hour centred on these times and is notoriously difficult to detect without stable atmospheric conditions and a decent telescope. The positions of the moons with respect to the planets Jupiter and Saturn are also illustrated graphically. Note that in these charts the thicker lines indicate that the moon is closer to Earth than the planet.

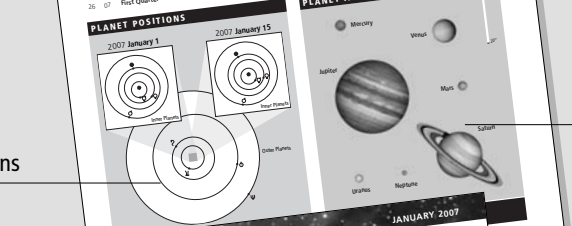
The last component of the monthly sections – the sky views is one of the most useful. A sky view is a chart showing the planet or object of interest against the background of brighter stars. These are a great aid in assisting beginners find their way around the sky. Please note that the size of the Moon in these images is larger than it should be in order to aid clarity.



Highlights for this month

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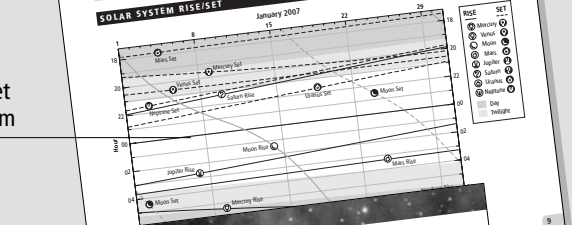
Diary of events



Relative size of planets

Planet positions

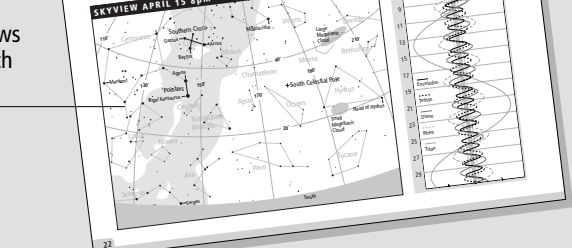
Planet Rise/Set Data



Planet Rise/Set Diagram

Jupiter events table

Jovian satellite configuration



Skyviews for each month

Saturn satellite configuration



# Additional Sections

Some of the more spectacular and/or rare celestial events are discussed in the **Special Events – Eclipses & Occultations** Section. In particular, the date, time and region where the event is actually visible are provided.

Detailed **Solar System information** is provided in the next section.

This includes up-to-date physical parameters for the planets and their ever-increasing number of moons. Notes on the origin of the names of the planets and moons are also provided and give a flavour of the long history of astronomy and the creative continuation of its traditions. The positions of all the major Solar System objects are also tabulated along with the constellation in which they are located. Note that these positions refer to 0000 WAST, which corresponds to 1600 UTC. Charts of the planetary positions over the year are also included. The Moon's phases can affect observing so they are provided, along with a map that will aid identification of its major surface features, as well as some basic Moon information. More detailed graphs concerning the positions, sizes, brightness etc of the planets are also provided in order to assist the more experienced observers. A list of bright meteor showers visible from the Southern Hemisphere is tabulated in order to assist identification of any conspicuous meteors. Information about close approaches by known asteroids and comets is contained in the next group of tables. Finally, ephemerides (tables of position as a function of time) for bright comets are tabulated. Note: the brightness of comets is difficult to predict with any accuracy.

A detailed section with explanatory notes is contained in the **Stars and Non-Stellar Objects** Sections. You can't view most of these objects with the unaided eye, but they are included as a reference for those interested and the more experienced observers. The parameters provided are the most up-to-date from recent observations.

The penultimate section contains a range of **Background & General Information**. The list of websites and the extensive list of astronomical definitions will be particularly useful to beginners. The subsection concerning calendars and the like may appear quiet abstract at first glance. But contained within it is information that alludes to the complex history of our (Gregorian) calendar system, and the other calendars still in use around the world. Also, a brief explanation of the astronomical and historical basis of our time keeping systems and terminology is outlined. The list of Julian day numbers is a calendar that astronomers use. Every day has a number assigned to it, and the time interval between events can be easily calculated from the difference between the two dates in Julian day format. (Try finding the time interval between, say, 1963 April 29 and 1972 November 1 without using Julian day numbers!) Also

note that astronomers have an unusual format for dates and times. Not only do they use a 24 hour clock, but they always put the most significant part first, and the least last. For example, 2pm on the 6th of July, 1990 becomes CE 1990 July 6 1400 (CE means the *Common Era*, the modern counterpart of AD). This system is also the international standard (ISO 8601). The next few pages will aid naked-eye observers interpret, what might appear at first sight to be, unusual observations. Readers are most welcome to use the observation form provided and submit recent observations that they cannot readily identify themselves.

The final Section, *Western Australian Places of Astronomical Interest*, lists a number of places you can visit for an astronomy experience, and societies to join.

### SPECIAL EVENTS – ECLIPSES & OCCULTATIONS

**Solar eclipses**  
Solar eclipses are daytime eclipses and can only occur at New Moon phases when the Sun and Earth are on opposite sides of the Moon. The Moon's full shadow umbra falls on approximately 20km wide. This shadow moves across the Earth in response to the motion of the Moon in its orbit about Earth, and Earth's orbital motion around the Sun. The geometry of the Moon is quite large and a wide swath around the region of total eclipse experiences a partial solar eclipse. The amount of partial eclipse uniformly decreases to zero at the outer edge of the penumbra. Sometimes the Sun, Moon and Earth alignment is not perfect and the eclipse is only partial.

Not only do solar eclipses require a geometrical lineup of the Sun, Moon and Earth, they also require the angular size of the Moon on the sky to be large enough to obscure the Sun. At most times the Moon covers approximately the same size as the Sun as seen from Earth. However, at the times when the Moon is furthest from Earth in its non-circular orbit, it covers a smaller area than the Sun is. A similar situation occurs when the Earth is closer to the Sun (perihelion). (See the angular sizes of the planets 2007 graph in the appendix for both the Sun and Moon and the apparent size of the Sun and Moon throughout the year.) Some eclipses at these times cannot be seen. The Moon remains over a track about 200 kilometers wide across the Earth. Such events are called annular solar eclipses. So line is this size because the Moon sometimes a solar eclipse of annular type, sometimes a total, and sometimes back to annular.

This occurs because of the curvature of the Earth's surface and not the region closest to the Moon can be up to one Earth radius, 6371 kilometers, closer than surrounding regions. The solar eclipse of 2005 April 8 was one of the rare annular total type, but unfortunately could not be witnessed from anywhere in Australia.

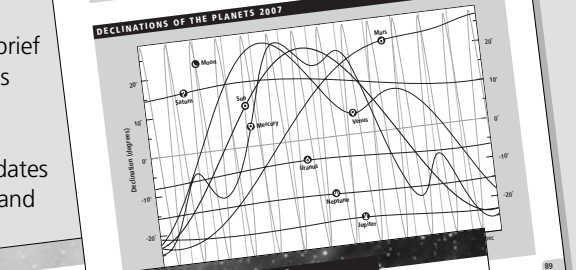
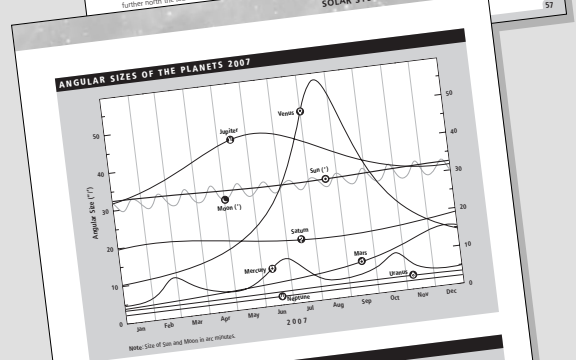
At the present epoch 26% of eclipses are total, 32% are annular, 35% are partial and 7% are annular-partial. The remainder are relatively rare eclipses that occur at solar regions where only a part of the Moon's shadow falls on the Earth. On average there are 2.2 solar eclipses of any type per year. However, a given place on the Earth experiences a total eclipse only every 375 years and an annular eclipse every 224 years. Total eclipses are more common in the tropics because the latitude there allows the Moon's shadow to fall on the Earth.

**Moon's shadow and total solar eclipse**  
**Moon's shadow and annular-total solar eclipse**

Southern regions also experience more annular eclipses than corresponding northern latitudes because the Earth is at aphelion (furthest from the Sun) in the southern summer.

Solar and lunar eclipses often occur in pairs, and this is evident in the two pairs of eclipses that occur this year. This pairing occurs because the orbital plane of the Moon about the Earth is aligned with the Earth-Sun direction around these times. This is the basic requirement in order for an eclipse to occur. The orientation of the Moon's orbital plane slowly changes, and so eclipses don't always occur at New Moon (when solar eclipses can occur) and Full Moon (when lunar eclipses can occur).

**REMEMBER: Never look at the Sun with the unaided eye**



### BACKGROUND & GENERAL INFORMATION

#### RISE/SET CORRECTION DIAGRAMS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### BRIGHT STARS (EPOCH J2000.0)

DESIGNATION	NAME	CONSTELLATION	R.A.	DECLINATION	APP. MAG.	ABS. MAG.	SPECTRAL TYPE	PARALLAX	DISC. Y.	DISC. P.
1	Sun	Capricorn	00 45 00.0	-16 42 38	-26.7	-26.7	G2V	0.370	8.6	2.6
2	Orion	Betelgeuse	05 24 26.1	-52 41 44	-4.7	-4.7	A1V	0.110	530	170
3	Orion	Rigel	06 48 52.0	-70 50 08	-0.4	-0.4	O9.5V	0.070	84.4	11.0
4	Orion	Antares	16 39 56.3	+19 10 57	-0.3	-0.3	A0V	0.199	361	11.0
5	Orion	Saiph	15 15 29.1	+19 10 57	-0.6	-0.6	A0V	0.139	182	17.8
6	Orion	Thouls	18 38 56.3	+45 59 33	-0.9	-0.9	B8V	0.077	42.3	13.0
7	Orion	Meissa	05 14 32.3	+48 16 56	-0.5	-0.5	B9V	0.064	36.0	29.0
8	Orion	Alnilam	07 19 18.1	+01 13 30	-0.4	-0.4	B7V	0.062	36.0	44.4
9	Orion	Rigel	06 48 52.0	-70 50 08	-0.8	-0.8	B2V	0.006	500	150
10	Orion	Procyon	07 31 22.0	+50 14 32	-0.5	-0.5	F5V	0.009	370	170
11	Orion	Saturn	05 25 16.3	+47 14 25	-0.5	-0.5	A0V	0.194	168	16.8
12	Orion	Aldebaran	14 03 46.4	+46 22 23	-0.8	-0.8	K0V	0.009	450	250
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30	Orion	Alnilam	07 19 18.1	+01 13 30	-0.5	-0.5	A0V	0.194	168	16.8

Legend: Apparent Magnitude (m), Absolute Magnitude (M)

#### The brightness of stars

How bright a star appears is called **apparent magnitude** by astronomers. This depends on three factors:

- Distance from Earth.
- Size and
- How much light it emits per square metre from its outer layers.

The brightest star in the sky is our Sun. It is not particularly good at bright stars, but it is by far the nearest star to us.

The brightness of the stars on a scale called the **magnitude scale**. This scale has been developed to us from ancient times when Hipparchus, a Greek astronomer, classified the stars by their brightness. He used the word *magnitudo* to describe their relative brightness. In Hipparchus' time, a very bright star would have a magnitude of 1 and a very faint star a magnitude of 6.

**The smaller the number, the brighter the star.**

Astronomers measure the brightness of stars in a logarithmic way by differing light levels. A difference in magnitude of 1 corresponds to a factor of 2.5 in energy. A magnitude system roughly consistent with that of Hipparchus has been established by modern astronomers, but now each star can have its magnitude accurately measured.

The very brightest planets have a magnitude of 1 to 4. Under very clear, dark skies, stars with a magnitude of about 6 are visible to the unaided eye in good conditions. Unfortunately, light pollution from household lighting and street lamps means the number of stars visible in urban areas compared to a dark site.

# JANUARY 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Mercury** visible low in western evening twilight at end of month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the western evening twilight.

**Mars** visible low in the eastern morning twilight.

**Jupiter** rises in the east before dawn.

**Saturn** visible after midnight.

## DIARY

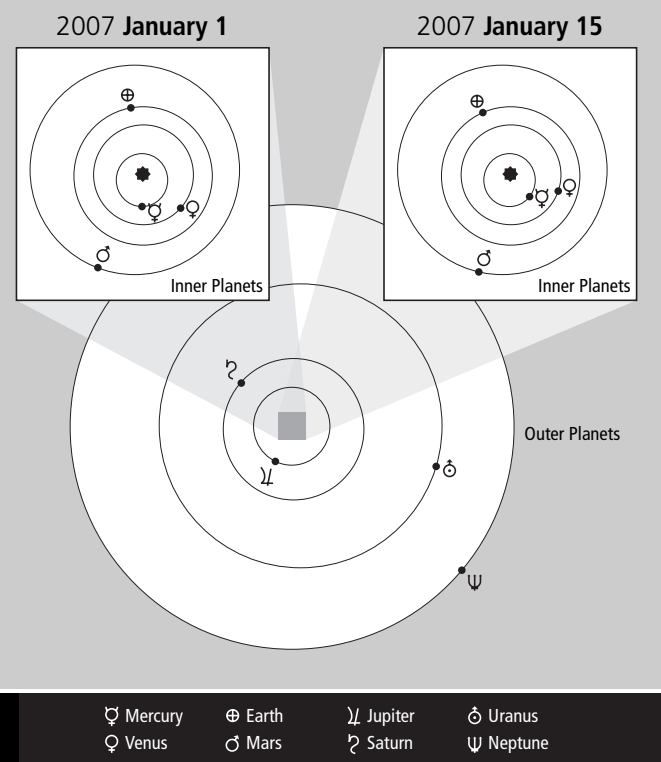
### Day Hour

3	22	<b>Full Moon</b>
4	04	Earth at perihelion
5	12	Jupiter 5° N. of Antares
7	02	Saturn 0.°9 S. of Moon
7	13	Regulus 1.°2 S. of Moon
7	14	Mercury in superior conjunction
8		Max activity of delta-Cancerids
11	00	Moon at apogee
11	21	<b>Last Quarter</b>
12	04	Spica 1.°1 N. of Moon
15	21	Antares 0.°5 N. of Moon
16	01	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
17		Maximum activity delta-Cancerid meteor shower
17	10	Mars 5° N. of Moon
19	12	<b>New Moon</b>
21	01	Venus 0.°8 N. of Moon
22	21	Moon at perigee
26	07	<b>First Quarter</b>

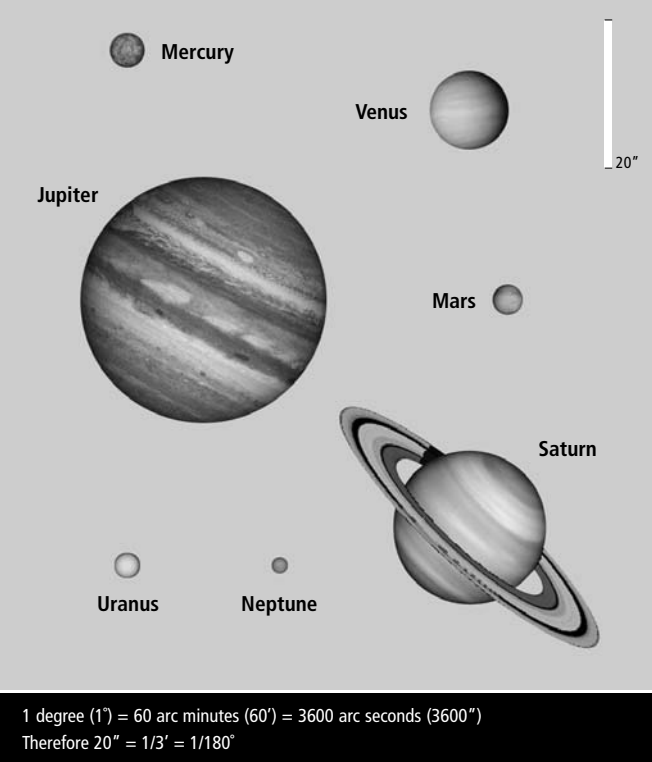
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## PLANET POSITIONS



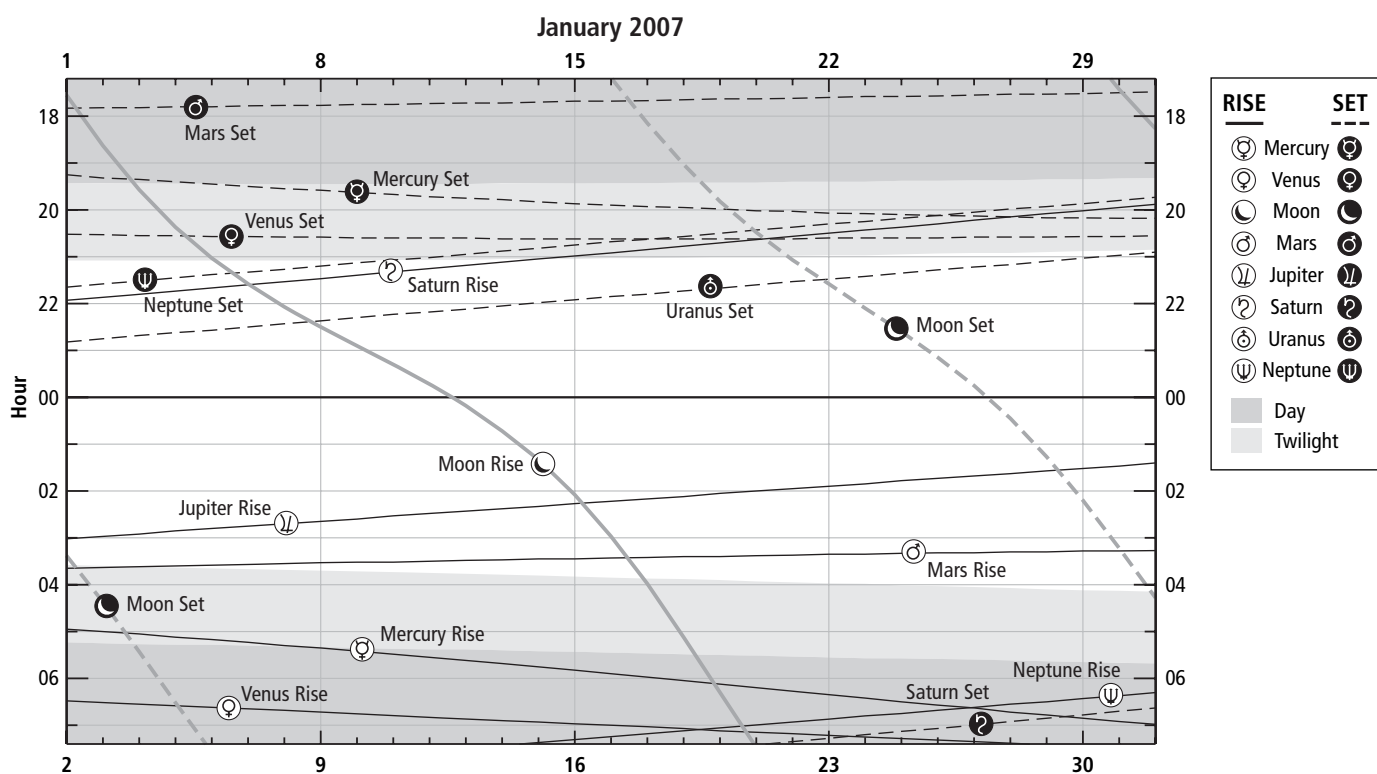
## PLANET APPEARANCE



**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
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7	0514	1933	0639	2035	0334	1746	0245	1641	2132	0825	0943	2226	0752	2116
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21	0612	2002	0709	2037	0323	1737	0200	1558	2034	0725	0851	2132	0700	2022
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**



**JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT**

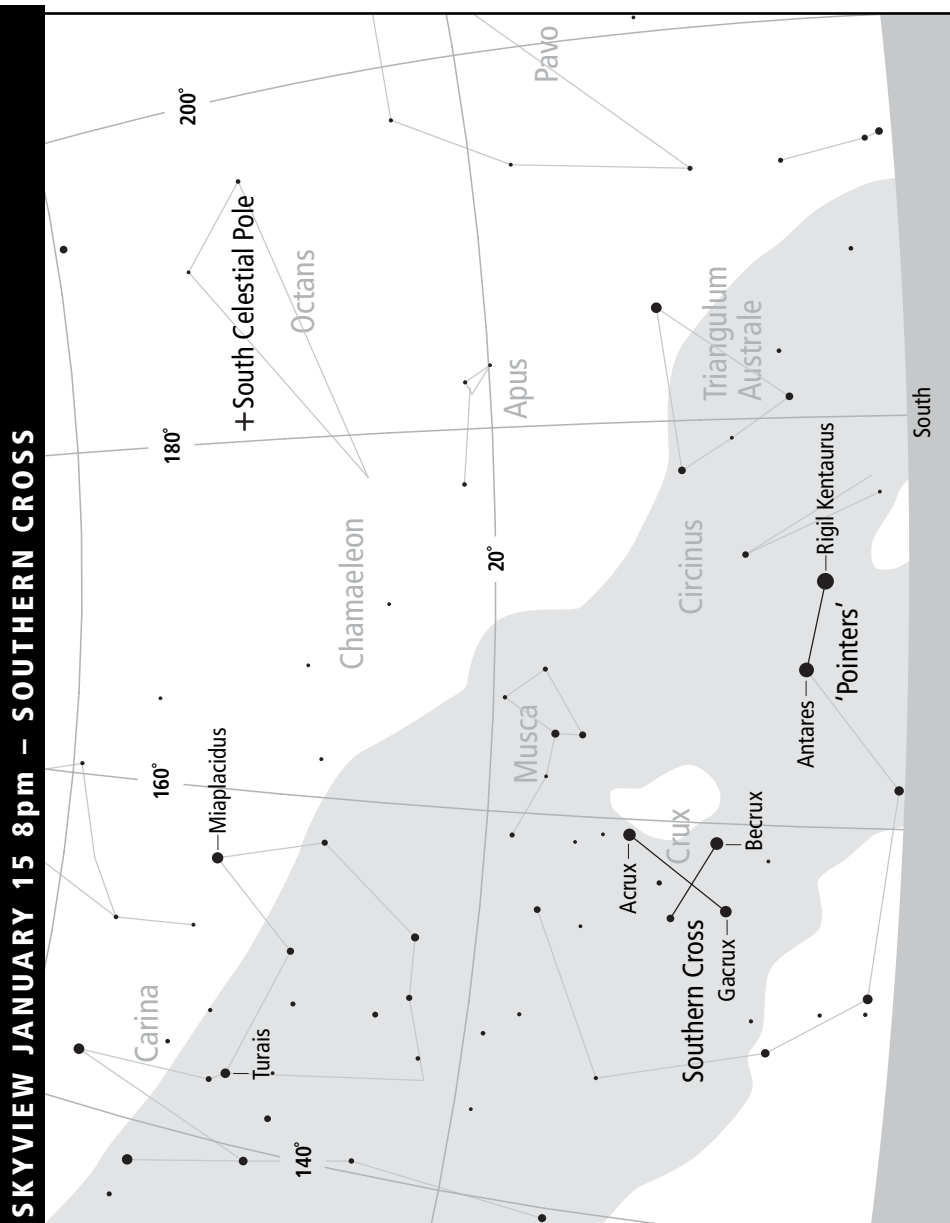
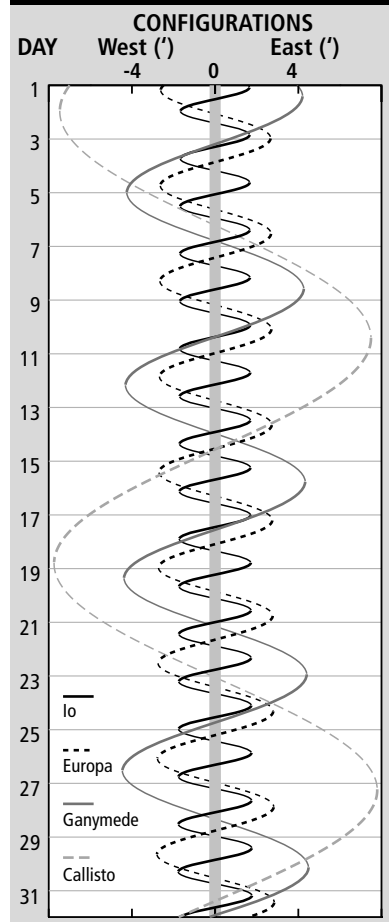
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3	0508		I	Sh.I. Shadow Ingress	18	0443			GRS Great Red Spot
4	0313			GRS Great Red Spot	19	0324		I	Sh.I. Shadow Ingress
6	0451			GRS Great Red Spot	19	0417		I	Tr.I. Transit Ingress
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11	0422		I	Ec.D. Eclipse Disappear	21	0226		III	Oc.D. Occult Disappear
12	0340		I	Sh.E. Shadow Egress	21	0431		III	Oc.R. Occult Reappear
12	0429		I	Tr.E. Transit Egress	23	0350			GRS Great Red Spot
16	0305			GRS Great Red Spot	25	0334		II	Tr.I. Transit Ingress
16	0359		II	Ec.D. Eclipse Disappear	25	0410		II	Sh.E. Shadow Egress
					25	0527			GRS Great Red Spot
					26	0517		I	Sh.I. Shadow Ingress
					27	0236		I	Ec.D. Eclipse Disappear
					28	0156		I	Sh.E. Shadow Egress
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					28	0256		I	Tr.E. Transit Eclipse
					28	0256			GRS Great Red Spot
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Moons: I Io III Ganymede  
 II Europa IV Callisto

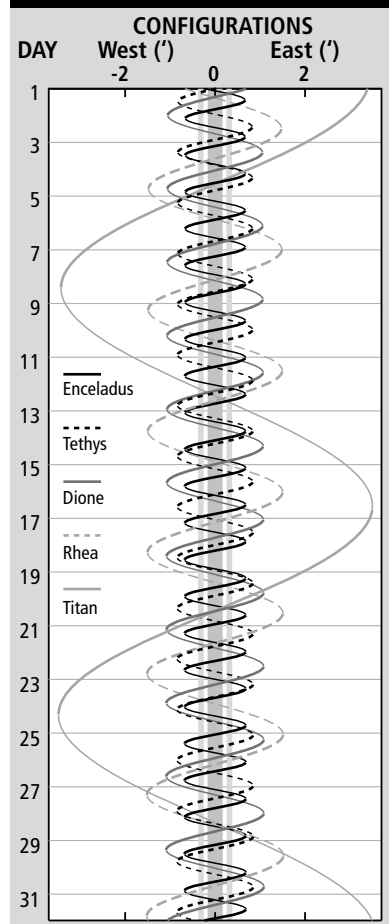
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GRS Jupiter's Great Red Spot will be visible for approximately 1 hour around time shown

**JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**

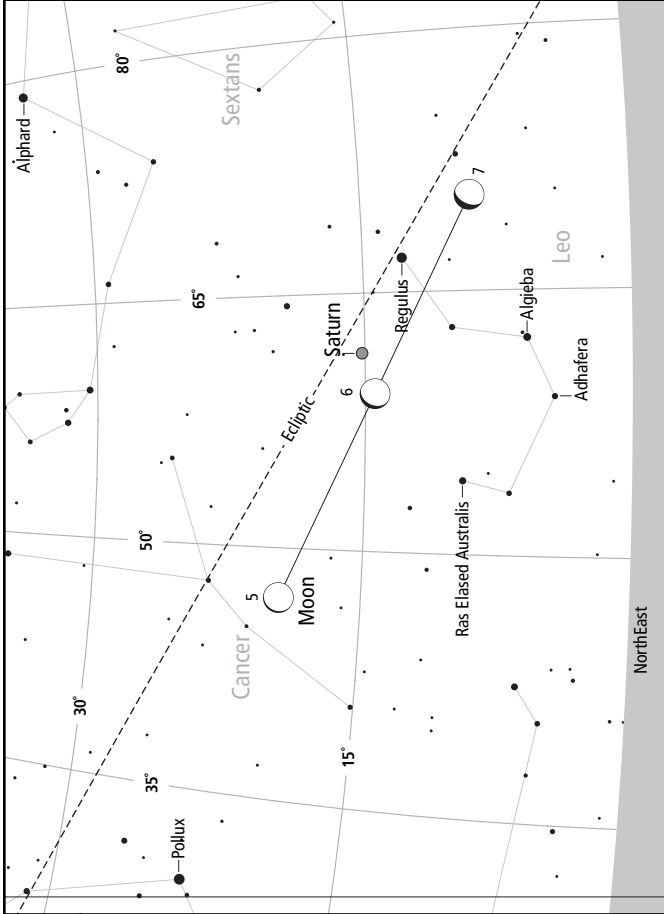


**SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**

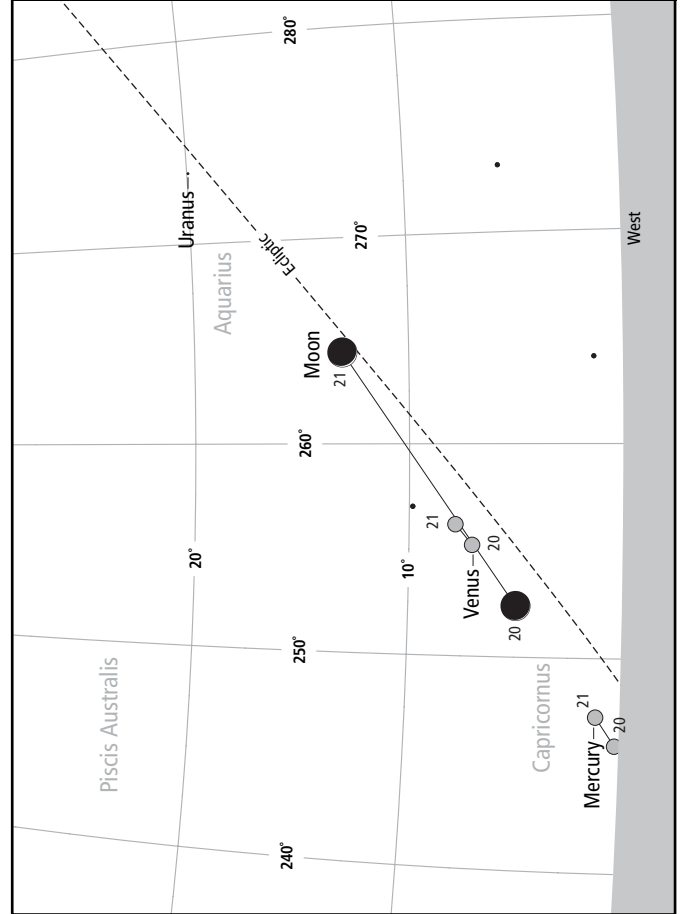




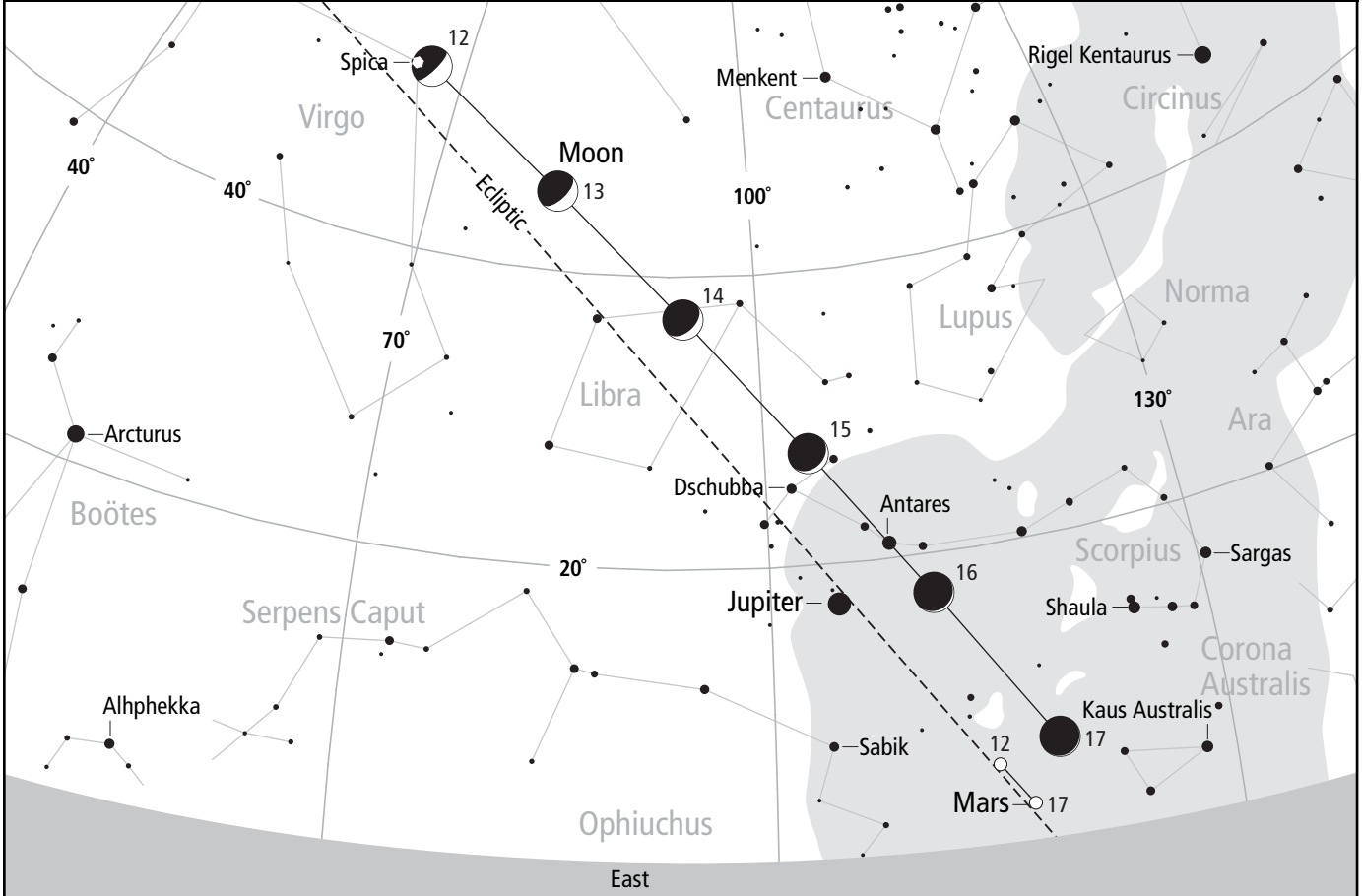
**SKYVIEW 2007 JANUARY 5-7 11pm**



**SKYVIEW 2007 JANUARY 20-21 8pm**



**SKYVIEW 2007 JANUARY 12-17 8pm**



# FEBRUARY 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Mercury** visible very low in western evening twilight in first half of month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the western evening twilight.

**Mars** visible low in the eastern morning sky.

**Jupiter** rises in the east before dawn.

**Saturn** visible most of night.

## DIARY

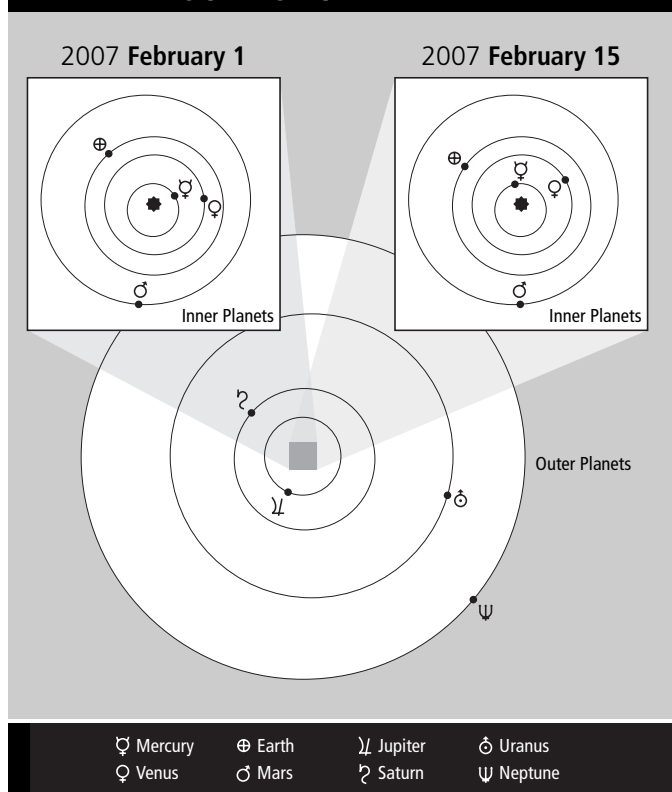
### Day Hour

2	14	<b>Full Moon</b>
3	07	Saturn 0.°9 S. of Moon
3	22	Regulus 1.°1 S. of Moon
7		Maximum activity of alpha-Centaurid meteor shower
7	21	Moon at apogee
8	01	Mercury greatest along. E. (18°)
8	12	Spica 1.°3 N. of Moon
9	00	Neptune in conjunction with Sun
10	18	<b>Last Quarter</b>
11	03	Saturn at opposition
12	06	Antares 0.°7 N. of Moon
12	18	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
13	22	Mercury stationary
15	09	Mars 4° N. of Moon
18	00	<b>New Moon</b>
19	18	Moon at perigee
20	01	Venus 2° S. of Moon
23	13	Mercury in inferior stationary conjunction
24	16	<b>First Quarter</b>
26		Maximum activity of delta-Leonid meteor shower

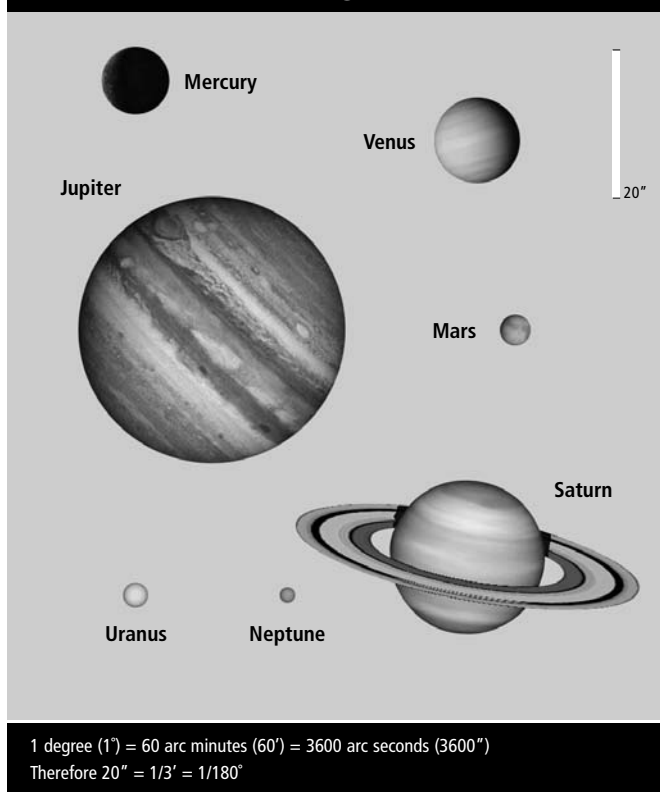
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
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1	0541	111	0409	1230	1919	249	2050	1858	0417	97
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3	0543	110	0412	1230	1917	250	2048	2004	0622	100
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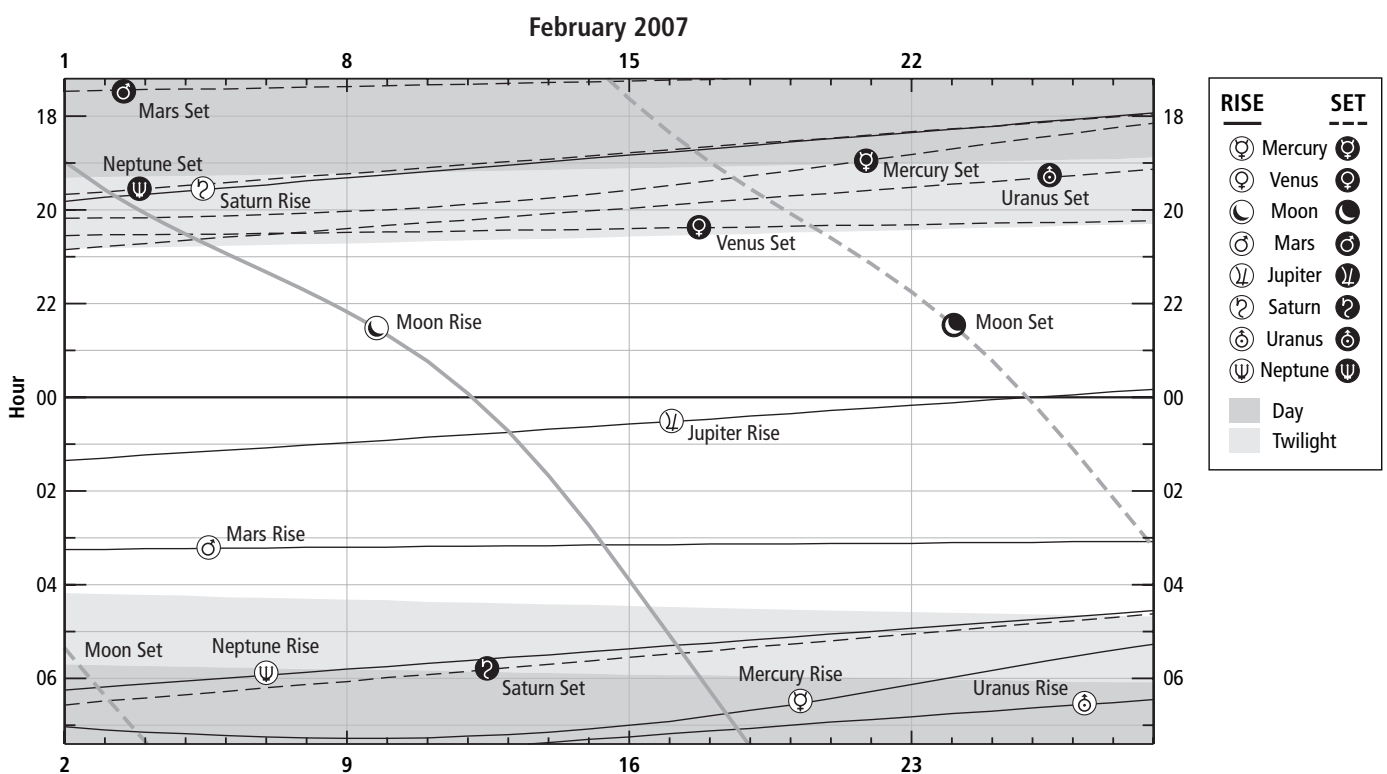
## PLANET APPEARANCE



**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**



**JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT**

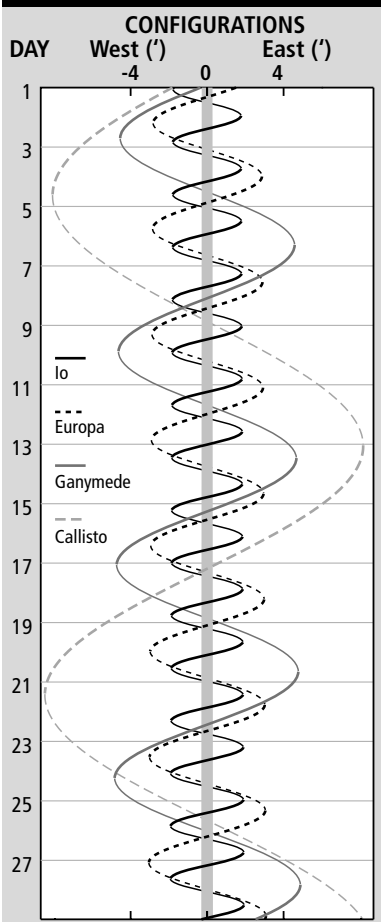
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2	0203 GRS	7	0110 GRS	12	0410 I Oc.R.	23	0416 GRS
3	0313 II Oc.R.	8	0259 III Tr.E.	13	0121 I Tr.E.	25	0553 GRS
3	0430 I Ec.D.	9	0248 GRS	14	0154 GRS	26	0108 II Sh.I.
4	0139 I Sh.I.	10	0103 II Ec.D.	15	0224 III Sh.E.	26	0133 III Oc.R.
4	0244 I Tr.I.	11	0333 I Sh.I.	15	0509 III Tr.I.	26	0144 GRS
4	0341 GRS	11	0425 GRS	16	0332 GRS	26	0334 II Tr.I.
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4	0454 I Tr.E.	11	0543 I Sh.E.	18	0509 GRS	26	0437 I Ec.D.
5	0213 I Oc.R.	12	0049 II Tr.E.	18	0527 I Sh.I.	27	0148 I Sh.I.
				19	0057 II Tr.I.	27	0302 I Tr.I.
				19	0101 GRS	27	0358 I Sh.E.
				19	0106 II Sh.E.	27	0512 I Tr.E.
				19	0244 I Ec.D.	28	0038 II Oc.R.
				19	0327 II Tr.E.	28	0230 I Oc.R.
				20	0107 I Tr.I.	28	0322 GRS
				20	0205 I Sh.E.		
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				21	0238 GRS		

Moons: I Io III Ganymede  
 II Europa IV Callisto

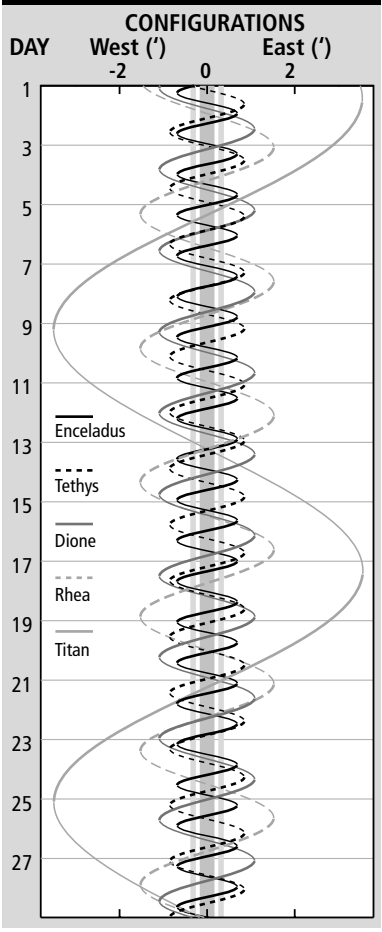
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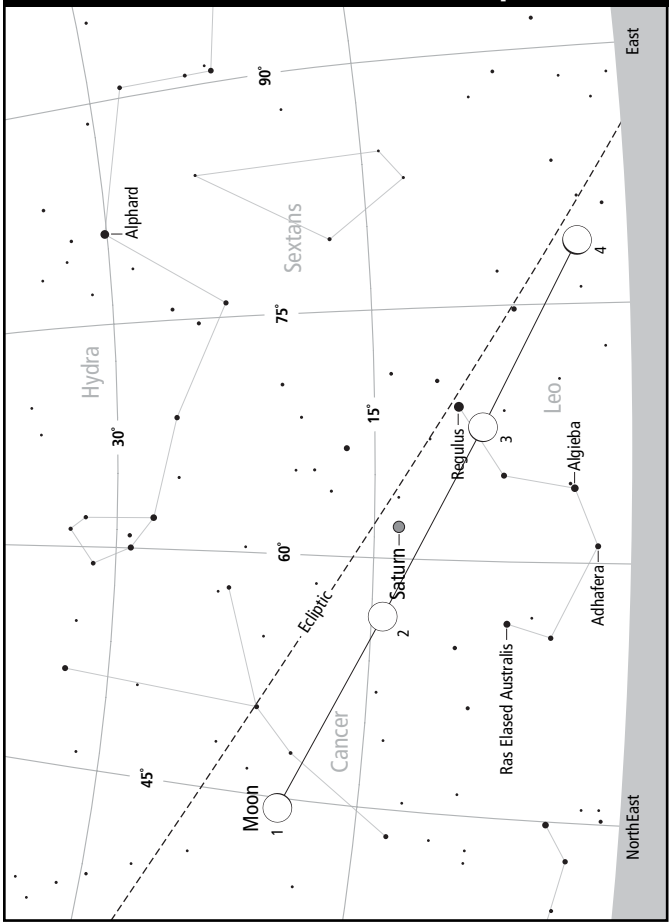


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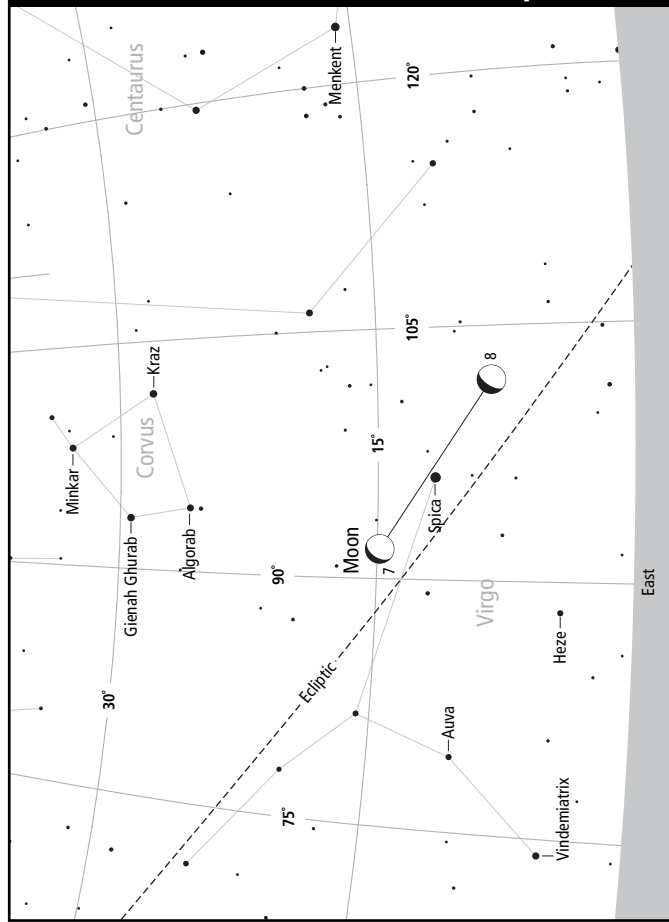




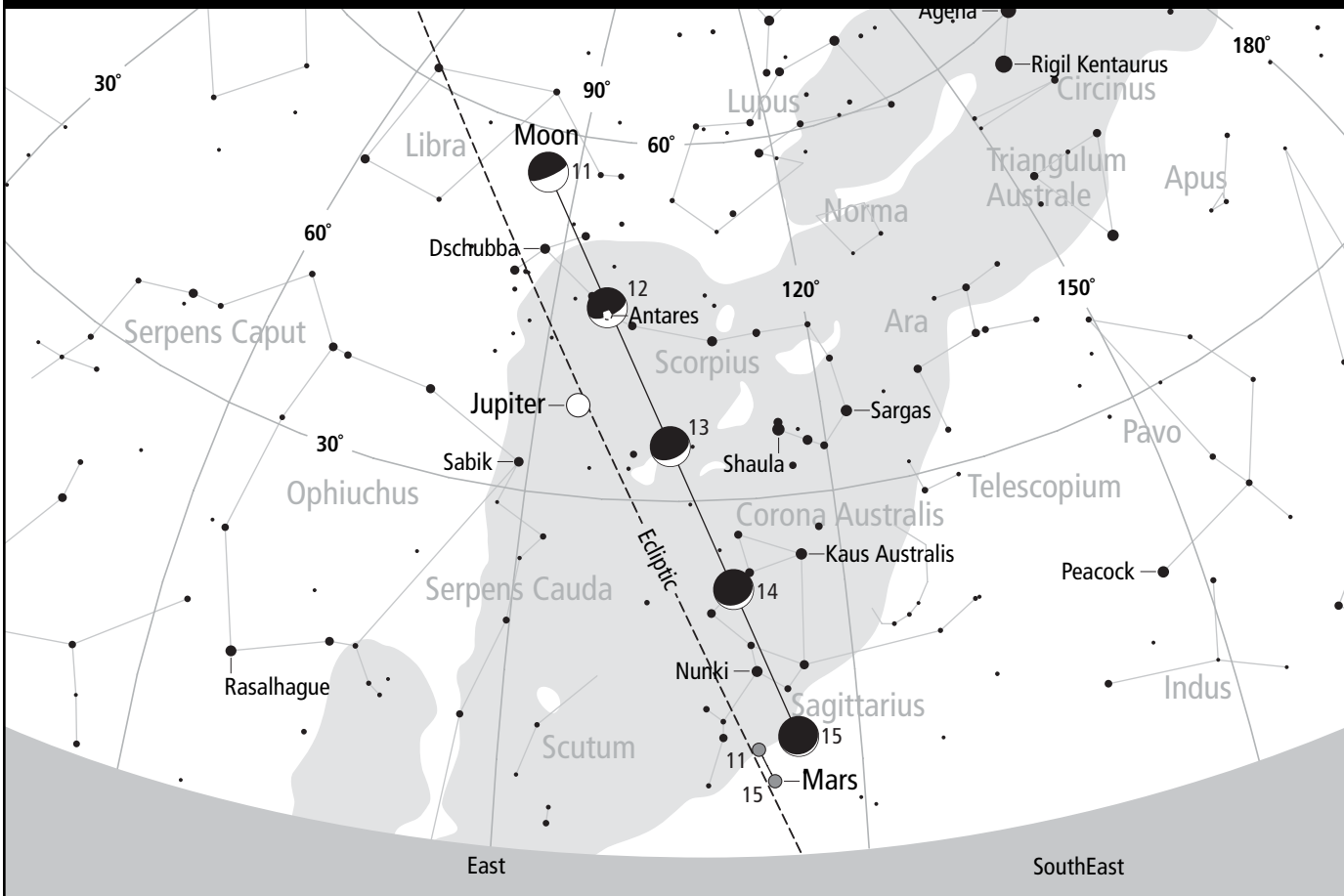
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# MARCH 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Moon** start of lunar eclipse visible in morning of 4th.

**Mercury** visible low in eastern morning twilight most of month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the western evening twilight.

**Mars** visible low in the eastern late morning sky.

**Jupiter** visible after midnight and near overhead in morning twilight.

**Saturn** visible all evening and sets in the west before morning twilight.

## DIARY

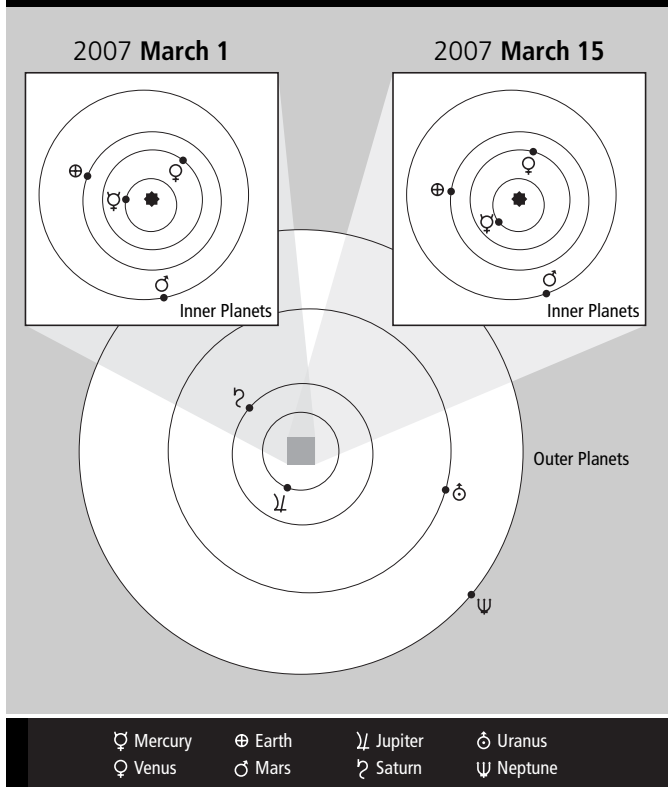
### Day Hour

2	10	Saturn 1.°1 S. of Moon
3	05	Regulus 1.°1 S. of Moon
4	07	<b>Full Moon</b> – Lunar Eclipse
6	00	Uranus in conjunction with Sun
7	12	Moon at apogee
7	18	Mercury stationary
11	14	Antares 0.°7 N. of Moon
12	08	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
12	12	<b>Last Quarter</b>
14		Max activity of gamma-Normid meteors
16	09	Mars 1.°9 N. of Moon
17	11	Mercury 1.°4 N. of Moon
19	11	<b>New Moon</b>
20	03	Moon at perigee
21	08	Equinox
21	23	Venus 6° S. of Moon
22	10	Mercury greatest elongation W. (28°)
24		Max activity of Virginid meteor shower
26	02	<b>First Quarter</b>
29	12	Saturn 1.°2 S. of Moon
30	11	Regulus 1.°1 S. of Moon

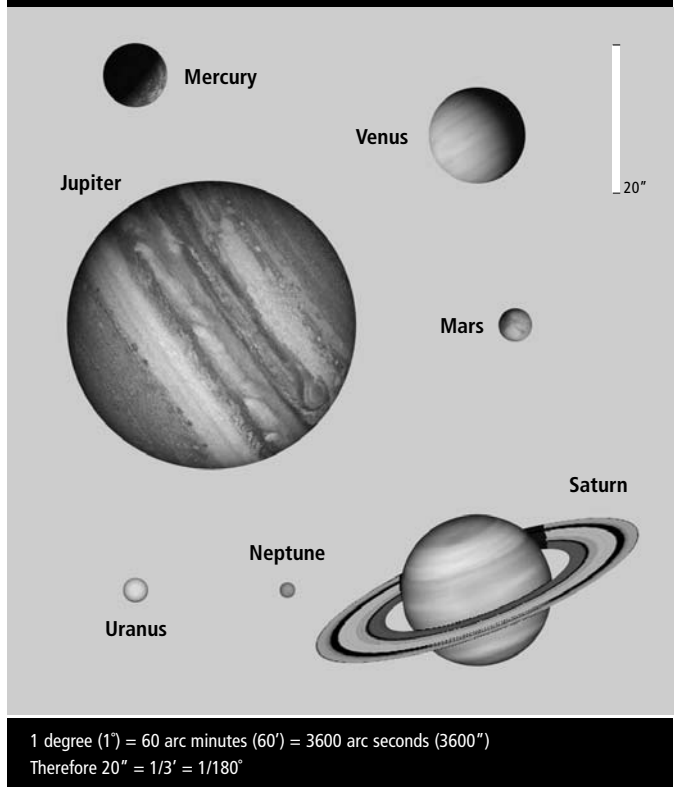
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
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1	0605	100	0441	1229	1852	260	2016	1735	0312	90
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## PLANET POSITIONS



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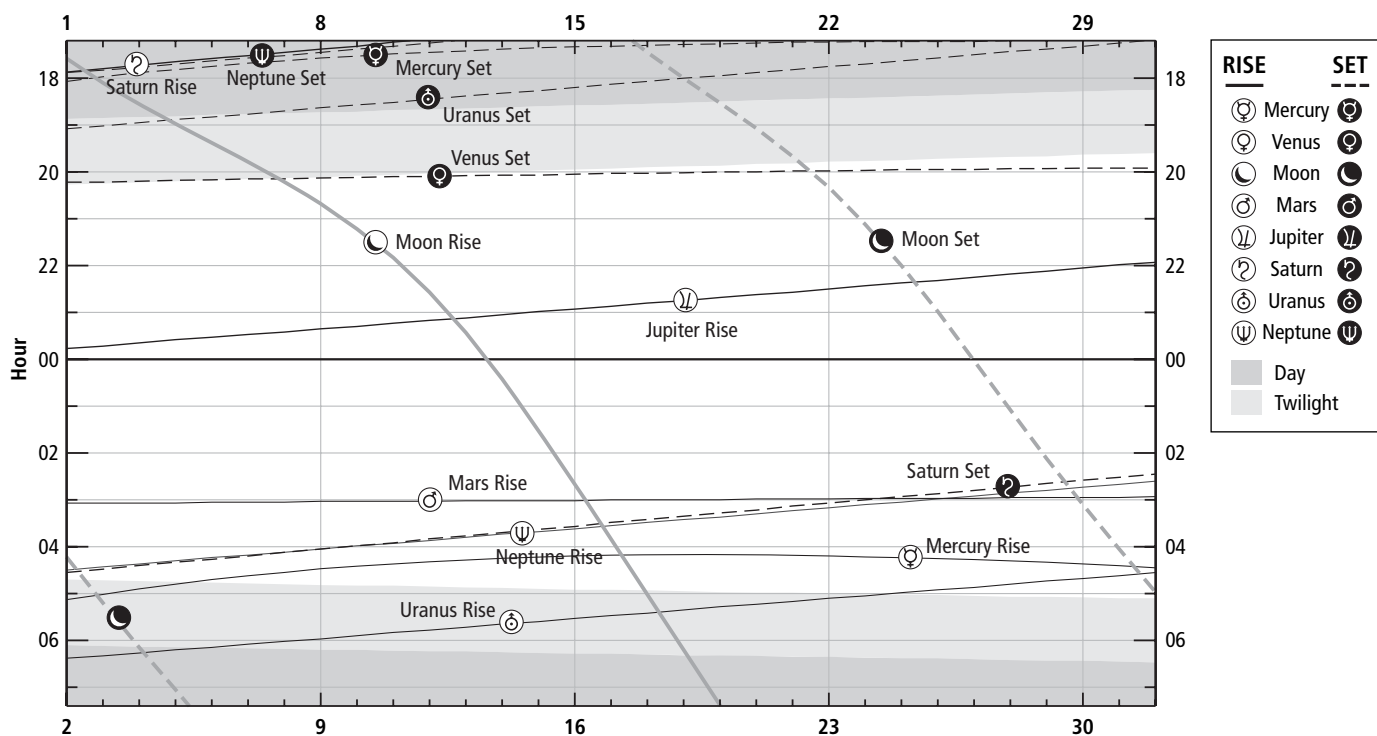


**PLANETS RISE/SET**

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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**

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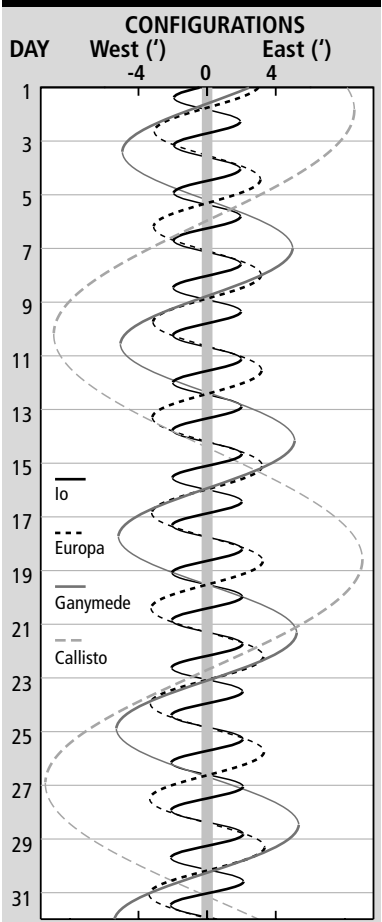
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**Moons:**  
 I Io                      III Ganymede  
 II Europa                IV Callisto

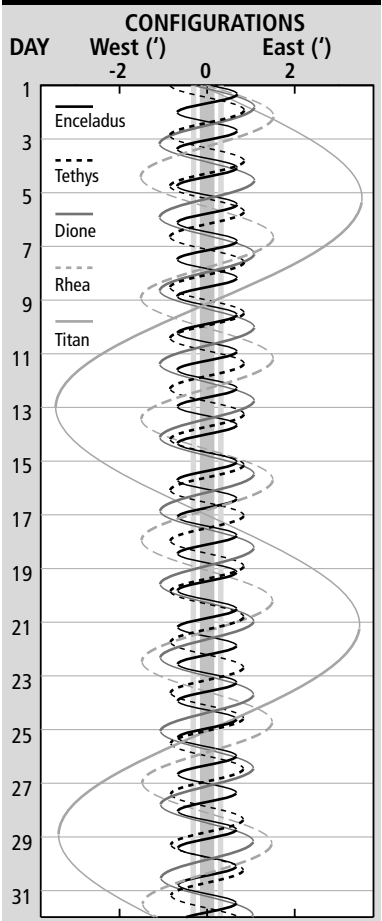
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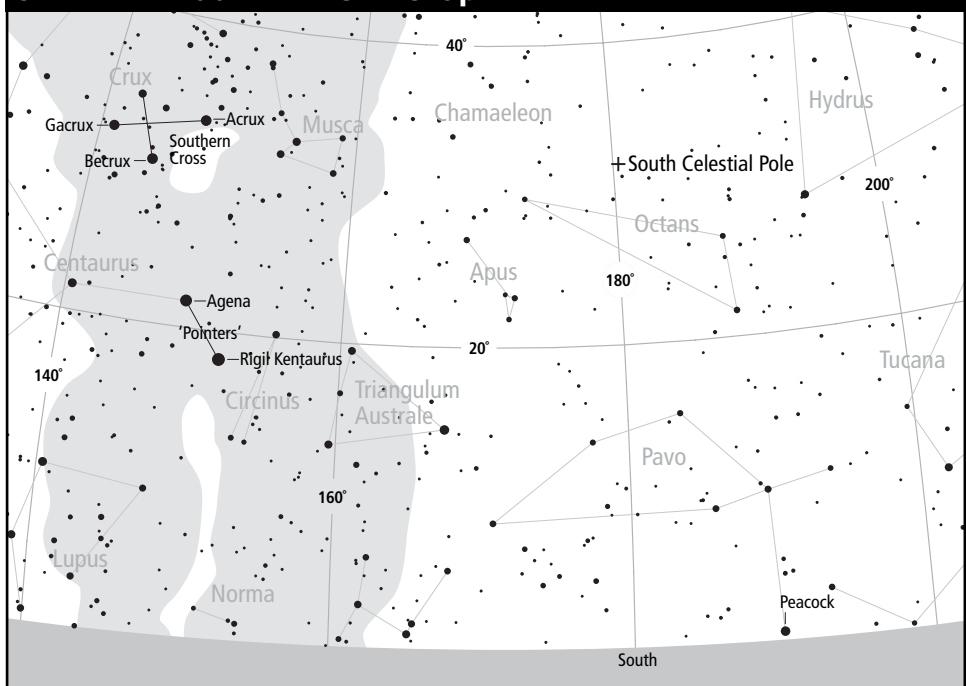
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**SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**

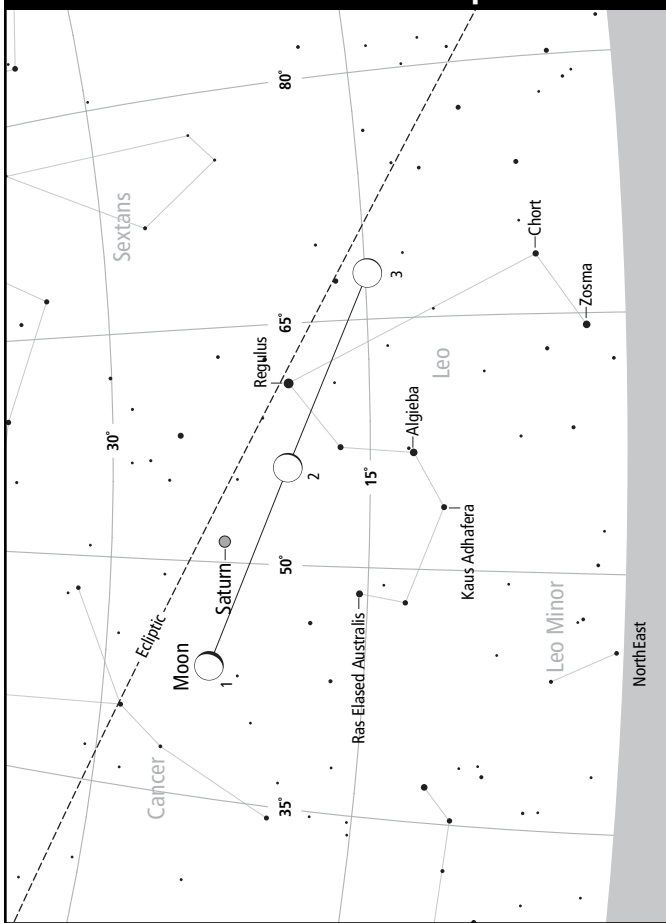


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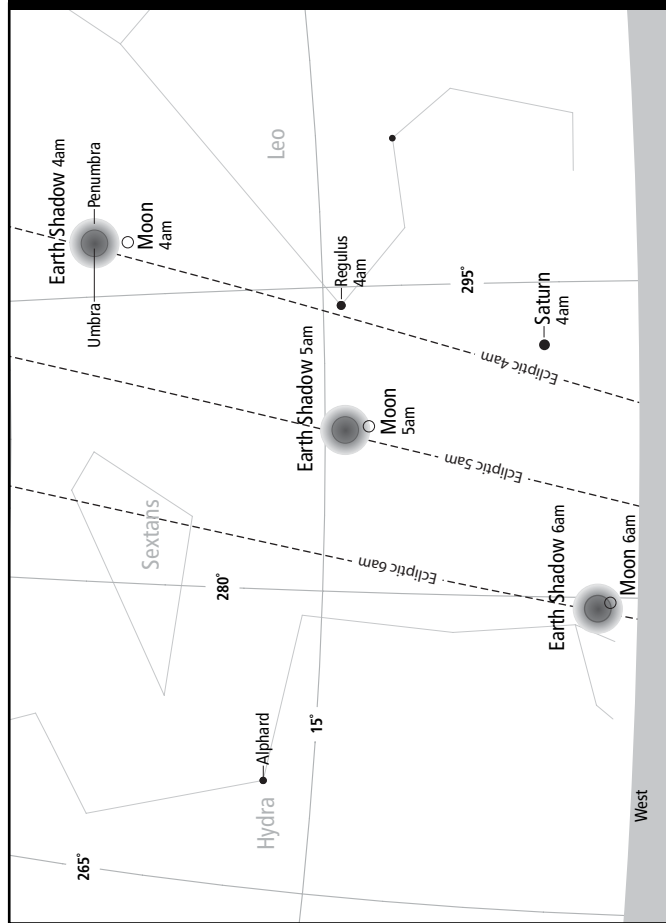




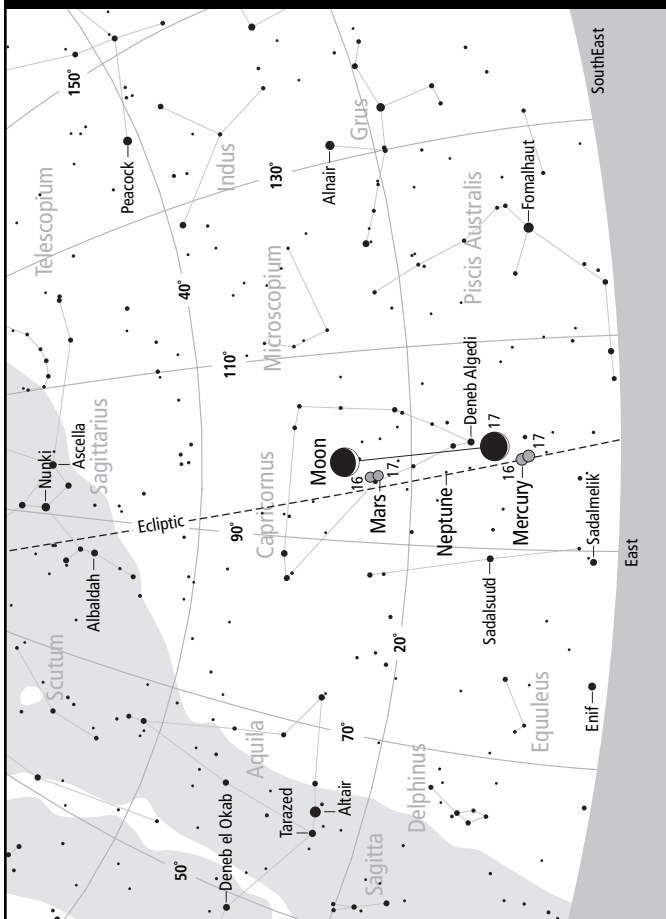
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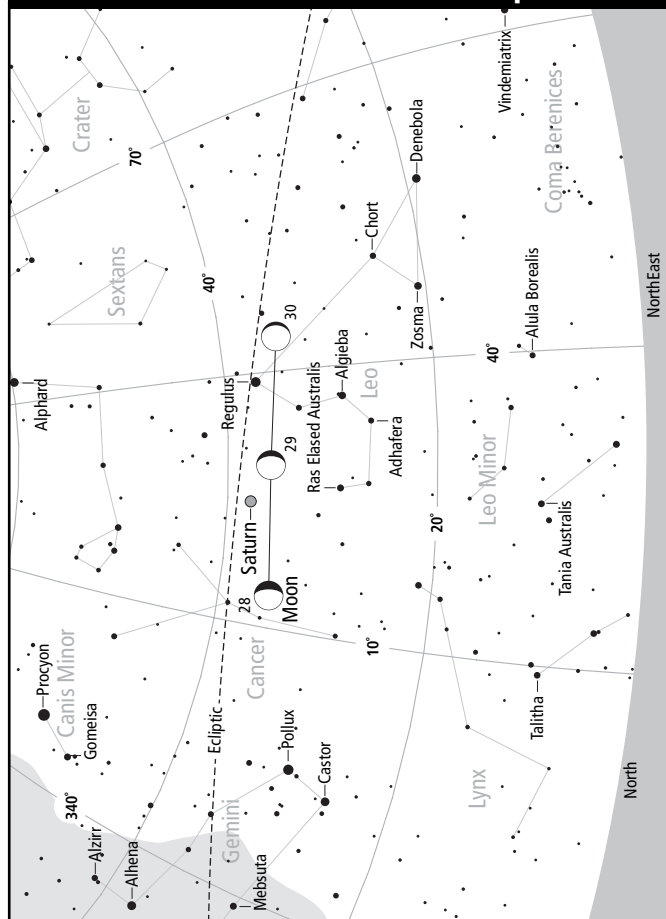
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**SKYVIEW 2007 MARCH 16-17 5am**



**SKYVIEW 2007 MARCH 28-30 8pm**



# APRIL 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Mercury** visible very low in eastern morning twilight in the first half of month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the western evening twilight.

**Mars** visible low in the east before dawn.

**Jupiter** rises mid evening and visible high in sky.

**Saturn** visible most of evening and sets in the west after midnight by mid month.

## DIARY

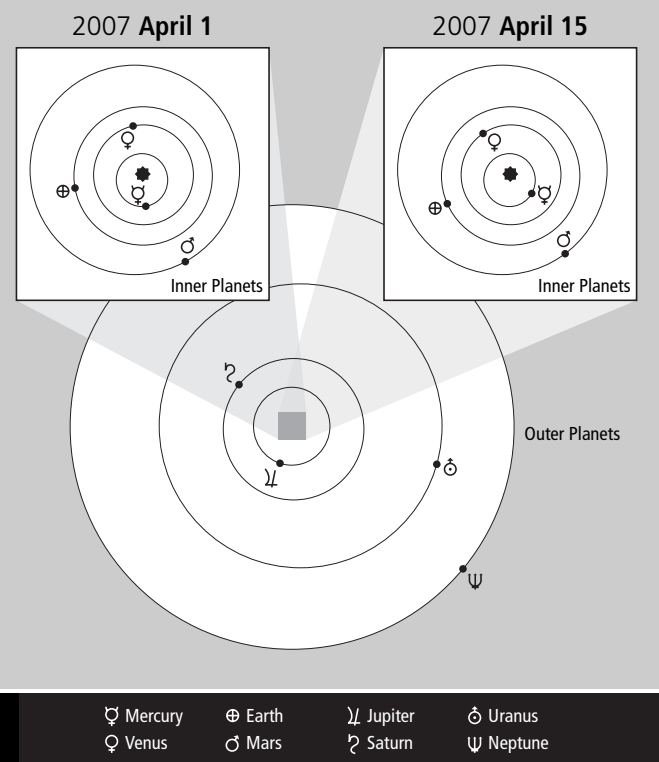
### Day Hour

3	01	<b>Full Moon</b>
3	17	Moon at apogee
6	10	Jupiter stationary
7	21	Antares 0.°6 N. of Moon
8	17	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
11	02	<b>Last Quarter</b>
14	10	Mars 0.°5 S. of Moon
16	19	Mercury 5° S. of Moon.
17	14	Moon at perigee
17	20	<b>New Moon</b>
20	09	Saturn stationary
20	16	Venus 3° S. of Moon
21	20	Venus 7° N. of Aldebaran
23		Maximum activity of pi-Puppids meteors
24	15	<b>First Quarter</b>
25	18	Saturn 1.°1 S. of Moon
26	17	Regulus 1.°0 S. of Moon
30	19	Moon at apogee

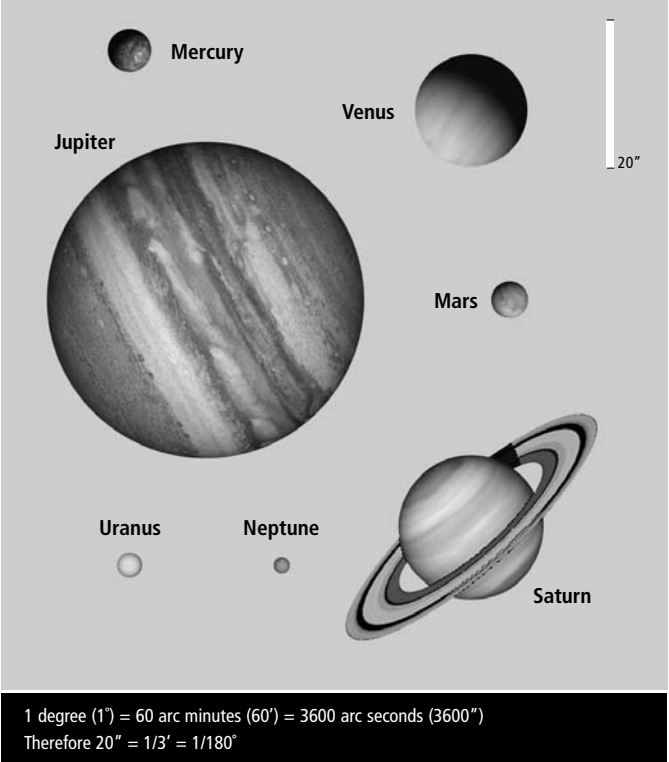
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
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1	0628	85	0506	1221	1813	275	1934	1727	0458	96
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## PLANET POSITIONS



## PLANET APPEARANCE

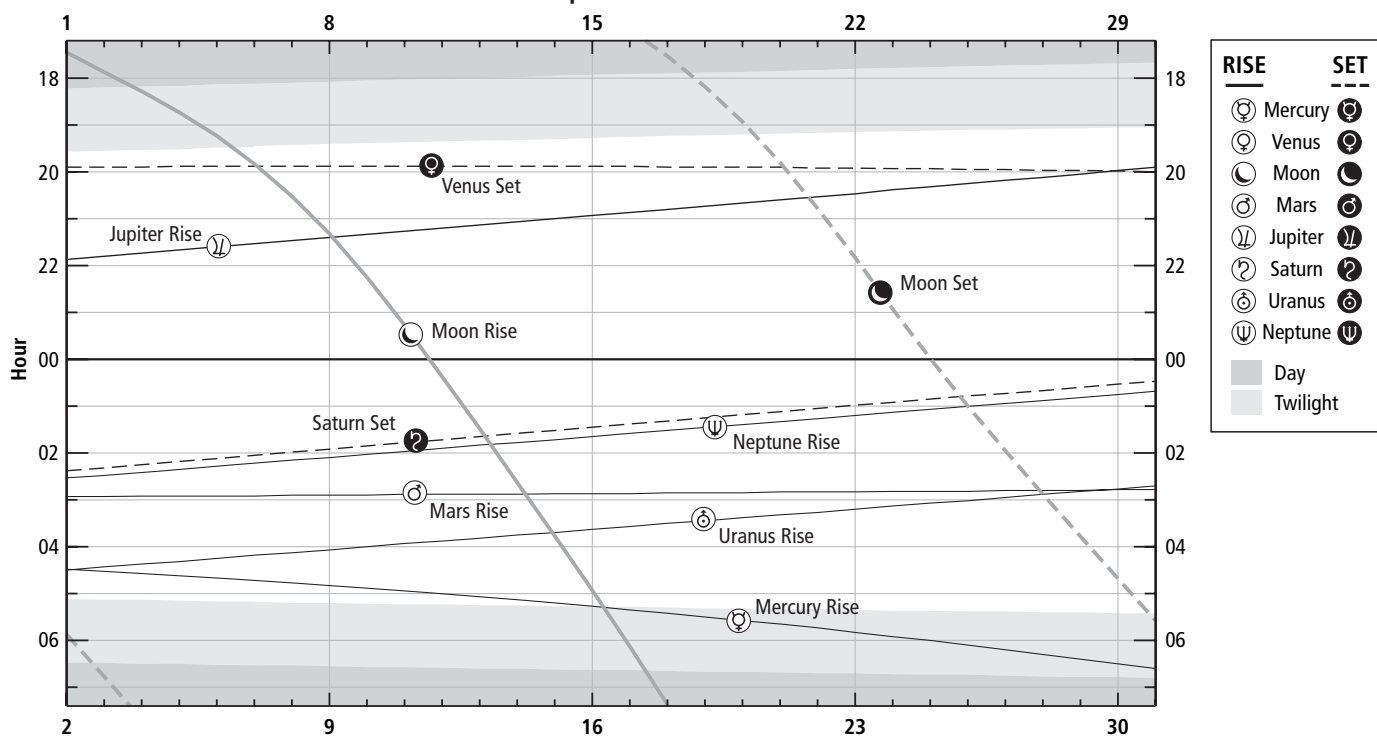


**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**

April 2007



### JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

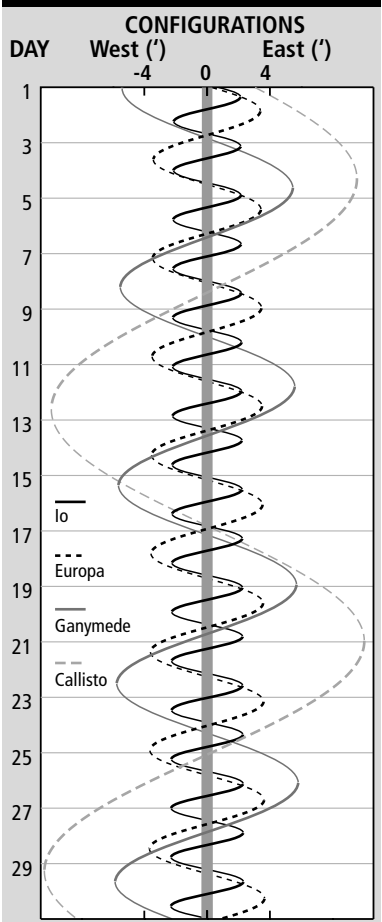
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7	0331	I	Tr.E.	15	0232	I	Oc.R.	24	0417	III	Ec.R.
7	0426		GRS	15	0507	II	Oc.R.	24	0553	III	Oc.D.
7	2149	II	Ec.D.	15	2137	I	Tr.I.	24	2309		GRS
8	0017		GRS	15	2246	I	Sh.E.	25	2042	II	Oc.R.
8	0044	I	Oc.R.	15	2347	I	Tr.E.	26	0456		GRS
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8	2158	I	Tr.E.	16	2100	II	Tr.I.	27	2037		GRS
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				17	0423	III	Oc.R.	29	0537	II	Ec.D.
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				19	0414		GRS	29	2214		GRS
				20	0004		GRS	30	0022	I	Sh.I.
				21	0400	I	Sh.I.	30	0111	I	Tr.I.
				21	0458	I	Tr.I.	30	0233	I	Sh.E.
				21	0551		GRS	30	0322	I	Tr.E.
				21	0611	I	Sh.E.	30	2134	I	Ec.D.

**Moons:**  
 I Io                    III Ganymede  
 II Europa            IV Callisto

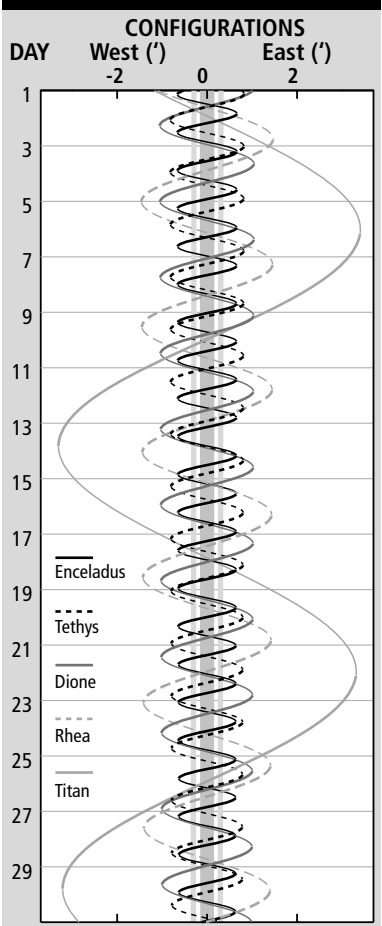
**Events:**  
 D Disappear    R Reappear  
 E Egress        I Ingress  
 Ec Eclipse     Oc Occult  
 Sh Shadow     Tr Transit

**GRS** Jupiter's Great Red Spot will be visible for approximately 1 hour around time shown

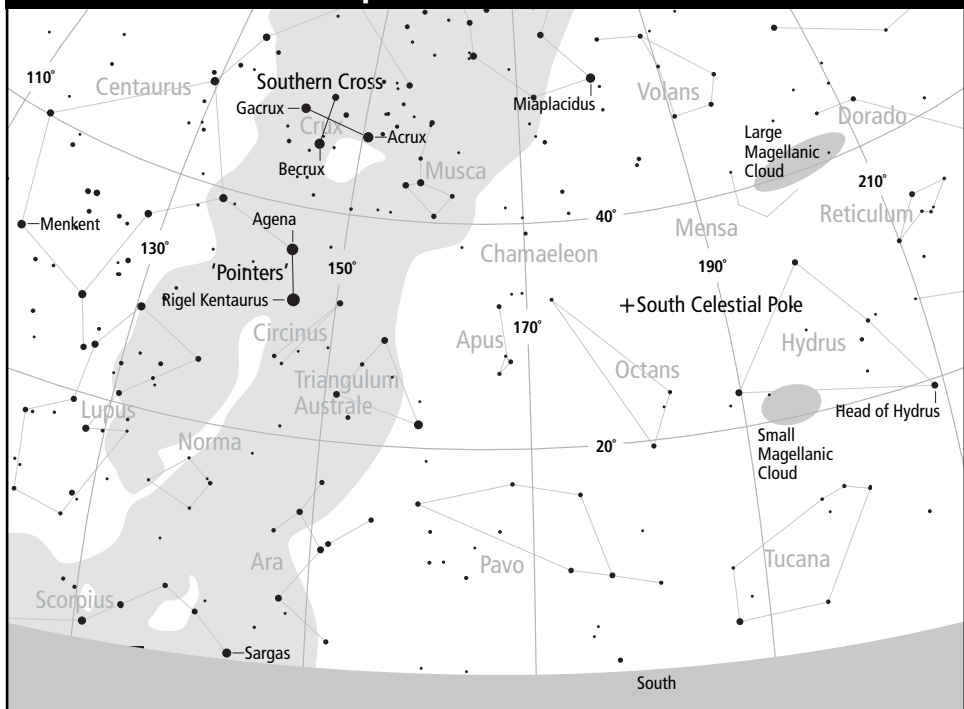
### JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



### SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS

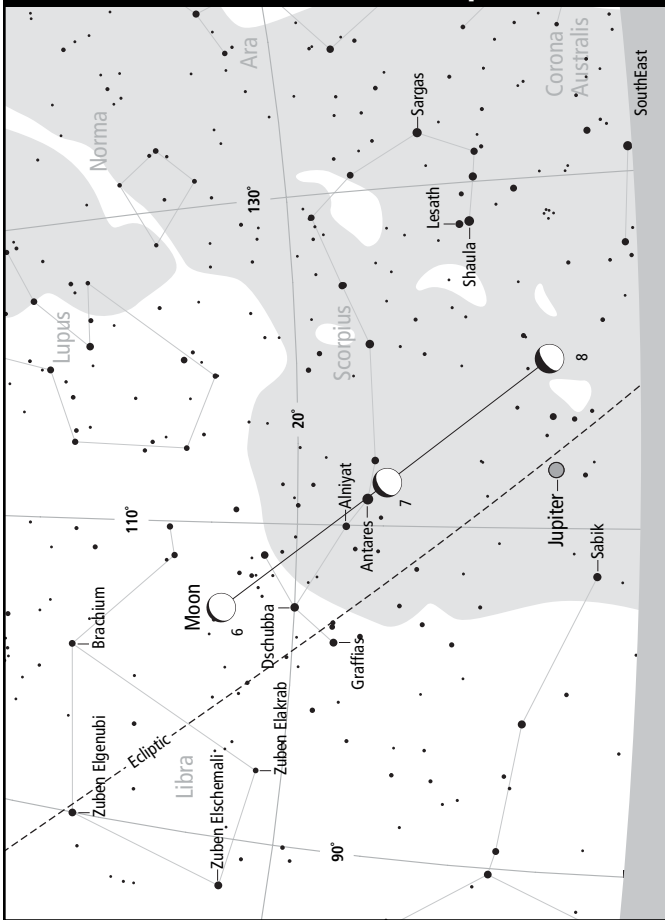


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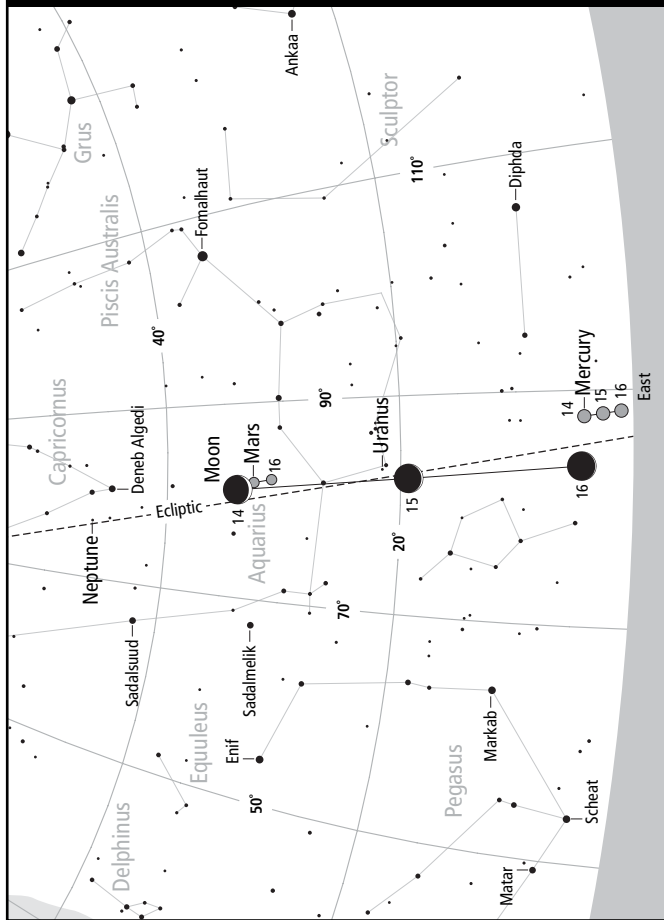




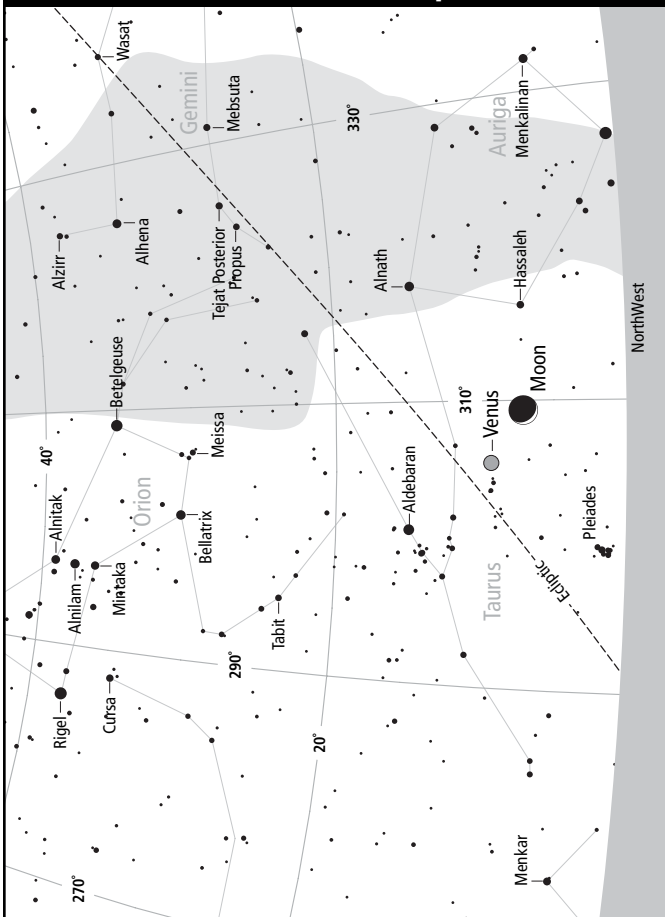
**SKYVIEW 2007 APRIL 6-8 10pm**



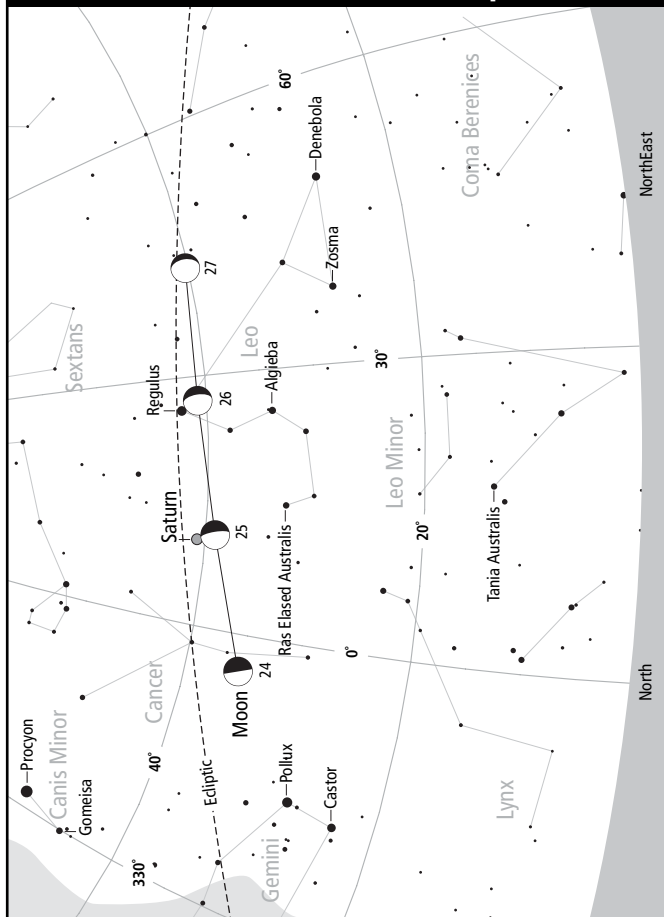
**SKYVIEW 2007 APRIL 14-15 5.30am**



**SKYVIEW 2007 APRIL 20 7pm**



**SKYVIEW 2007 APRIL 24-27 7pm**



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Mercury** visible very low in western evening twilight in second half of month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the NW in the early evening, may be visible in day near Moon on 20th.

**Mars** visible low in the east before dawn.

**Jupiter** visible nearly all night.

**Saturn** visible most of evening in the NW sky.

## DIARY

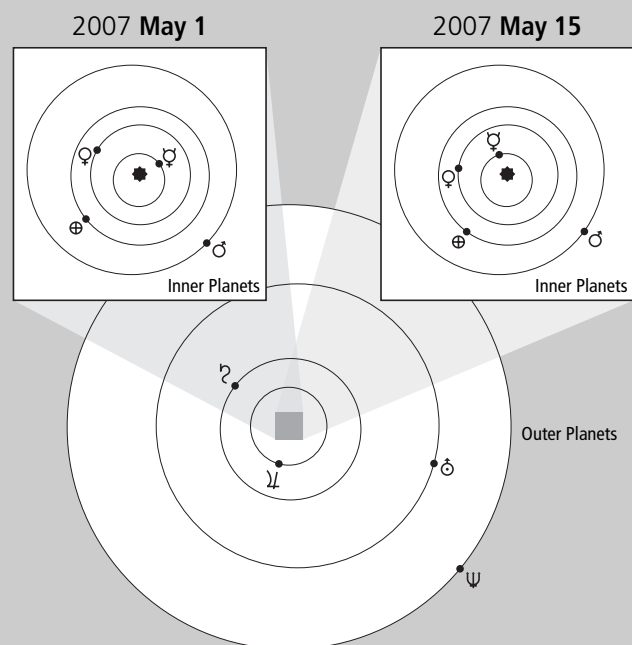
### Day Hour

2	18	<b>Full Moon</b>
3	12	Mercury in superior conjunction
5		Maximum activity of eta-Aquarid meteor shower
5	02	Antares 0.°5 N. of Moon
5	20	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
10	12	<b>Last Quarter</b>
13	09	Mars 3° S. of Moon
15	23	Moon at perigee
17	03	<b>New Moon</b>
17	05	Mercury 7° N. of Aldebaran
18	08	Mercury 3° S. of Moon
19		Maximum activity of Sagittarid meteor shower
20	09	Venus 1.°7 S. of Moon
23	03	Saturn 0.°8 S. of Moon
24	00	Regulus 0.°7 N. of Moon
24	05	<b>First Quarter</b>
25	14	Neptune stationary
28	06	Moon at apogee
31	03	Venus 4° S. of Pollux

## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

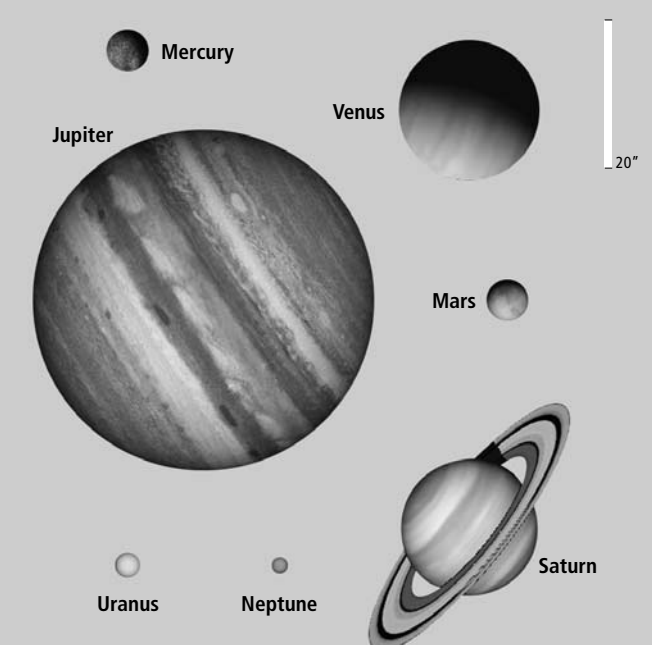
DAY	SUN							MOON		
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1	0648	73	0525	1214	1739	287	1902	1647	0535	97
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## PLANET POSITIONS



☿ Mercury    ⊕ Earth    ♃ Jupiter    ♅ Uranus  
 ♀ Venus    ♂ Mars    ♄ Saturn    ♆ Neptune

## PLANET APPEARANCE

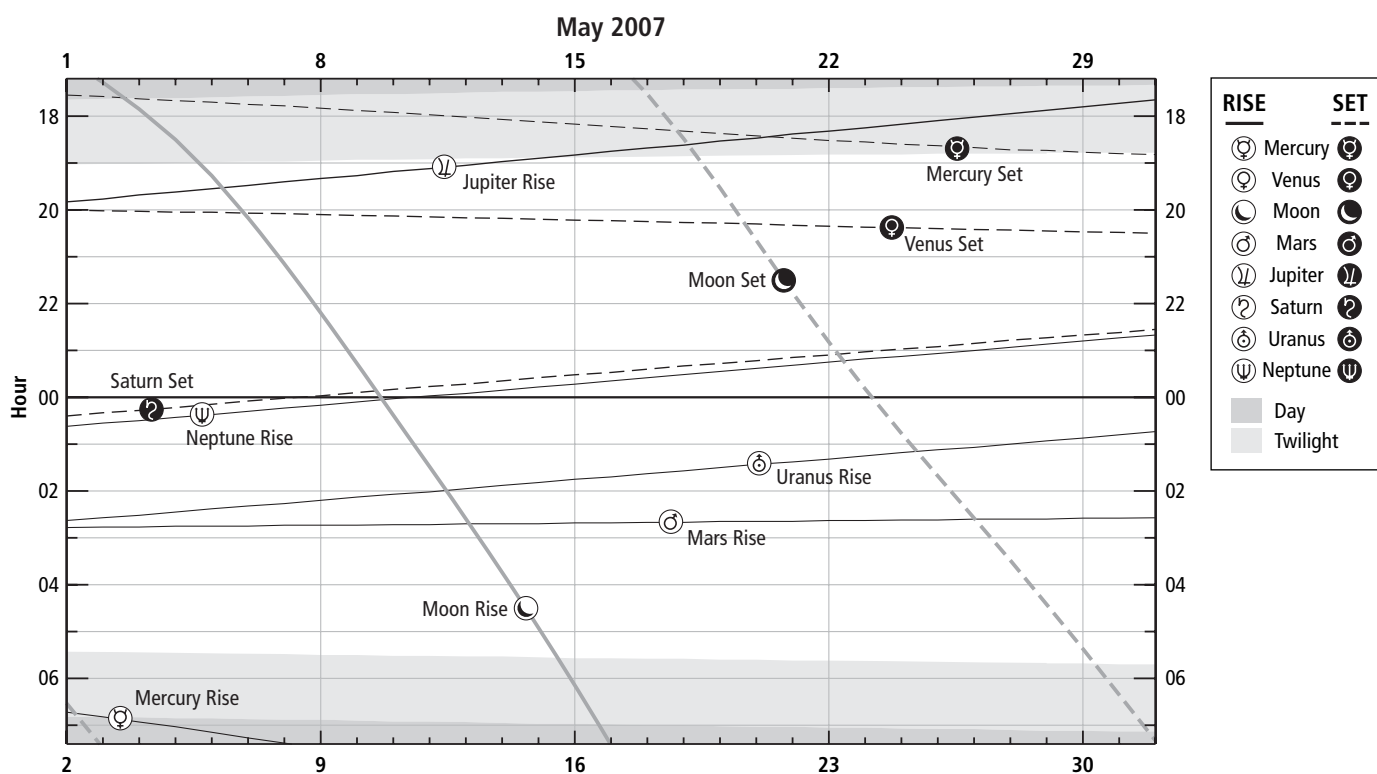


1 degree (1°) = 60 arc minutes (60') = 3600 arc seconds (3600")  
 Therefore 20" = 1/3' = 1/180°

**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**



**JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT**

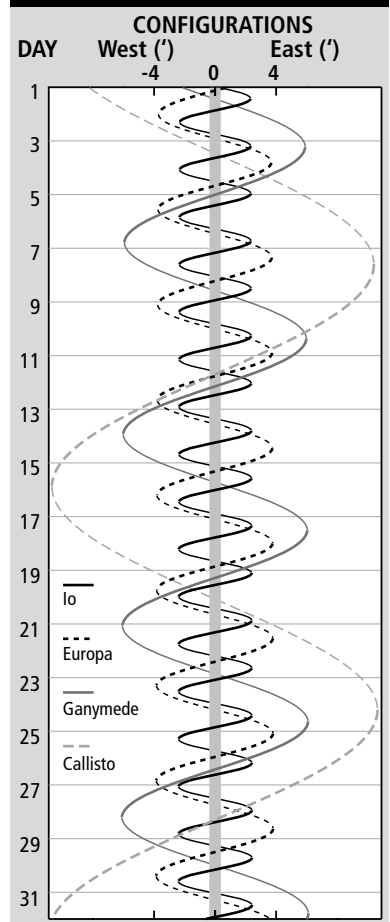
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1	0032 I Oc.R.	8	0510 II Sh.E.	15	0511 II Sh.I.	23	2148 GRS
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1	0237 II Sh.E.	8	2044 I Sh.I.	15	0613 II Tr.I.	24	0243 II Ec.D.
1	0401 GRS	8	2124 I Tr.I.	15	2238 I Sh.I.	24	0556 II Oc.R.
1	0410 II Tr.E.	8	2256 I Sh.E.	15	2309 I Tr.I.	24	1901 I Sh.I.
1	0604 III Ec.D.	8	2334 I Tr.E.	16	0050 I Sh.E.	24	1919 I Tr.I.
1	2102 I Sh.E.	9	0033 GRS	16	0115 GRS	24	2112 I Sh.E.
1	2149 I Tr.E.	9	2024 GRS	16	0119 I Tr.E.	24	2130 I Tr.E.
1	2351 GRS	9	2044 I Oc.R.	16	1949 I Ec.D.	25	0334 GRS
2	2303 II Oc.R.	9	2131 II Ec.D.	16	2106 GRS	25	2101 II Sh.I.
3	0538 GRS	10	0122 II Oc.R.	16	2228 I Oc.R.	25	2135 II Tr.I.
4	0128 GRS	10	0619 GRS	17	0007 II Ec.D.	25	2325 GRS
4	1959 III Sh.I.	11	0210 GRS	17	0339 II Oc.R.	25	2335 II Sh.E.
4	2119 GRS	11	1936 II Tr.E.	17	1918 I Sh.E.	26	0006 II Tr.E.
4	2208 III Sh.E.	11	2201 GRS	17	1946 I Tr.E.	26	1915 GRS
4	2301 III Tr.I.	11	2357 III Sh.I.	18	0252 GRS	27	0511 GRS
5	0101 III Tr.E.	12	0207 III Sh.E.	18	1921 II Tr.I.	27	1904 II Oc.R.
6	0305 GRS	12	0224 III Tr.I.	18	2101 II Sh.E.	28	0102 GRS
6	0459 I Ec.D.	12	0424 III Tr.E.	18	2151 II Tr.E.	28	2052 GRS
6	2256 GRS	13	0347 GRS	18	2243 GRS	29	0508 I Ec.D.
7	0216 I Sh.I.	13	0652 I Ec.D.	19	0354 III Sh.I.	29	0648 GRS
7	0257 I Tr.I.	13	2338 GRS	19	0544 III Tr.I.	29	2156 III Ec.D.
7	0427 I Sh.E.	14	0410 I Sh.I.	19	0606 III Sh.E.	30	0048 III Oc.R.
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7	2327 I Ec.D.	14	0621 I Sh.E.	21	0020 GRS	30	0237 I Tr.I.
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				23	0032 I Sh.I.	31	2055 I Sh.I.
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				23	0157 GRS	31	2307 I Sh.E.
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				23	0304 I Tr.E.		

**Moons:** I Io III Ganymede  
 II Europa IV Callisto

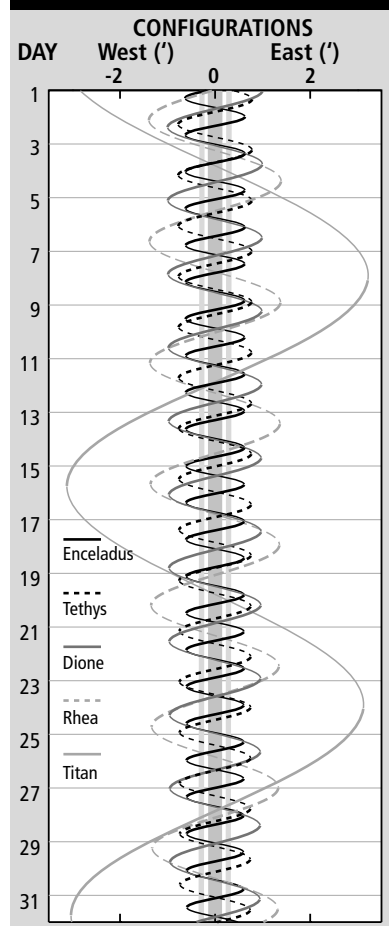
**Events:** D Disappear R Reappear  
 E Egress I Ingress  
 Ec Eclipse Oc Occult  
 Sh Shadow Tr Transit

**GRS** Jupiter's Great Red Spot will be visible for approximately 1 hour around time shown

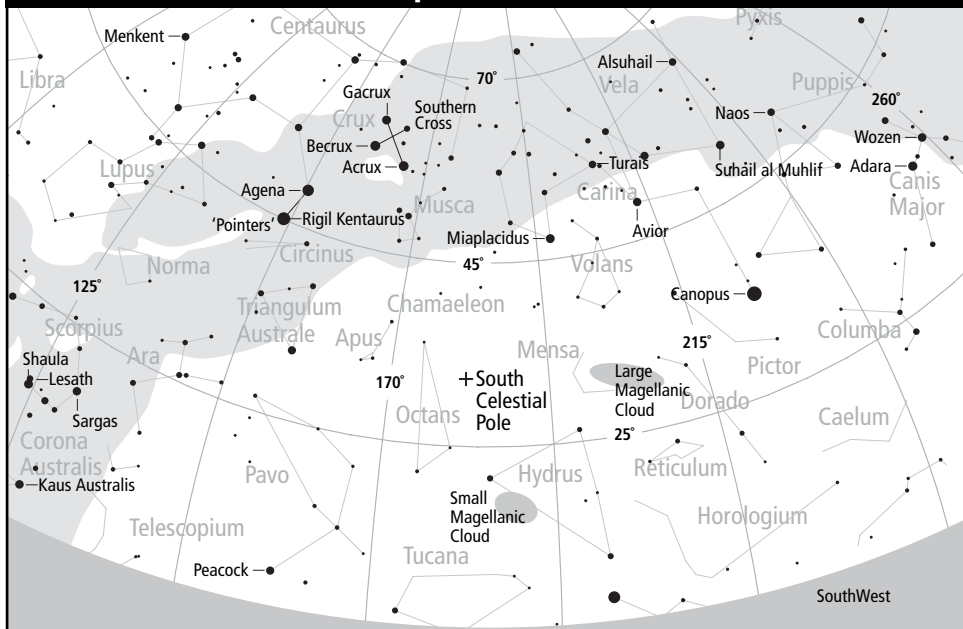
**JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**



**SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**

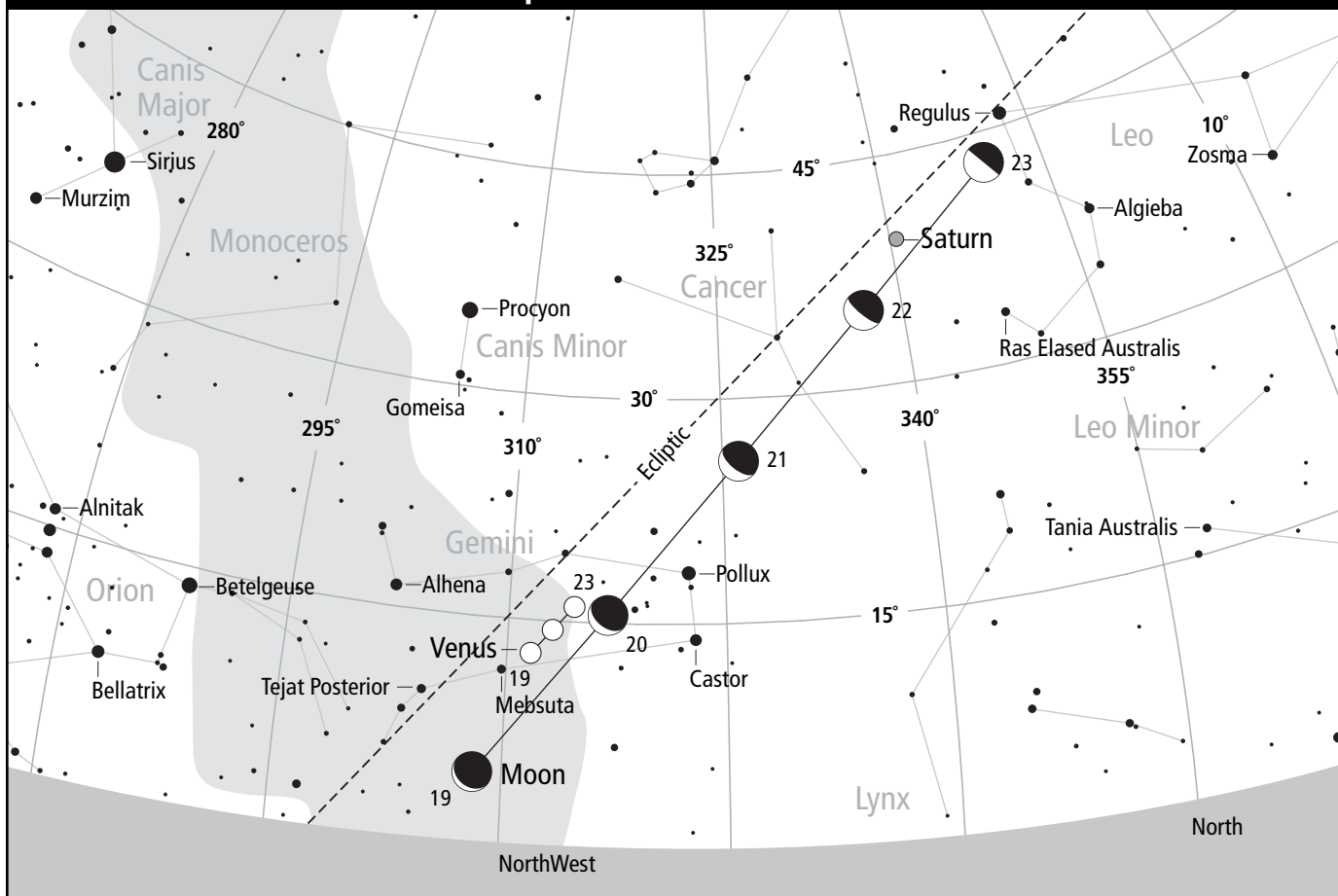


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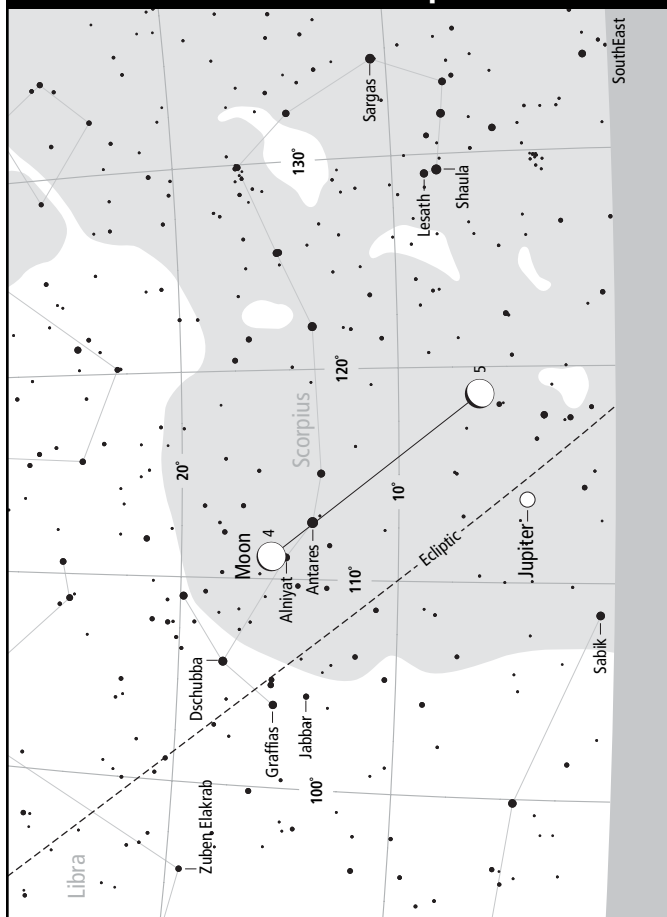




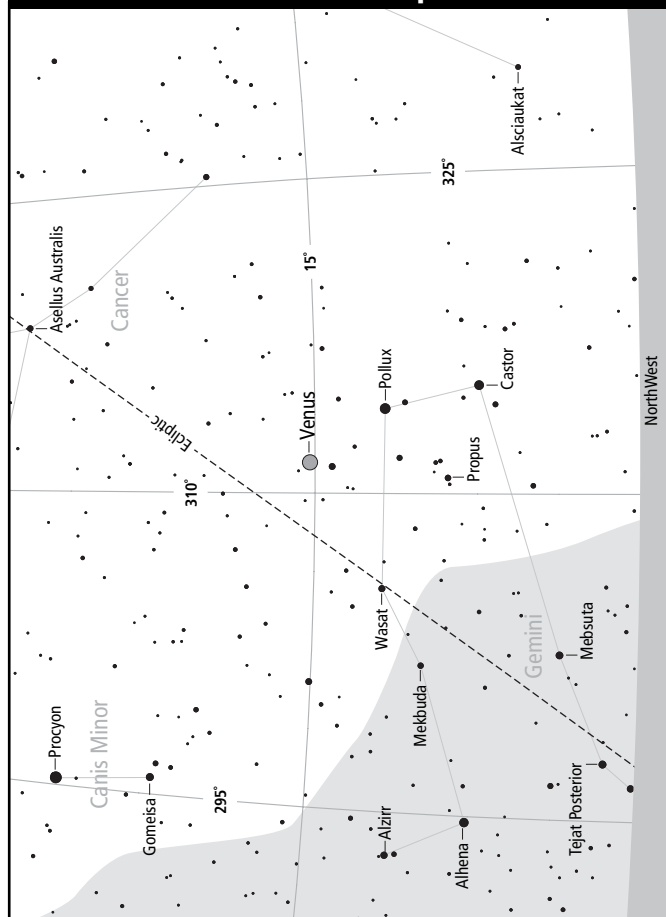
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## HIGHLIGHTS

**Moon** two Full Moon phases, 1st and 30th.

**Mercury** visible very low in western evening twilight in first half of month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the NW in the early evening

**Mars** visible in the eastern before dawn.

**Jupiter** visible nearly all night.

**Saturn** visible in the early evening in the NW sky.

## DIARY

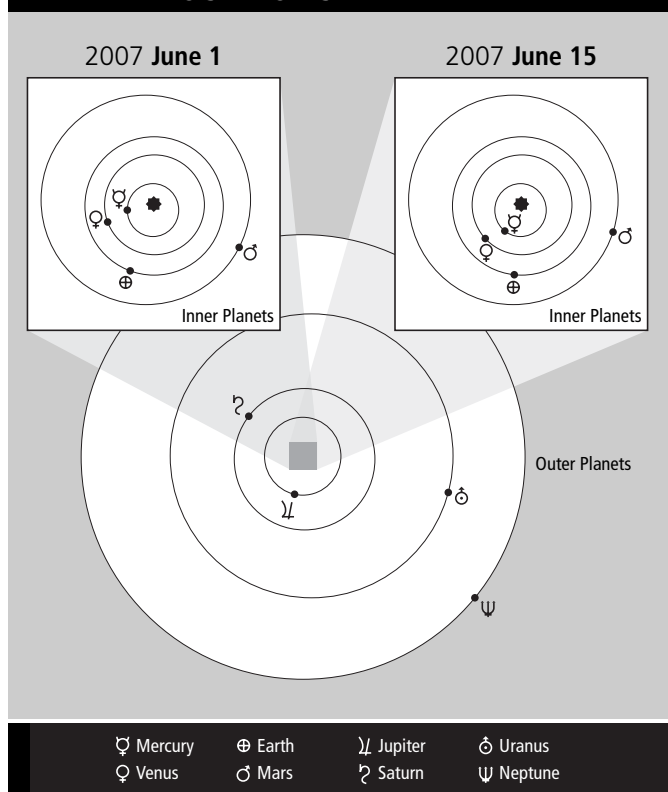
### Day Hour

1	09	Antares 0.°4 N. of Moon
1	09	<b>Full Moon</b>
1	20	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
2	18	Mercury greatest elongation E. (23°)
6	07	Jupiter at opposition
8	20	<b>Last Quarter</b>
9	11	Venus greatest elongation E. (45°)
11	06	Mars 5° S. of Moon
13	01	Moon at perigee
15	11	<b>New Moon</b>
16	00	Mercury stationary
16	17	Mercury 0.°6 S. of Moon
18	23	Venus 0.°6 S. of Moon
19	16	Saturn 0.°4 S. of Moon
20	08	Regulus 0.°4 S. of Moon
22	02	Solstice
22	21	<b>First Quarter</b>
24	07	Uranus stationary
24	22	Moon at apogee
28	16	Antares 0.°5 N. of Moon
28	22	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
29	03	Mercury in inferior conjunction
30	22	<b>Full Moon</b>

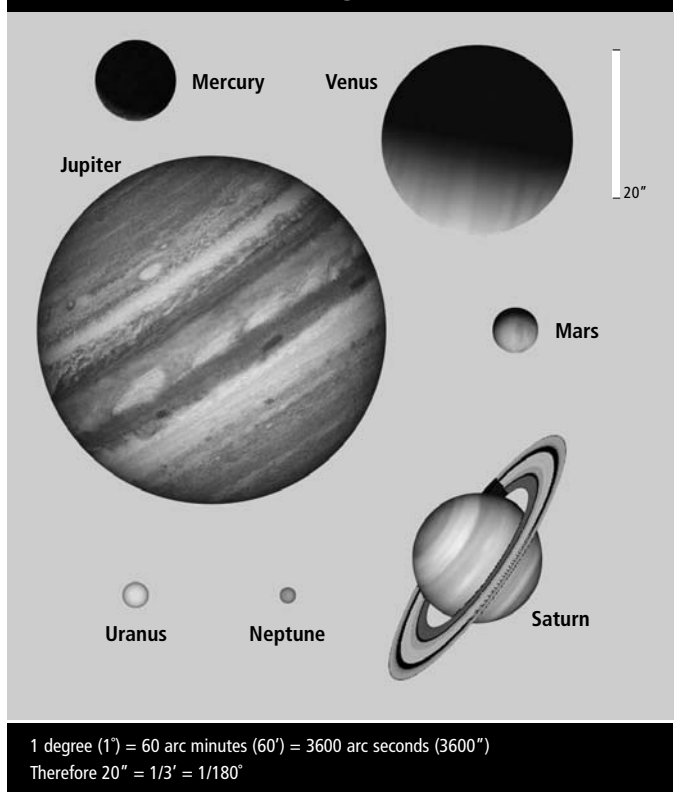
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN			SUN			MOON			
	Rise h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Transit Time h m	Set h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Illumintn (%)
1	0708	64	0542	1214	1720	296	1847	1713	0720	100
2	0709	64	0542	1214	1720	296	1847	1805	0818	99
3	0709	64	0543	1215	1720	296	1846	1903	0913	97
4	0710	64	0543	1215	1720	296	1846	2006	1001	93
5	0710	64	0544	1215	1719	296	1846	2110	1044	87
6	0711	64	0544	1215	1719	296	1846	2216	1121	79
7	0711	64	0544	1215	1719	297	1846	2320	1154	70
8	0712	63	0545	1216	1719	297	1846	DNR	1225	59
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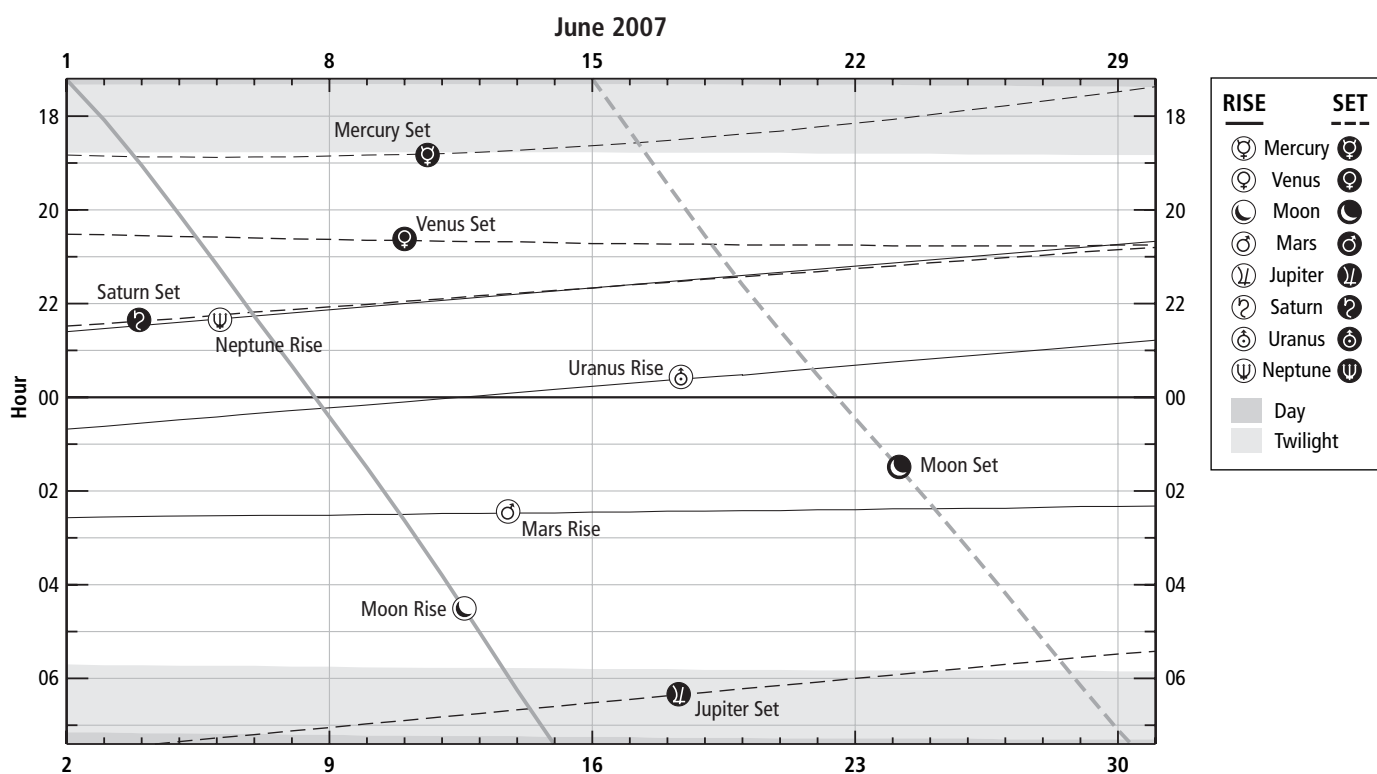
## PLANET APPEARANCE



**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**

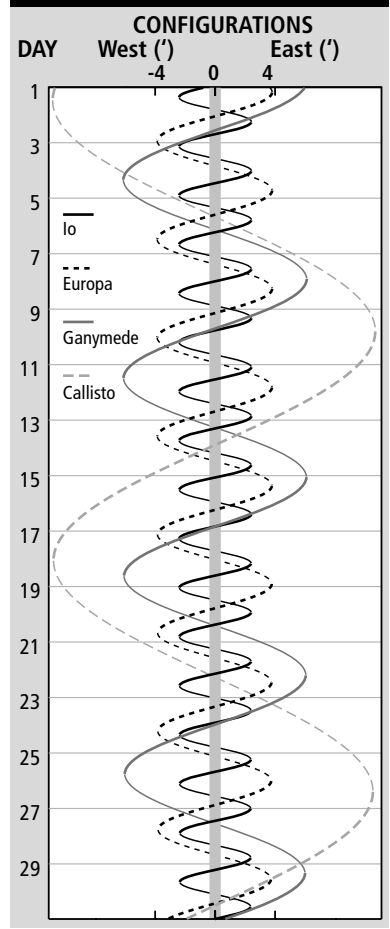


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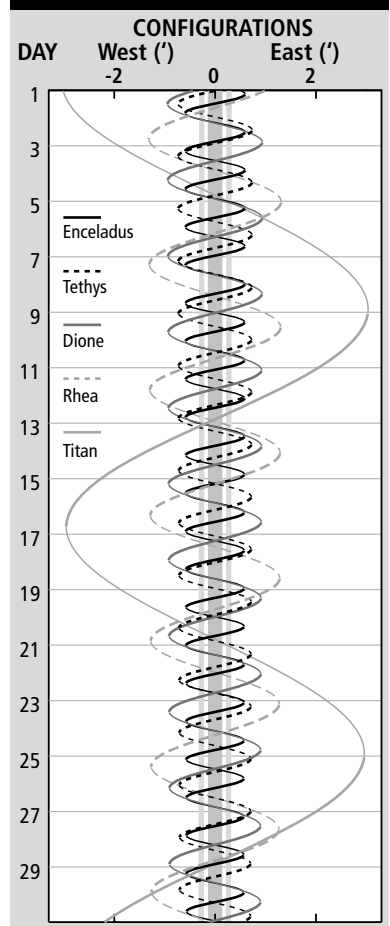
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1	2022 I Oc.R.	8	0457 GRS	15	0256 I Sh.E.	23	2203 GRS
1	2335 II Sh.I.	8	1955 I Oc.D.	15	0539 GRS	23	2209 III Tr.I.
1	2349 II Tr.I.	8	2210 I Ec.R.	15	2139 I Oc.D.	23	2253 I Tr.E.
2	0006 GRS	9	0048 GRS	16	0004 I Ec.R.	23	2319 I Sh.E.
2	0209 II Sh.E.	9	0203 II Tr.I.	16	0130 GRS	23	2347 III Sh.I.
2	0220 II Tr.E.	9	0210 II Sh.I.	16	0417 II Tr.I.	24	0015 III Tr.E.
2	1957 GRS	9	0434 II Tr.E.	16	0444 II Sh.I.	24	0204 III Sh.E.
3	0553 GRS	9	0444 II Sh.E.	16	1852 III Tr.I.	24	2027 I Ec.R.
3	2119 II Oc.R.	9	1924 I Tr.E.	16	1857 I Tr.I.	25	0133 II Oc.D.
4	0143 GRS	9	1930 I Sh.E.	16	1912 I Sh.I.	25	0350 GRS
4	2134 GRS	9	2039 GRS	16	1948 III Sh.I.	25	0502 II Ec.R.
5	0701 I Ec.D.	10	0635 GRS	16	2056 III Tr.E.	25	2341 GRS
6	0154 III Ec.D.	10	2102 II Oc.D.	16	2108 I Tr.E.	26	1931 GRS
6	0320 GRS	10	2350 II Ec.R.	16	2121 GRS	26	1939 II Tr.I.
6	0410 III Ec.R.	11	0225 GRS	16	2124 I Sh.E.	26	2037 II Sh.I.
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6	0421 I Tr.I.	13	0402 GRS	17	2317 II Oc.D.	26	2311 II Sh.E.
6	0632 I Tr.E.	13	0516 III Oc.D.	18	0226 II Ec.R.	27	0527 GRS
6	0632 I Sh.E.	13	0605 I Tr.I.	18	0307 GRS	28	0118 GRS
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				22	0427 I Tr.E.		
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				23	2042 I Tr.I.		

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**JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**



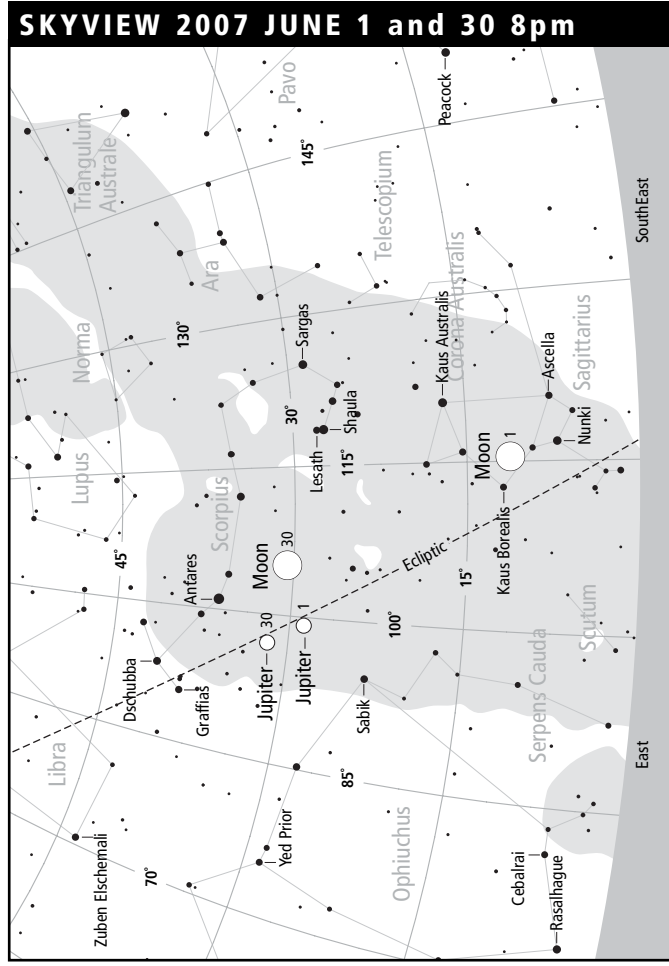
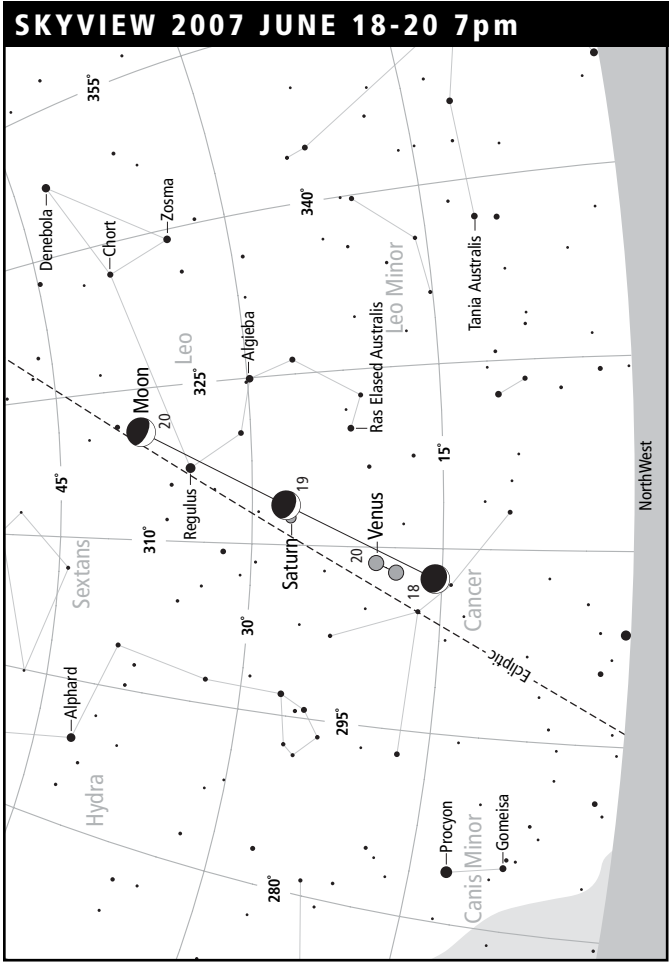
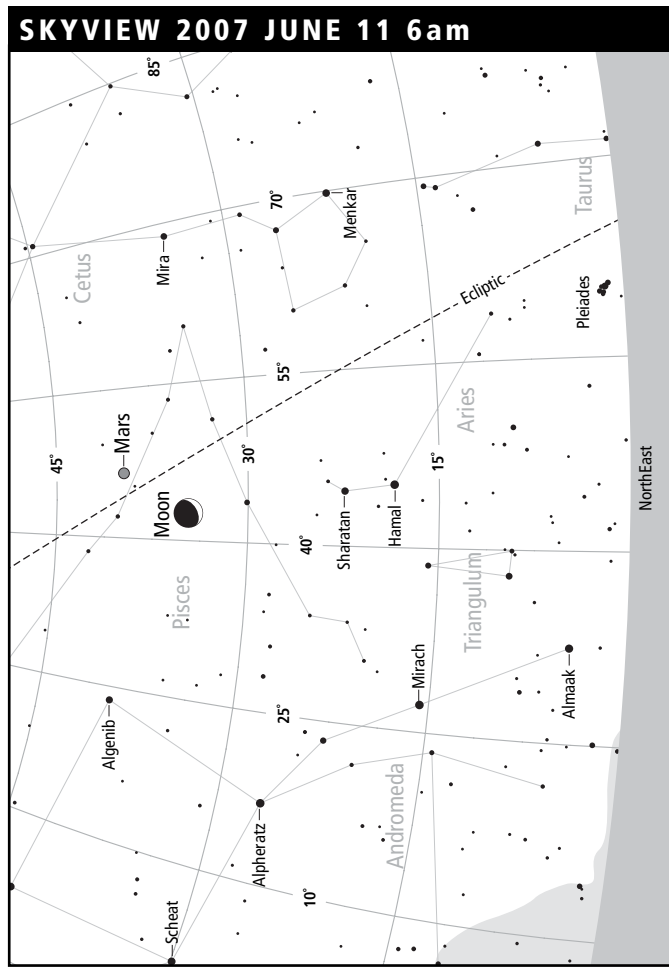
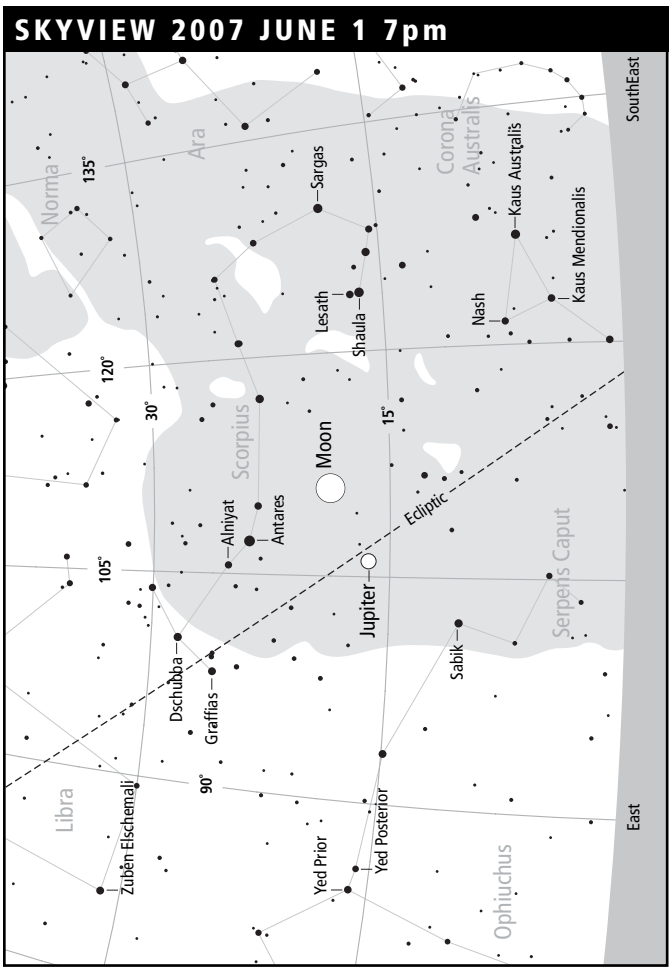
**SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**



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# JULY 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**MERCURY** visible low in eastern morning twilight late in month.

**VENUS** clearly visible in the NW in the early evening, conjunction with Saturn best view on 1st.

**MARS** visible in the NE before dawn.

**JUPITER** visible all evening.

**SATURN** visible in the early evening in the NW sky.

## DIARY

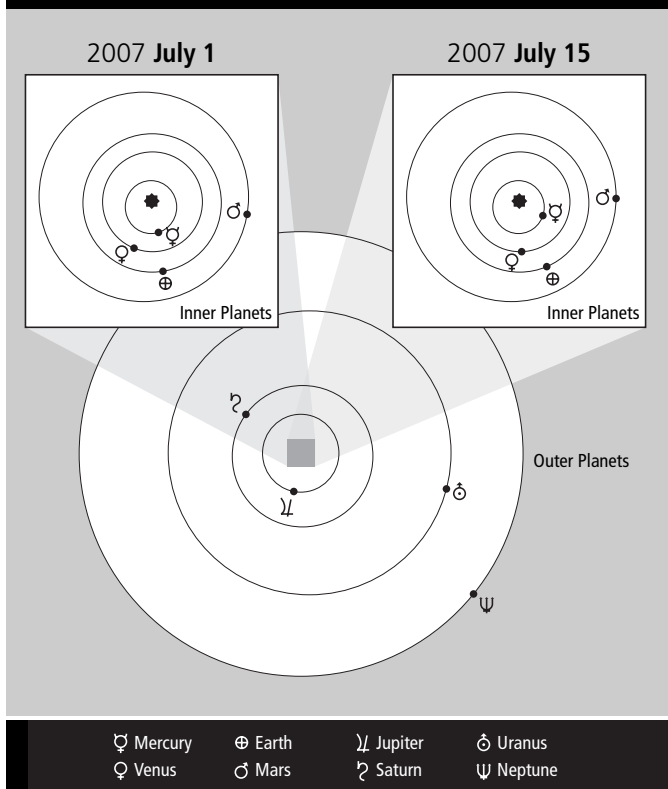
### Day Hour

2	09	Venus 0.°8 S. of Saturn
7	08	Earth at aphelion
8	01	<b>Last Quarter</b>
9		Max activity of Pegasid meteor shower
9	23	Mars 6° S. of Moon
10	06	Moon at perigee
10	10	Mercury stationary
12	22	Venus greatest illuminated extent
13		Max activity of July Phoenicids meteors
14	20	<b>New Moon</b>
16	23	Venus 2° S. of <i>Regulus</i>
17	07	Saturn 0.°04 N. of Moon
17	18	Venus 3° S. of Moon
17	19	<i>Regulus</i> 0.°3 S. of Moon
20	23	Mercury greatest elongation W. (20°)
22	14	<b>First Quarter</b>
22	17	Moon at apogee
25	21	Venus stationary
26	00	<i>Antares</i> 0.°6 N. of Moon
26	02	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
27		Max activity of Piscis Austrinid meteors
27		Max activity of delta-Aquarid S. meteors
29		Max activity of alpha-Capricornid meteors
30	09	<b>Full Moon</b>

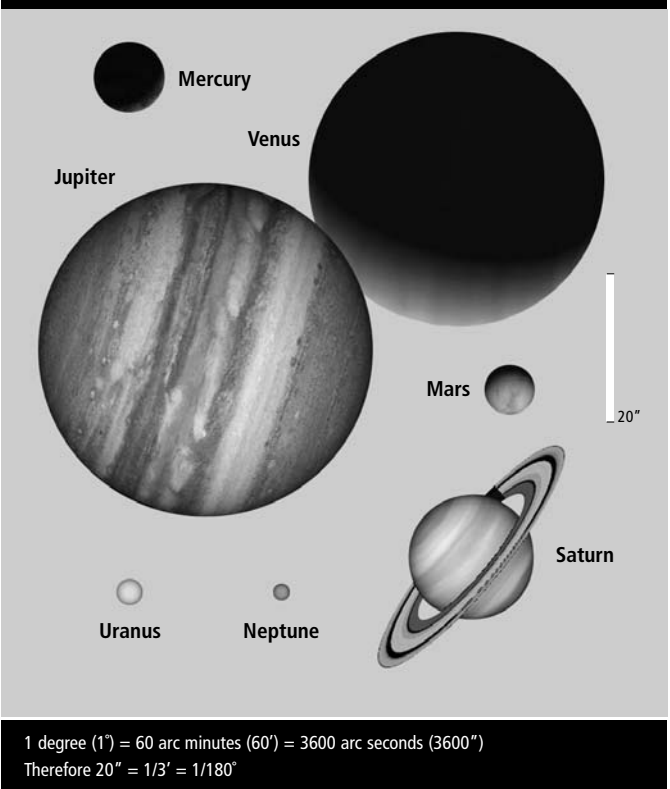
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
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1	0718	63	0551	1220	1723	297	1850	1757	0757	100
2	0718	63	0551	1221	1723	297	1851	1902	0842	99
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7	0717	64	0550	1221	1726	296	1852	DNR	1127	62
8	0717	64	0550	1222	1726	296	1853	0029	1158	51
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10	0717	64	0550	1222	1727	296	1854	0246	1313	28
11	0717	64	0550	1222	1728	296	1854	0358	1401	18
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22	0712	66	0547	1223	1734	294	1859	1119	0006	44
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## PLANET POSITIONS



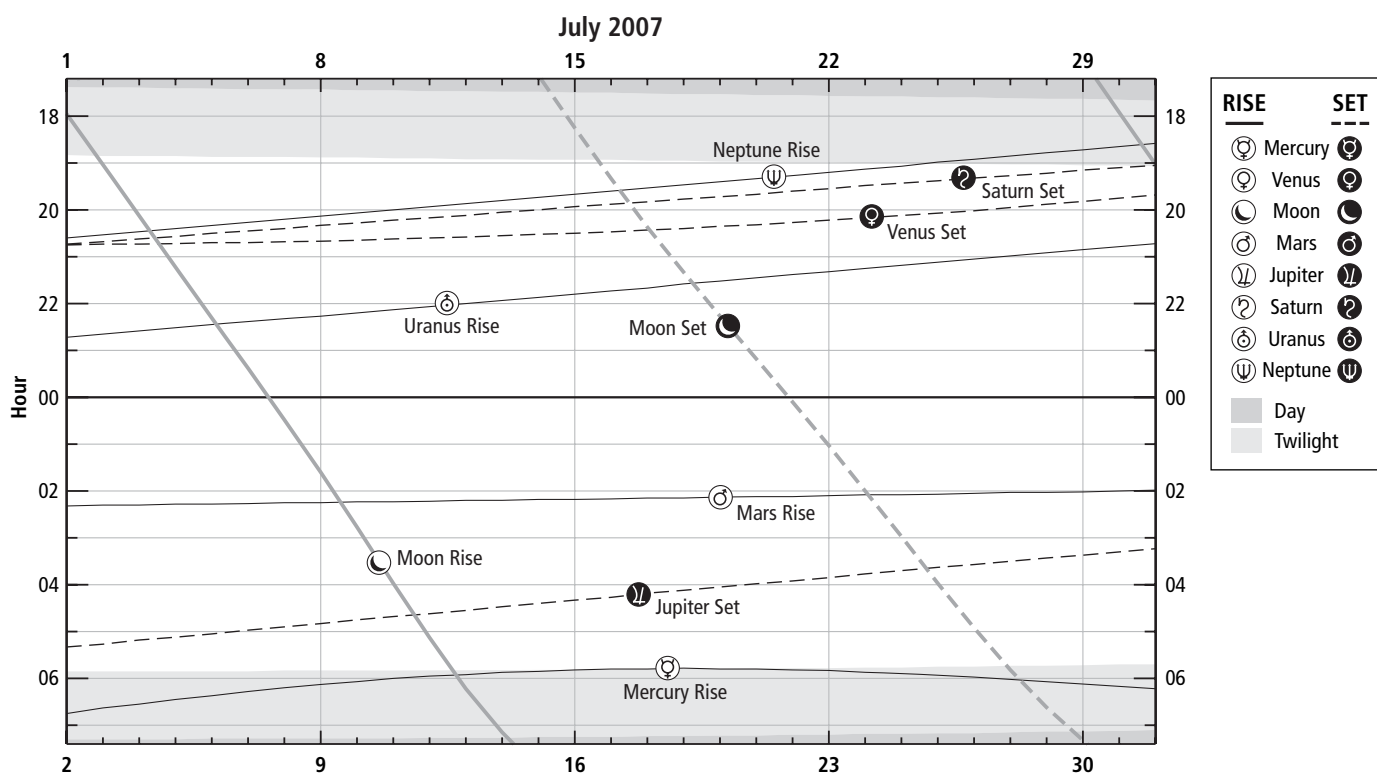
## PLANET APPEARANCE



**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
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1	0651	1716	0955	2045	0219	1325	1523	0525	0958	2044	2243	1117	2036	0958
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6	0622	1648	0943	2042	0217	1316	1501	0503	0940	2027	2223	1057	2016	0938
7	0617	1643	0940	2041	0216	1314	1457	0458	0937	2024	2219	1053	2012	0934
8	0612	1638	0938	2040	0215	1313	1452	0454	0933	2020	2216	1049	2008	0930
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**

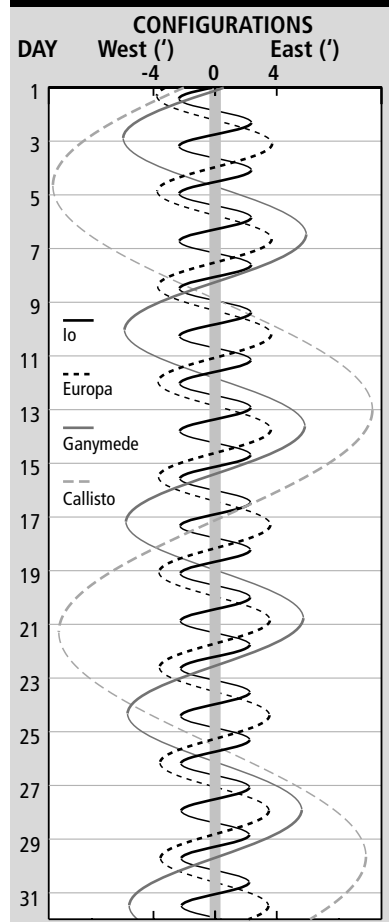


### JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

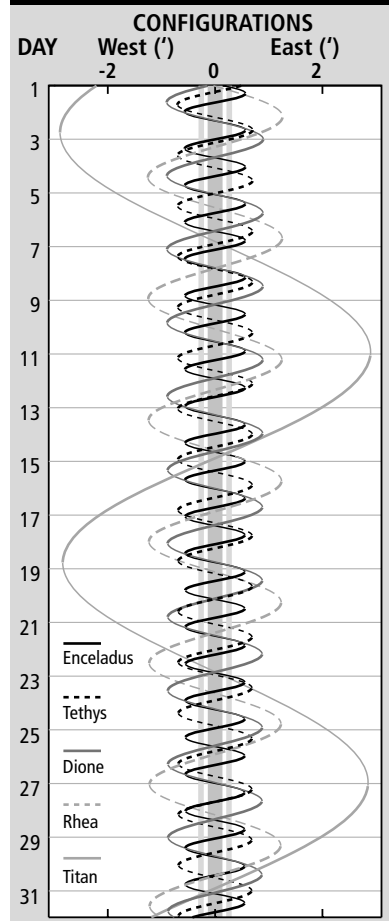
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1	0113	I	Sh.E.	8	0308	I	Sh.E.	15	2003		GRS	27	0004	II	Oc.D.
1	0129	III	Tr.I.	8	0451	III	Tr.I.	15	2307	I	Oc.D.	27	1952		GRS
1	0336	III	Tr.E.	8	1920		GRS	16	0211	I	Ec.R.	28	2018	II	Sh.I.
1	0346	III	Sh.I.	8	2120	I	Oc.D.	16	2027	I	Tr.I.	28	2044	II	Tr.E.
1	1934	I	Oc.D.	9	0016	I	Ec.R.	16	2120	I	Sh.I.	28	2252	II	Sh.E.
1	2221	I	Ec.R.	9	1925	I	Sh.I.	16	2238	I	Tr.E.	29	0139		GRS
2	0351	II	Oc.D.	9	2051	I	Tr.E.	16	2331	I	Sh.E.	29	1942	III	Sh.I.
2	0432		GRS	9	2136	I	Sh.E.	17	0149		GRS	29	2130		GRS
2	1905	I	Tr.E.	10	0106		GRS	17	2040	I	Ec.R.	29	2203	III	Sh.E.
2	1942	I	Sh.E.	10	2057		GRS	17	2140		GRS	30	0244	I	Oc.D.
3	0023		GRS	11	0015	II	Tr.I.	18	0235	II	Tr.I.	31	0005	I	Tr.I.
3	2014		GRS	11	0147	II	Sh.I.	18	2207	III	Oc.D.	31	0110	I	Sh.I.
3	2156	II	Tr.I.	11	0248	II	Tr.E.	19	0020	III	Oc.R.	31	0216	I	Tr.E.
3	2312	II	Sh.I.	11	0422	II	Sh.E.	19	0146	III	Ec.D.	31	0316		GRS
4	0029	II	Tr.E.	11	2050	III	Oc.R.	19	0327		GRS	31	2111	I	Oc.D.
4	0146	II	Sh.E.	11	2147	III	Ec.D.	19	2141	II	Oc.D.	31	2307		GRS
4	2007	III	Ec.R.	12	0007	III	Ec.R.	19	2318		GRS				
5	0200		GRS	12	0243		GRS	20	0209	II	Ec.R.				
5	2057	II	Ec.R.	12	1919	II	Oc.D.	20	1908		GRS				
5	2151		GRS	12	2234		GRS	21	2016	II	Sh.E.				
7	0253	I	Oc.D.	12	2333	II	Ec.R.	22	0055		GRS				
7	0338		GRS	14	0421		GRS	22	0348	I	Tr.I.				
7	2329		GRS	15	0012		GRS	22	2046		GRS				
8	0013	I	Tr.I.	15	0200	I	Tr.I.	23	0055	I	Oc.D.				
8	0056	I	Sh.I.	15	0251	I	Sh.I.	23	2216	I	Tr.I.				
								23	2315	I	Sh.I.				
								24	0026	I	Tr.E.				
								24	0126	I	Sh.E.				
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								24	1922	I	Oc.D.				
								24	2224		GRS				
								24	2234	I	Ec.R.				
								25	1955	I	Sh.E.				
								26	0139	III	Oc.D.				

**Moons:** I Io III Ganymede  
 II Europa IV Callisto  
**Events:** D Disappear R Reappear  
 E Egress I Ingress  
 Ec Eclipse Oc Occult  
 Sh Shadow Tr Transit  
**GRS** Jupiter's Great Red Spot  
 will be visible for approximately  
 1 hour around time shown

### JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



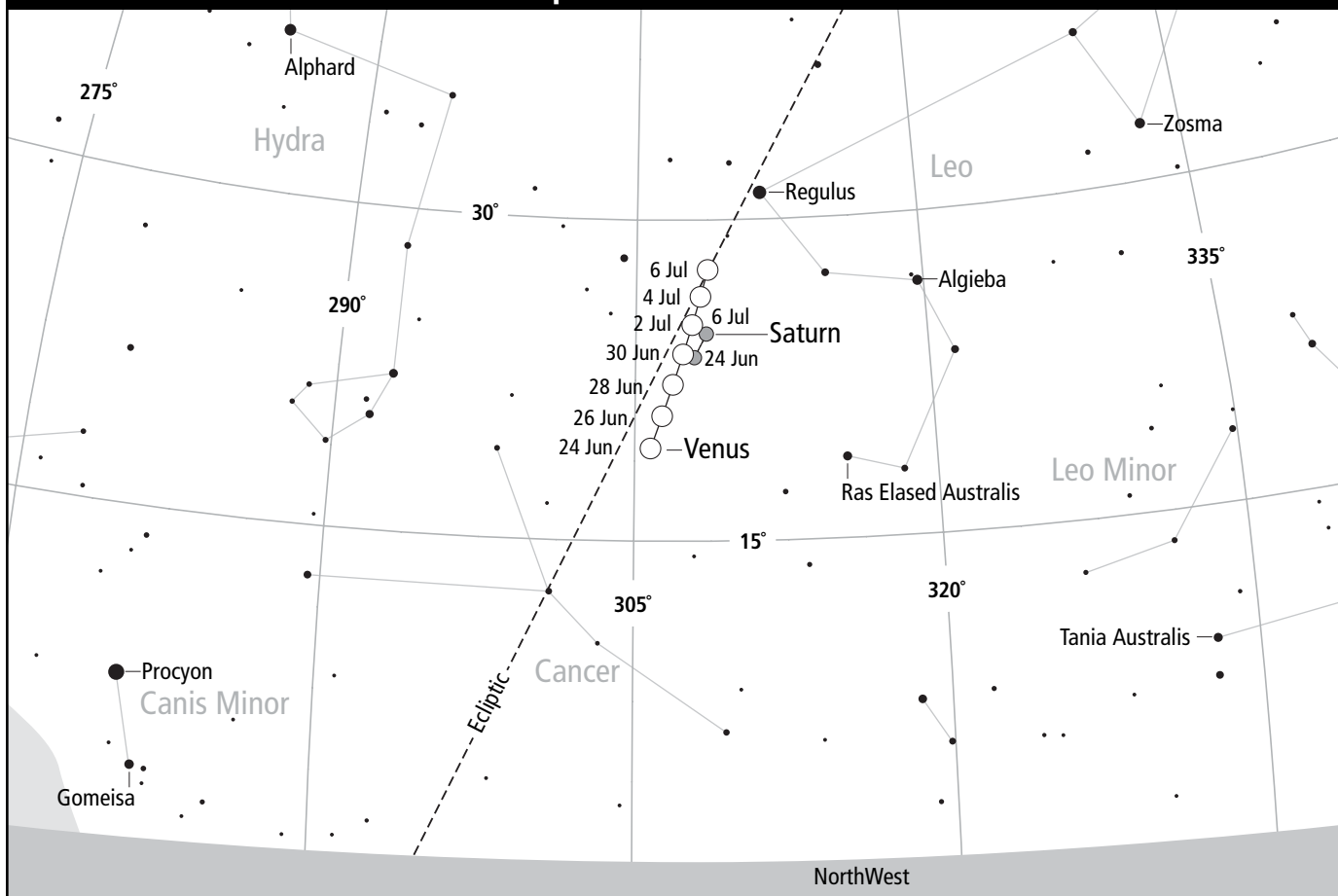
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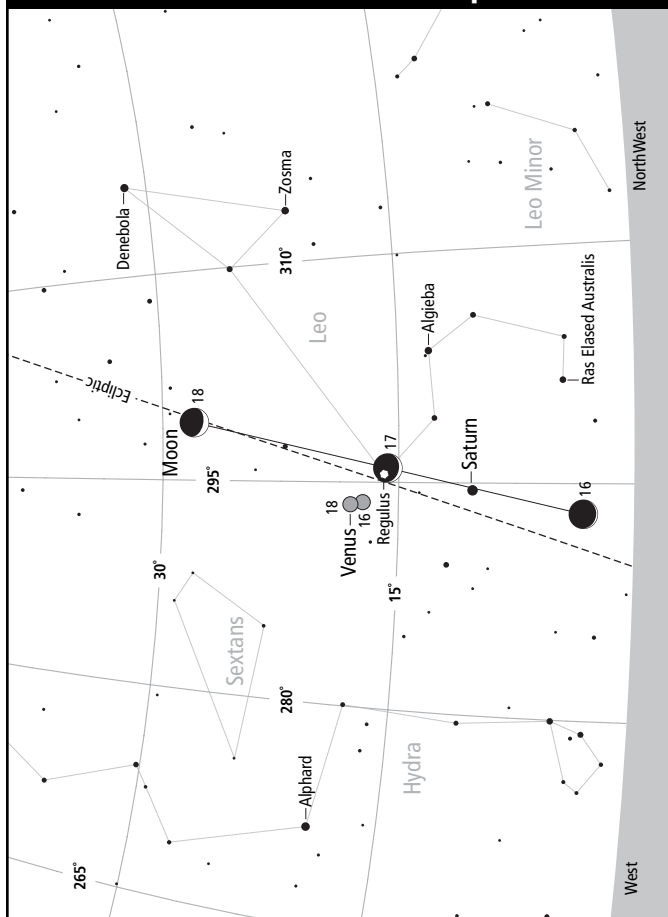
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**SKYVIEW 2007 JUNE 24 - JULY 6 7pm**



**SKYVIEW 2007 JULY 16-18 7pm**



**SKYVIEW 2007 JULY 25-26 7pm**





# AUGUST 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Moon** rises in near total lunar eclipse in evening of 28th.

**Venus** visible low in the western evening twilight in first half of the month, then low in the eastern morning twilight in last half of the month.

**Mars** visible in the NE before dawn.

**Jupiter** visible nearly all night, sets after midnight.

**Saturn** visible in the early evening twilight in the NW sky in the first half of the month.

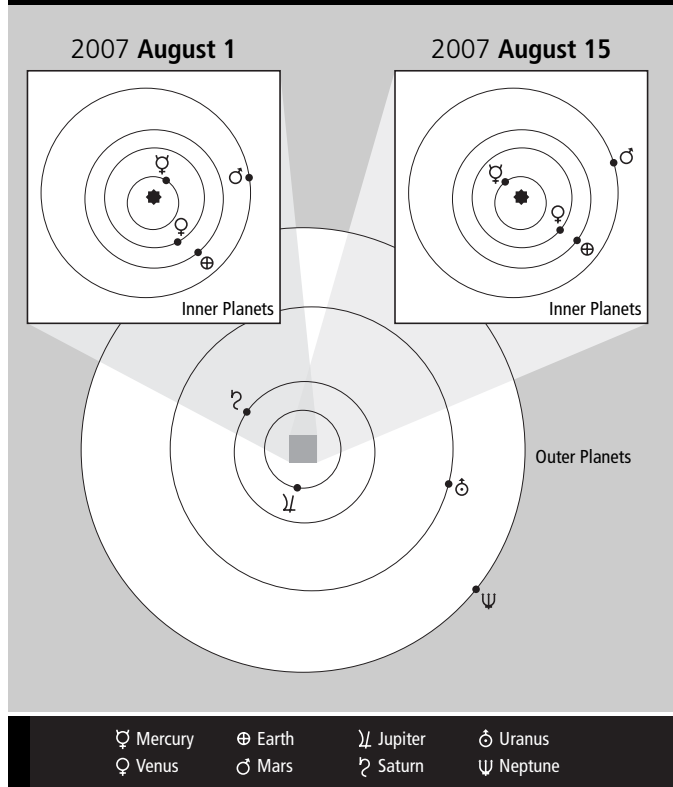
## DIARY

Day	Hour	Event
2	03	Mercury 6° S. of Pollux
3	12	Venus 6° S. of Regulus
4		Max activity of iota-Aquarid S. meteor s.
4	08	Moon at perigee
6	05	<b>Last Quarter</b>
7	12	Mars 6° S. of Moon
7	14	Jupiter stationary
8		Max activity of delta-Aquarid N. meteor s.
13	07	<b>New Moon</b>
14	02	Neptune at opposition
16	04	Mercury in superior conjunction
18	12	Venus in inferior conjunction
19		Max activity of iota-Aquarid N. meteor s.
19	11	Moon at apogee
21	08	<b>First Quarter</b>
22	07	Saturn in conjunction with Sun
22	09	Antares 0.°7 N. of Moon
22	11	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
24	08	Mars 5° N. of Aldebaran
28	19	<b>Full Moon</b> – Lunar Eclipse
31	08	Moon at perigee

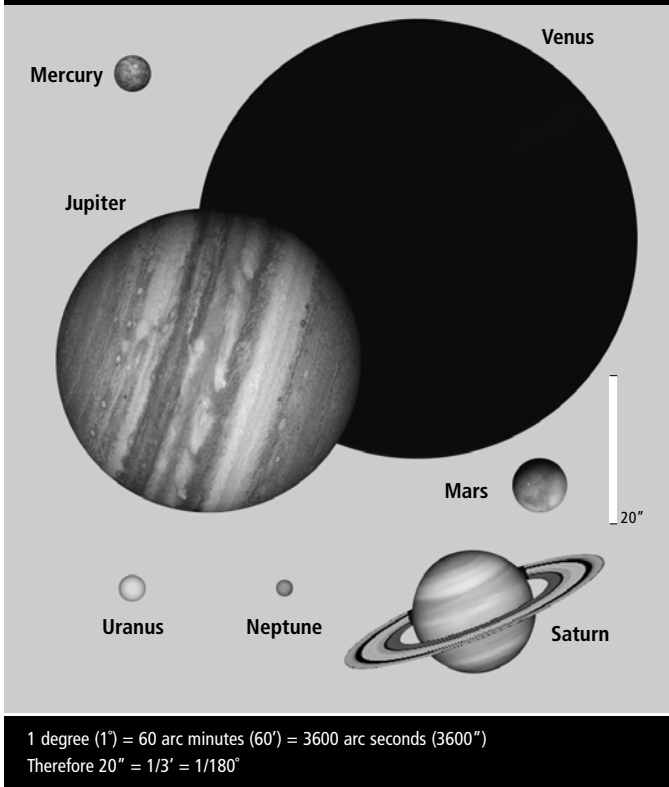
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
	Rise h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Transit Time h m	Set h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Illuminatn (%)
1	0706	69	0542	1223	1740	291	1904	2009	0829	97
2	0705	69	0541	1223	1741	291	1905	2115	0900	91
3	0705	70	0541	1223	1741	290	1905	2221	0930	84
4	0704	70	0540	1223	1742	290	1906	2329	1001	75
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6	0702	71	0538	1223	1743	289	1907	0038	1112	53
7	0701	71	0538	1222	1744	289	1908	0148	1157	41
8	0700	71	0537	1222	1745	289	1908	0258	1249	30
9	0659	72	0536	1222	1745	288	1909	0403	1349	21
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11	0658	72	0535	1222	1747	288	1910	0551	1600	6
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30	0637	80	0515	1217	1758	280	1920	2008	0730	98
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## PLANET POSITIONS



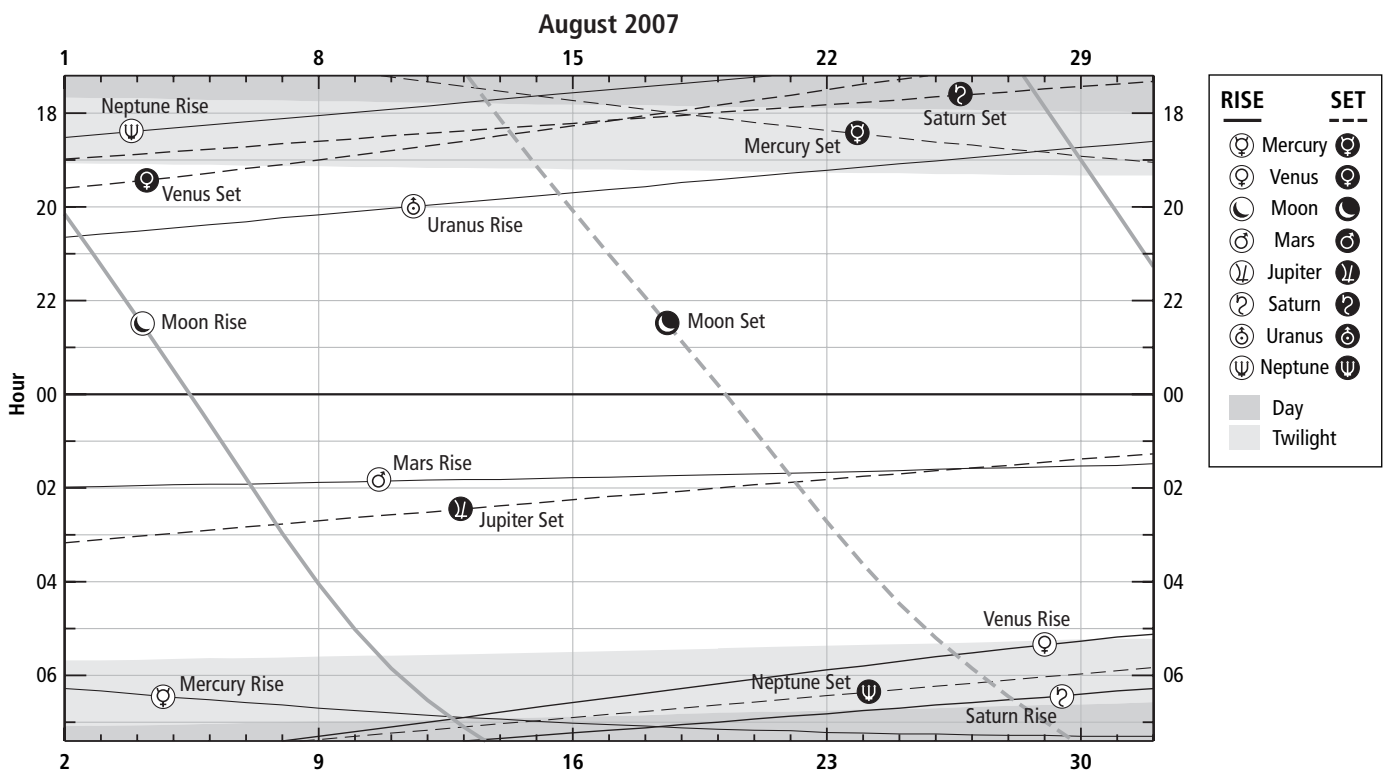
## PLANET APPEARANCE



### PLANETS RISE/SET

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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31	0718	1903	0511	1635	0131	1140	1118	0120	0620	1719	1836	0713	1629	0554

### SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET



**JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT**

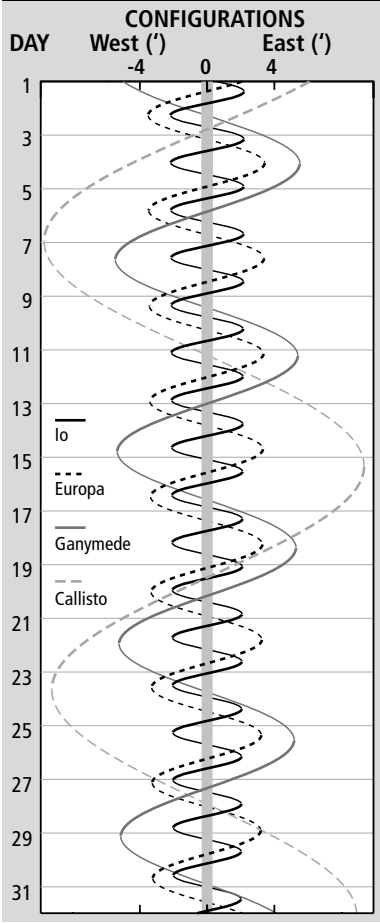
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1	2043 I Tr.E.	8	2023 I Tr.I.	22	2001 II Sh.E.
1	2149 I Sh.E.	8	2133 I Sh.I.	22	2112 GRS
3	0045 GRS	8	2234 I Tr.E.	23	0008 I Tr.I.
3	0230 II Oc.D.	8	2344 I Sh.E.	23	0123 I Sh.I.
3	2036 GRS	9	2054 I Ec.R.	23	2115 I Oc.D.
4	2037 II Tr.I.	10	0129 GRS	23	2142 III Ec.D.
4	2254 II Sh.I.	10	2120 GRS	24	0009 III Ec.R.
4	2311 II Tr.E.	11	2305 II Tr.I.	24	0044 I Ec.R.
5	0129 II Sh.E.	12	0131 II Sh.I.	24	1952 I Sh.I.
5	0223 GRS	12	0140 II Tr.E.	24	2047 I Tr.E.
5	2119 III Tr.E.	12	2247 III Tr.I.	24	2203 I Sh.E.
5	2214 GRS	12	2258 GRS	24	2249 GRS
5	2341 III Sh.I.	13	0105 III Tr.E.	27	0027 GRS
6	0203 III Sh.E.	13	2315 II Ec.R.	27	2019 GRS
6	2039 II Ec.R.	15	0036 GRS	27	2317 II Oc.D.
7	0155 I Tr.I.	15	0053 I Oc.D.	29	2002 II Tr.E.
7	2302 I Oc.D.	15	2027 GRS	29	2003 II Sh.I.
7	2351 GRS	15	2215 I Tr.I.	29	2157 GRS
		15	2328 I Sh.I.	29	2238 II Sh.E.
		16	0026 I Tr.E.	30	2029 III Oc.D.
		16	0139 I Sh.E.	30	2253 III Oc.R.
		16	1921 I Oc.D.	30	2309 I Oc.D.
		16	2008 III Ec.R.	31	2031 I Tr.I.
		16	2249 I Ec.R.	31	2147 I Sh.I.
		17	2008 I Sh.E.	31	2241 I Tr.E.
		17	2205 GRS	31	2335 GRS
		19	0136 II Tr.I.	31	2358 I Sh.E.
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		20	2044 II Oc.D.		

**Moons:**  
 I Io III Ganymede  
 II Europa IV Callisto

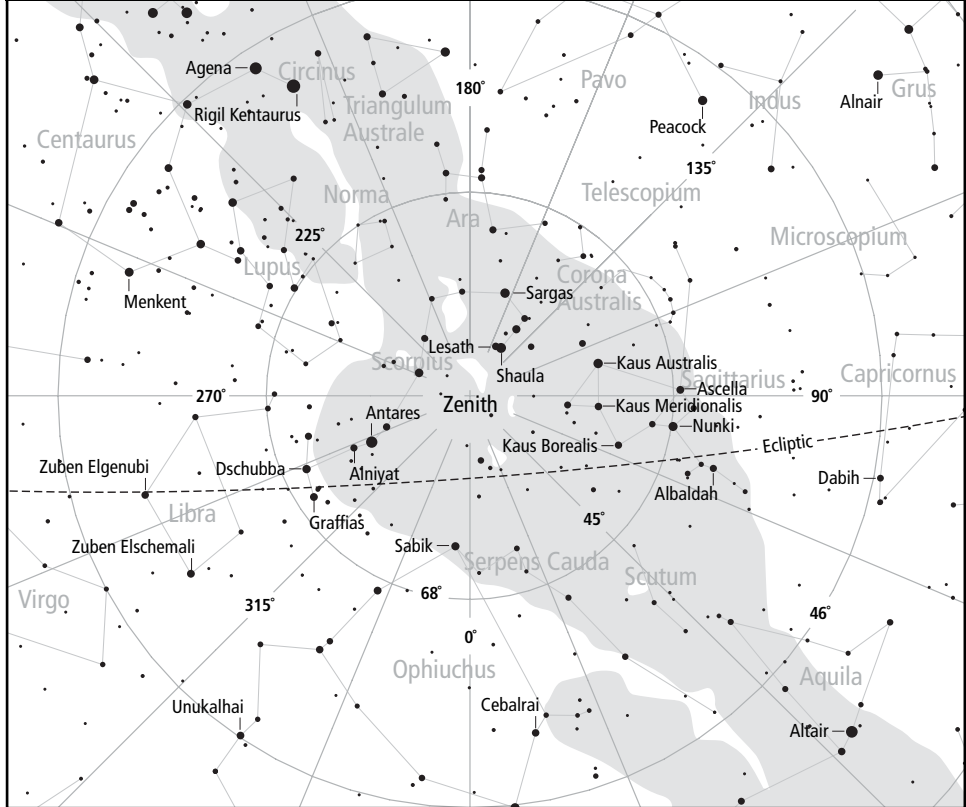
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**GRS Jupiter's Great Red Spot**  
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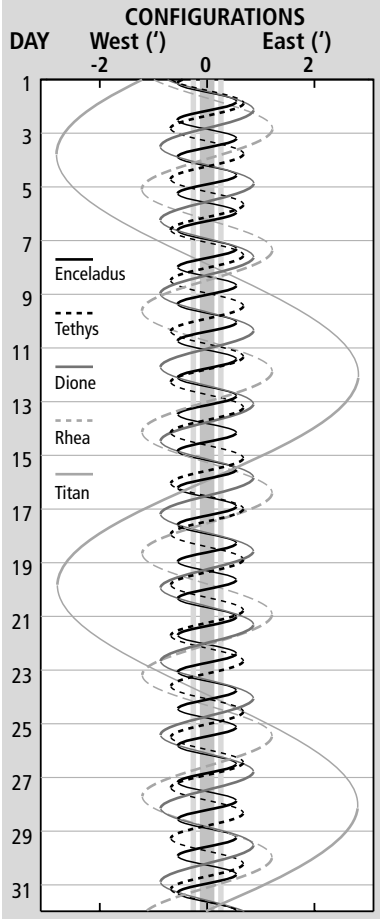
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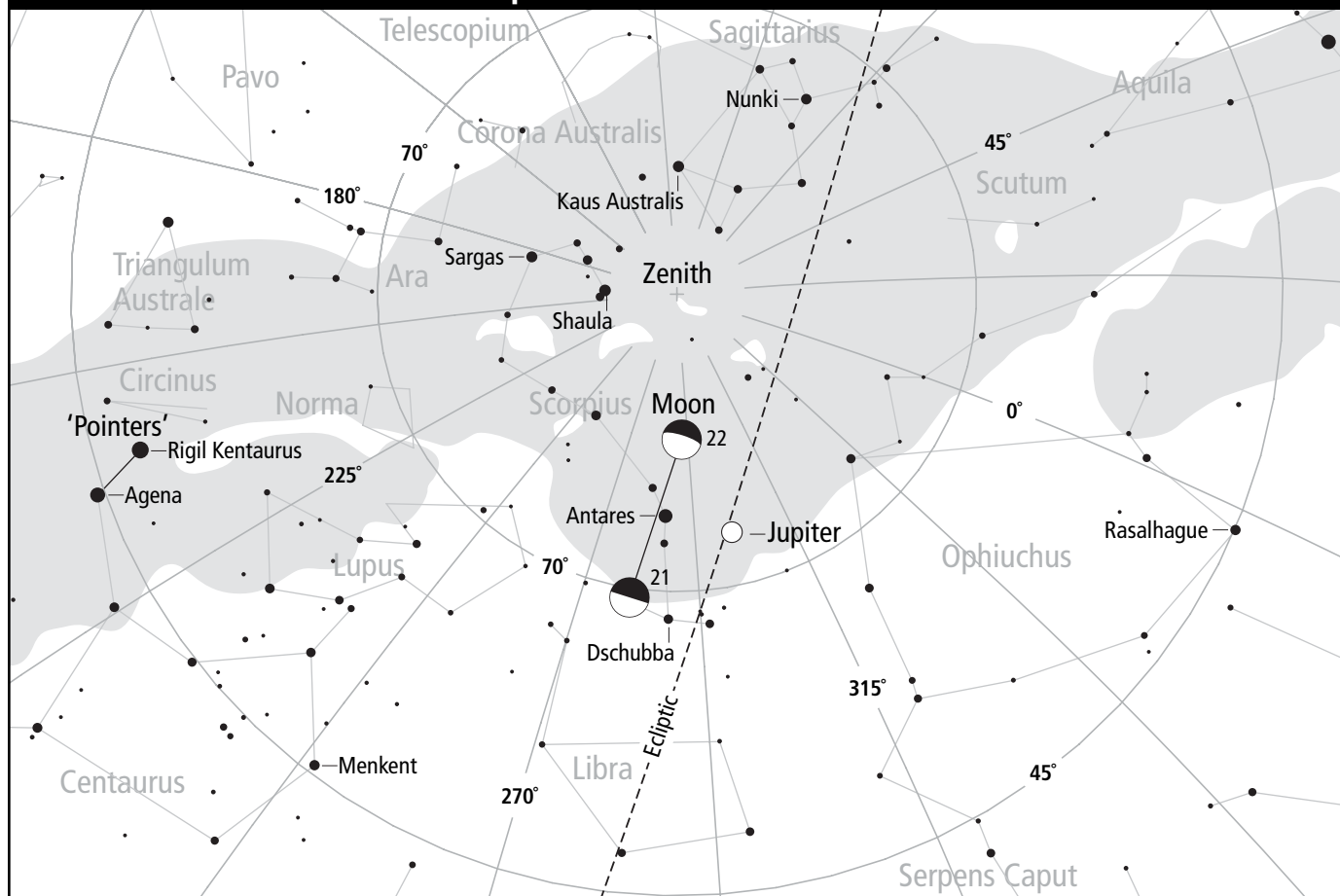
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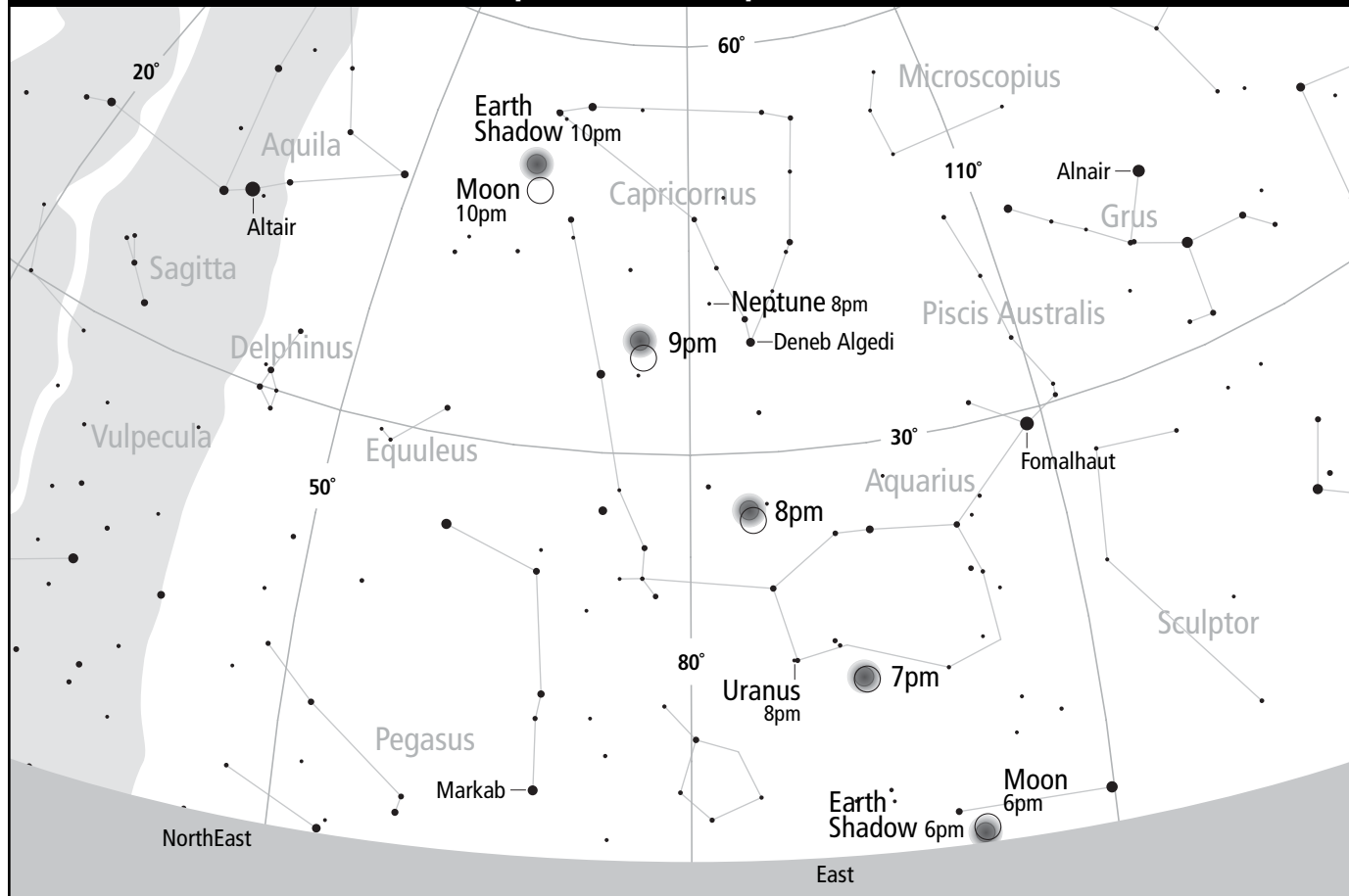
**SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS**



**SKYVIEW 2007 AUGUST 21-22 8pm**



**SKYVIEW 2007 AUGUST 28 6-10pm (stars at 8pm)**



# SEPTEMBER 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Moon** occults Saturn on 10th. **Beware this event occurs close to the Sun.**

**Mercury** visible low in western evening twilight all month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the eastern sky in the early morning.

**Mars** visible in the NE before dawn.

**Jupiter** visible all evening.

**Saturn** visible in the morning twilight in the NE sky in the last half of the month.

## DIARY

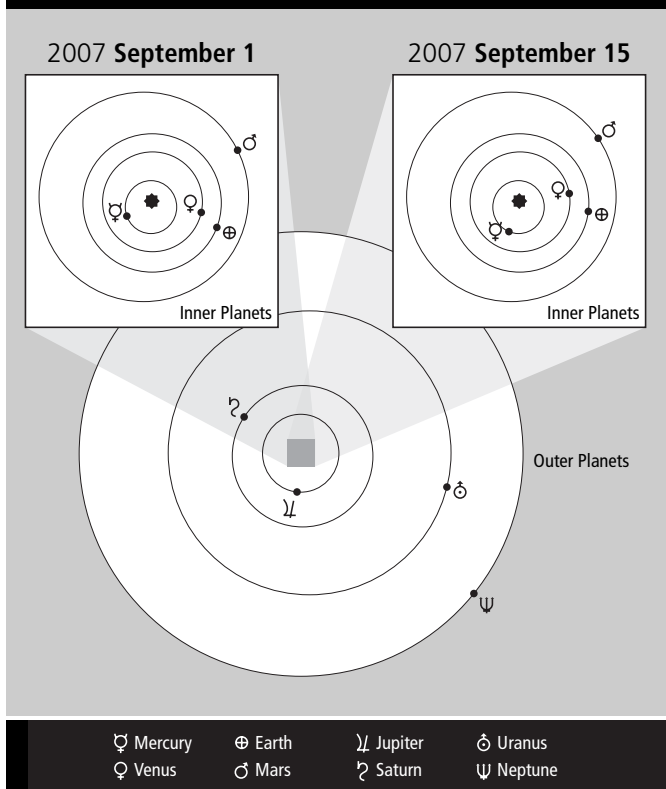
### Day Hour

4	11	<b>Last Quarter</b>
4	22	Mars 6° S. of Moon
7	22	Venus stationary
10	03	Uranus at opposition
10	09	Regulus 0.°2 S. of Moon
10	10	Saturn 0.°8 N. of Moon - Occultation
11	21	<b>New Moon</b>
13	22	Mercury 2° N. of Moon
16	05	Moon at apogee
18	16	Antares 0.°7 N. of Moon
18	23	Jupiter 6° N. of Moon
19		Maximum activity of Piscid meteor shower
20	01	<b>First Quarter</b>
22	17	Mercury 0.°09 N. of Spica
23	18	Equinox
24	07	Venus greatest illuminated extent
27	04	<b>Full Moon</b>
28	10	Moon at perigee
30	00	Mercury greatest elongation E. (26°)

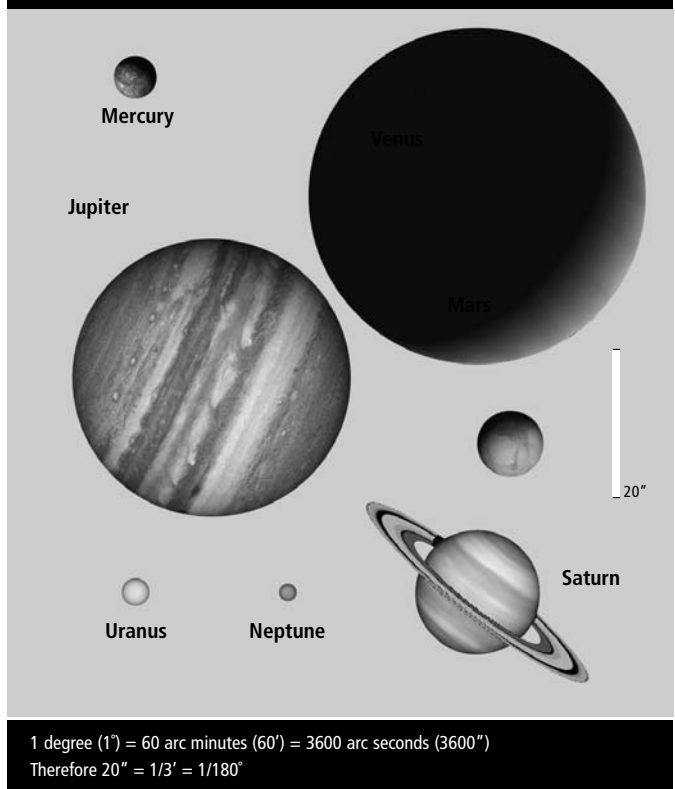
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DAY	SUN			SUN Transit Time h m	MOON			Rise h m	Set h m	Illumintn (%)
	Rise h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m		Set h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m			
1	0634	80	0513	1217	1800	279	1921	2227	0834	86
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9	0624	84	0503	1214	1805	276	1926	0507	1558	8
10	0623	84	0502	1214	1805	275	1926	0538	1658	3
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15	0616	87	0455	1212	1808	273	1929	0749	2139	9
16	0615	87	0454	1212	1809	273	1930	0819	2236	15
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## PLANET POSITIONS



## PLANET APPEARANCE

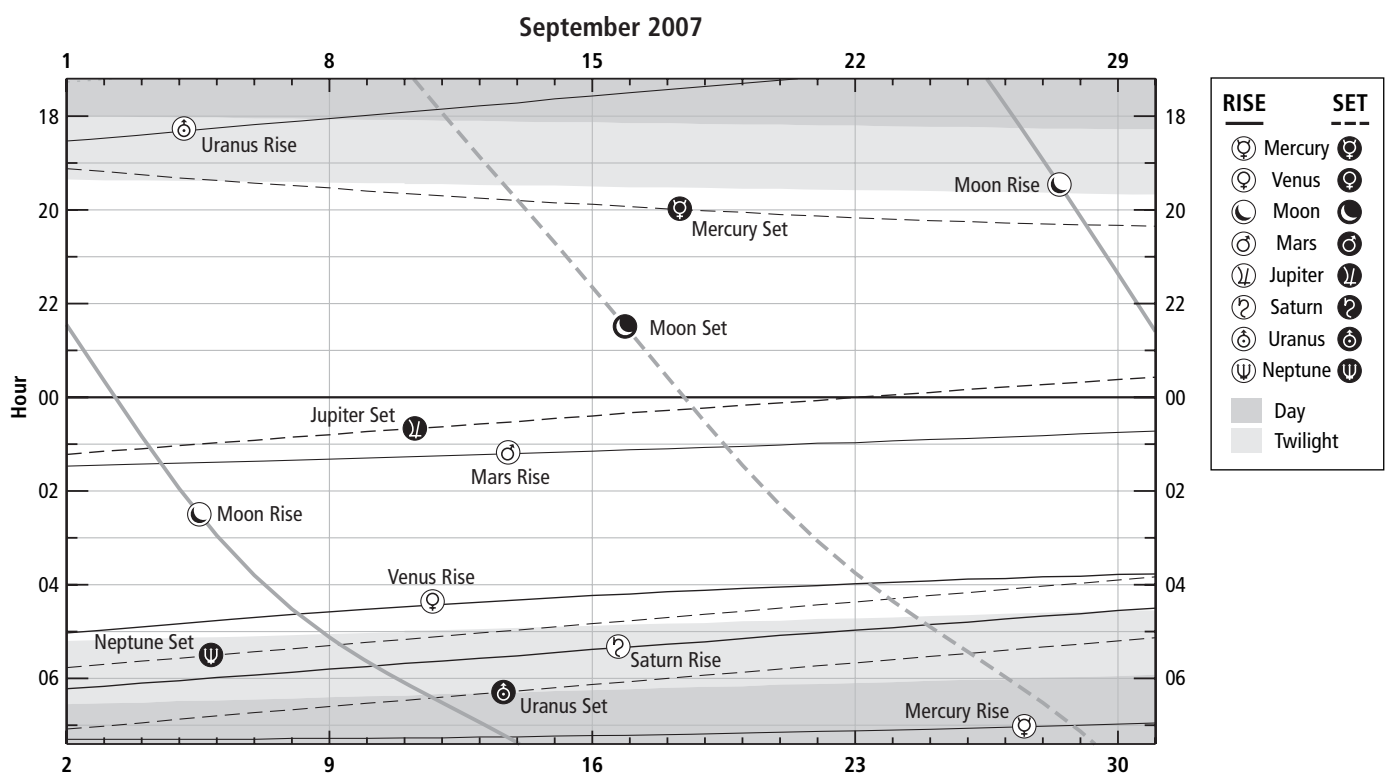




**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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23							2357							
24	0706	2014	0357	1509	0056	1057	0953	2354	0455	1559	1657	0536	1452	0418
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**

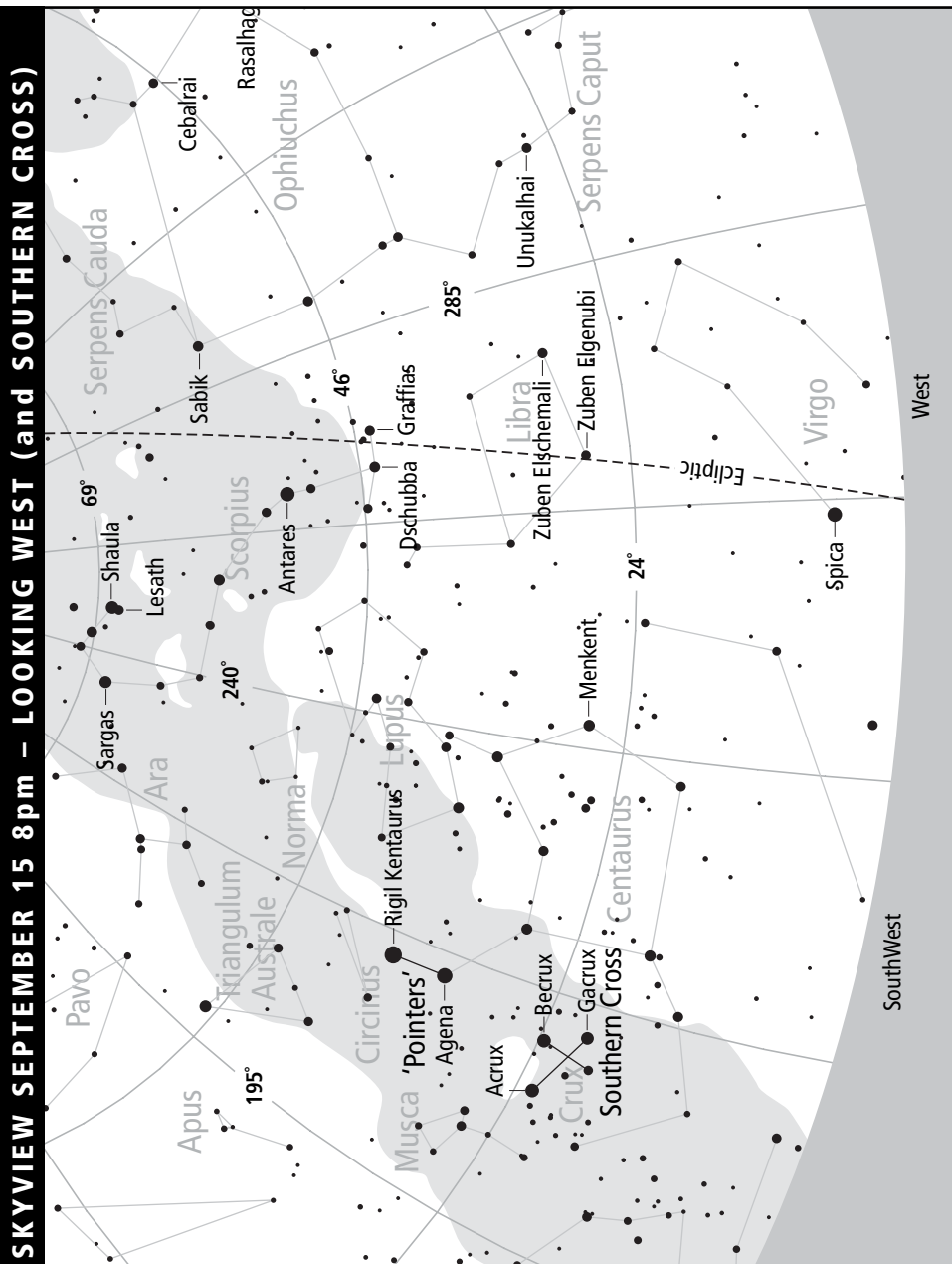
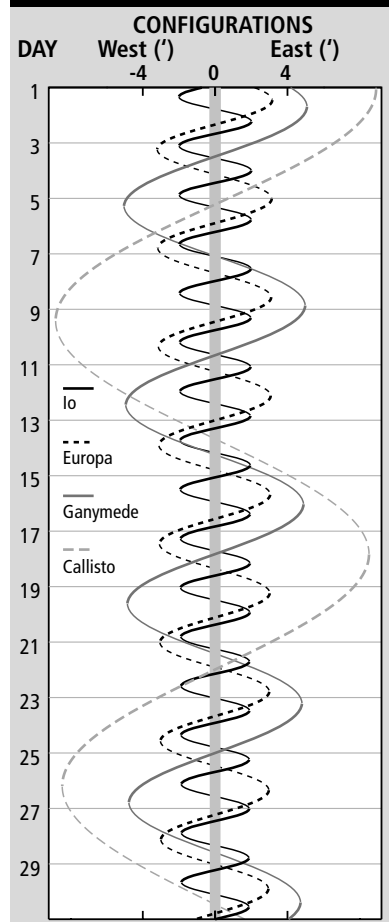


**JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT**

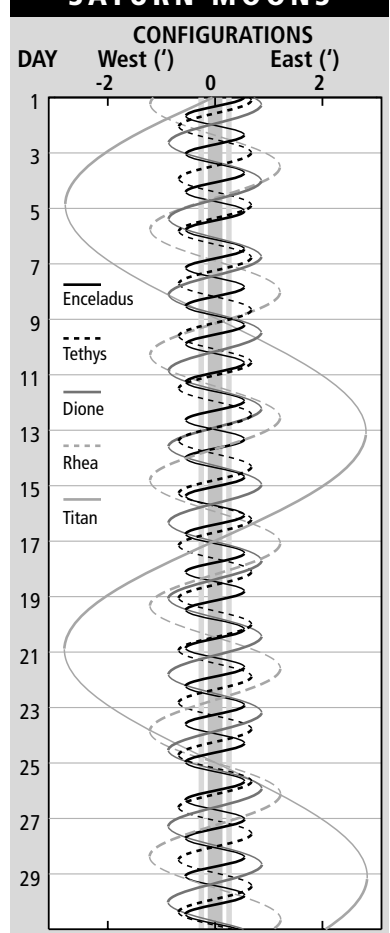
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1	2108	I	Ec.R.	7	2226	I	Tr.I.	10	1937	III	Sh.I.	22	2326	I	Oc.D.
3	2104		GRS	7	2342	I	Sh.I.	10	2149		GRS	23	0255	I	Ec.R.
5	2003	II	Tr.I.	8	0020		GRS	10	2204	III	Sh.E.	23	1950	II	Sh.E.
5	2239	II	Tr.E.	8	0036	I	Tr.E.	12	2242	II	Tr.I.	23	2048	I	Tr.I.
5	2240	II	Sh.I.	8	1933	I	Oc.D.	12	2327		GRS	23	2200	I	Sh.I.
5	2242		GRS	8	2011		GRS	14	2256	II	Ec.R.	23	2259	I	Tr.E.
7	0028	III	Oc.D.	8	2304	I	Ec.R.	15	0022	I	Tr.I.	24	2123	I	Ec.R.
								15	2057		GRS	24	2239	III	Tr.I.
								15	2129	I	Oc.D.	24	2320		GRS
								16	2005	I	Sh.I.	27	2050		GRS
								16	2102	I	Tr.E.	28	2011	III	Ec.R.
								16	2216	I	Sh.E.	28	2307	II	Oc.D.
								17	2057	III	Tr.E.	29	2228		GRS
								17	2235		GRS	30	1952	II	Sh.I.
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								21	2027	II	Oc.D.	30	2245	I	Tr.I.

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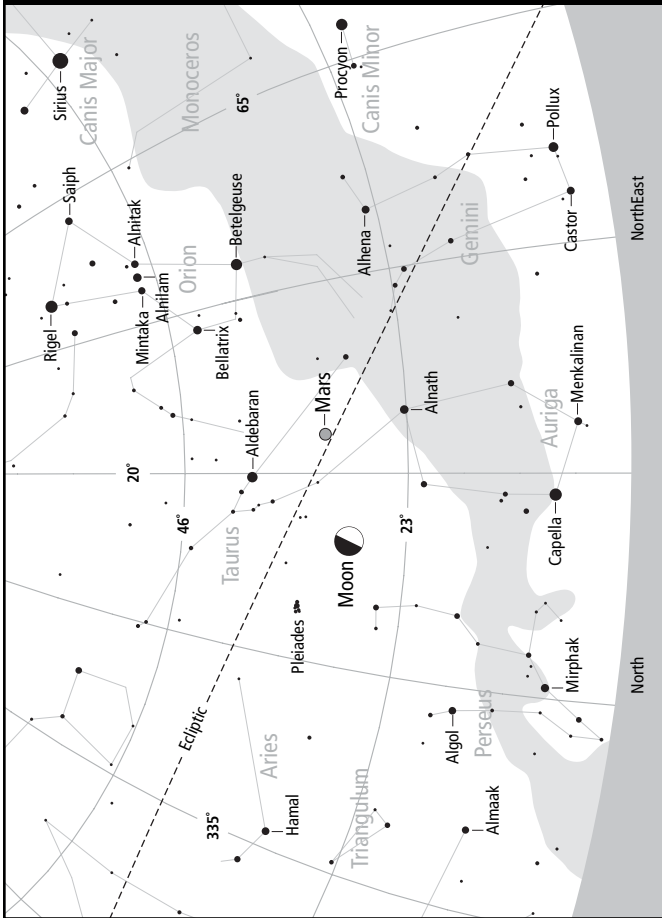
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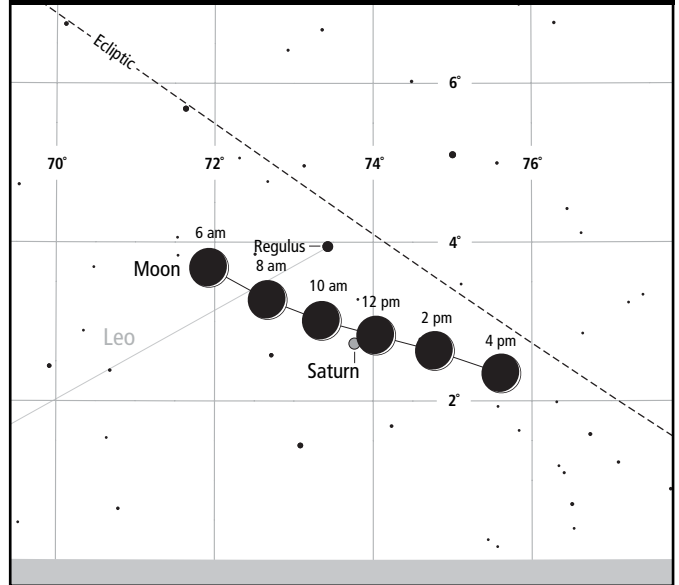
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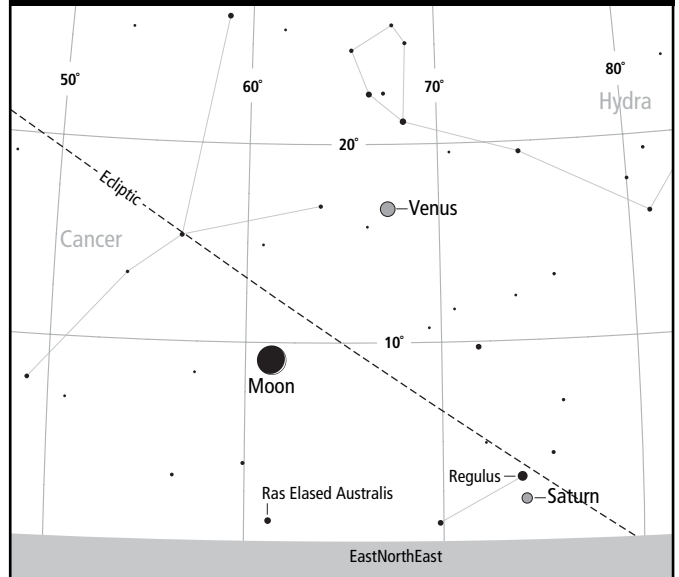
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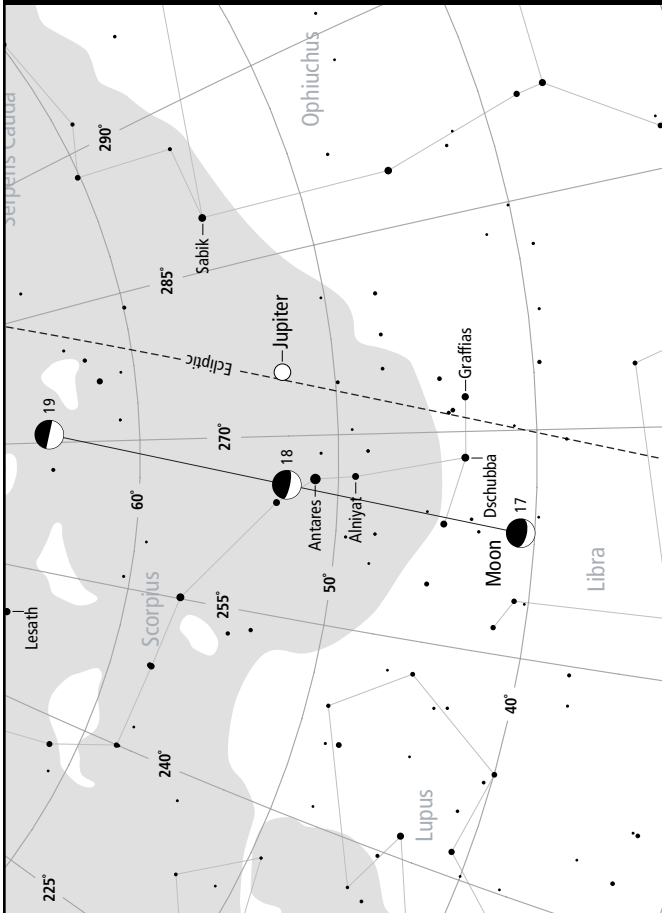
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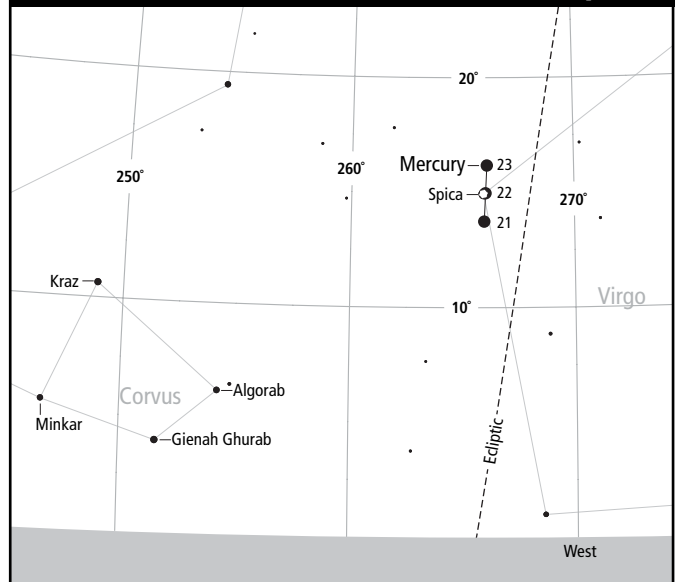
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**SKYVIEW 2007 SEPTEMBER 17-19 8pm**



**SKYVIEW 2007 SEPTEMBER 19-21 7pm**



# OCTOBER 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Mercury** visible very low in western evening twilight in first half of month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the eastern sky before dawn, close to Moon on 7th and visible in day time.

Conjunction with Saturn on 15th.

**Mars** visible in the north to NE before dawn.

**Jupiter** visible nearly all evening.

**Saturn** visible before dawn in the NE sky.

## DIARY

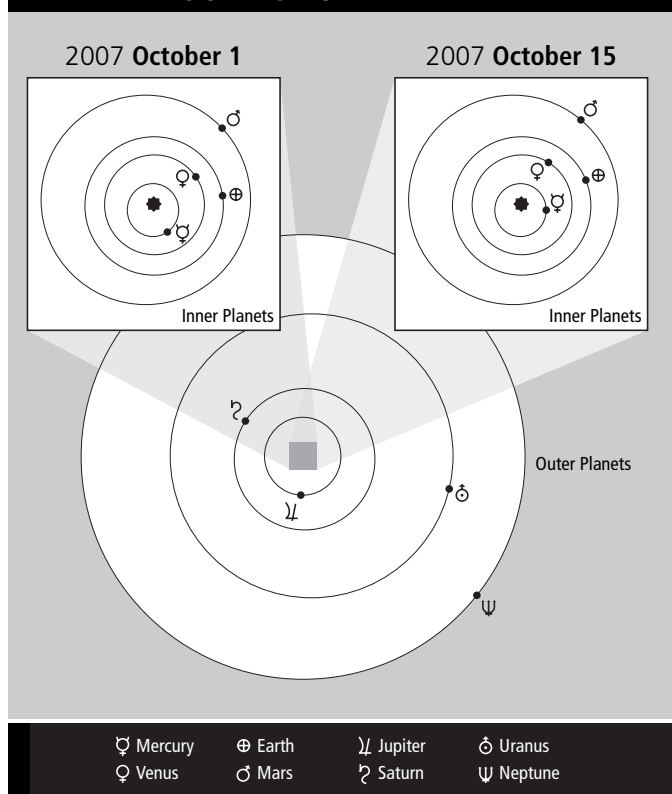
### Day Hour

3	04	Mars 5° S. of Moon
3	18	<b>Last Quarter</b>
7	11	Venus 3° S. of Moon
7	15	Regulus 0.°2 S. of Moon
8	00	Saturn 1.°3 N. of Moon
9	19	Venus 3° S. of Regulus
11	13	<b>New Moon</b>
12	15	Mercury stationary
13	09	Mercury 1.°3 N. of Moon
13	18	Moon at apogee
15	22	Venus 3° S. of Saturn
15	23	Antares 0.°5 N. of Moon
16	14	Jupiter 5° N. of Moon
18		Max activity of epsilon-Geminid meteor s.
19	17	<b>First Quarter</b>
21		Max activity of epsilon-Orionid meteor s.
24	08	Mercury in inferior conjunction
26	13	<b>Full Moon</b>
26	20	Moon at perigee
28	23	Venus greatest elongation W. (46°)
31	03	Mars 3° S. of Moon

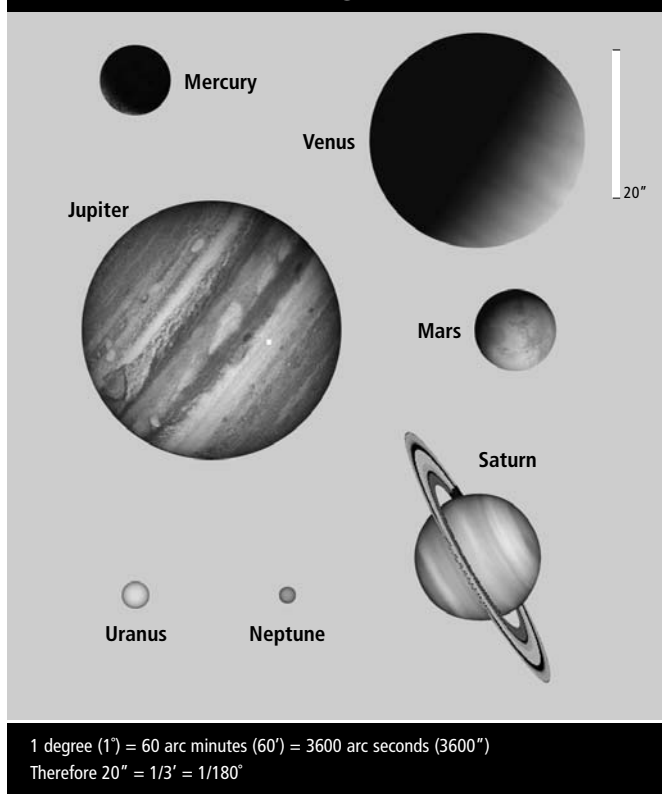
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
	Rise h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Transit Time h m	Set h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Illuminatn (%)
1	0555	94	0433	1206	1818	266	1940	2347	0839	80
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3	0553	95	0430	1206	1819	265	1942	0051	1038	58
4	0551	95	0429	1206	1820	264	1943	0146	1144	47
5	0550	96	0428	1205	1821	264	1944	0231	1249	37
6	0549	96	0426	1205	1821	264	1944	0309	1352	27
7	0548	97	0425	1205	1822	263	1945	0341	1452	19
8	0546	97	0423	1204	1823	263	1946	0409	1550	11
9	0545	98	0422	1204	1823	262	1947	0435	1645	6
10	0544	98	0420	1204	1824	262	1948	0500	1740	2
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22	0530	103	0404	1201	1833	256	1959	1415	0250	74
23	0529	104	0403	1201	1834	256	2000	1522	0321	83
24	0528	104	0401	1201	1835	256	2001	1630	0352	91
25	0527	105	0400	1201	1835	255	2002	1741	0424	96
26	0526	105	0359	1201	1836	255	2003	1856	0459	99
27	0525	105	0358	1201	1837	254	2004	2012	0540	100
28	0524	106	0356	1200	1838	254	2005	2127	0627	97
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30	0522	107	0354	1200	1839	253	2008	2338	0825	83
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## PLANET POSITIONS



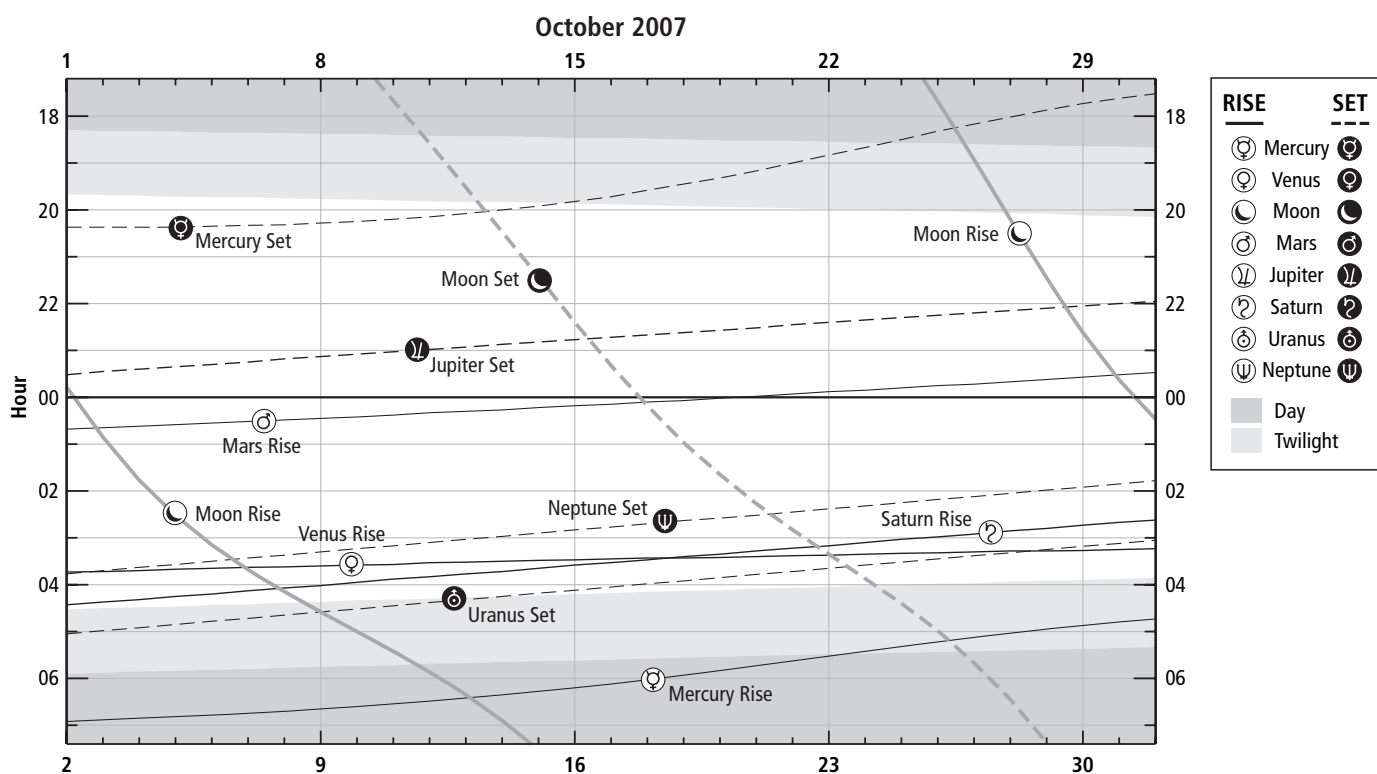
## PLANET APPEARANCE



**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
1	0657	2022	0346	1500	0043	1043	0929	2331	0430	1535	1629	0508	1424	0350
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**





### JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

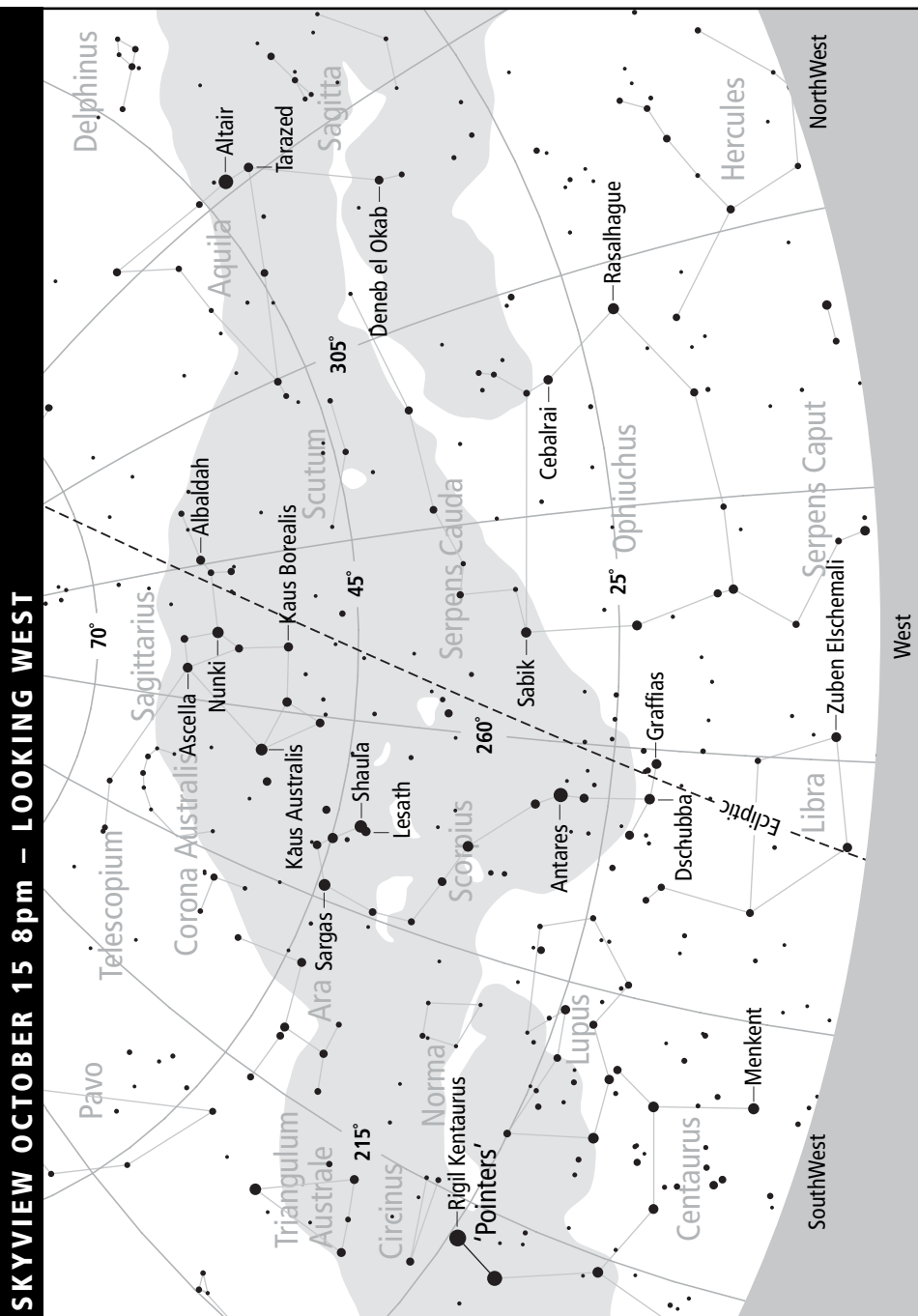
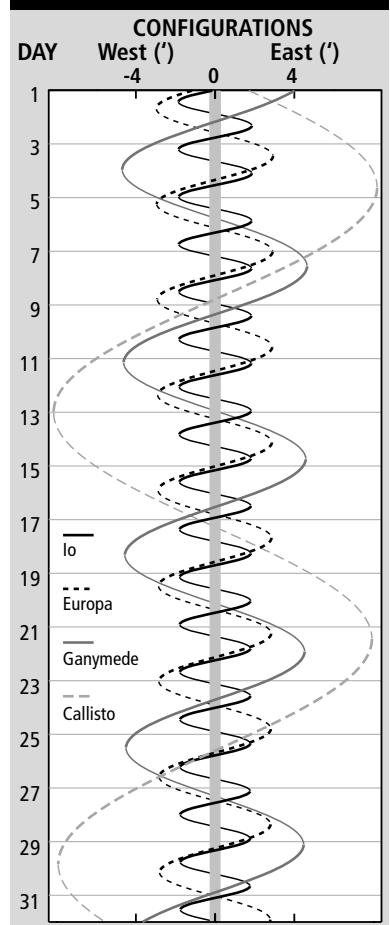
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	h	m	Event		h	m	Event		h	m	Event
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1	2319	I	Ec.R.	4	2136		GRS	16	2112	I	Tr.I.
2	1958		GRS	5	2138	III	Ec.D.	16	2130		GRS
				6	2314		GRS	16	2213	I	Sh.I.
				7	2012	II	Tr.I.	16	2234	II	Ec.R.
				7	2229	II	Sh.I.	17	2138	I	Ec.R.
				7	2249	II	Tr.E.	21	2038		GRS
				8	2153	I	Oc.D.	23	2039	II	Oc.D.
				9	1959	II	Ec.R.	23	2207	III	Sh.E.
				9	2018	I	Sh.I.	23	2216		GRS
				9	2044		GRS	24	2023	I	Oc.D.
				9	2124	I	Tr.E.	25	2048	I	Sh.E.
				9	2230	I	Sh.E.	28	2124		GRS
				11	2222		GRS				
				12	2117	III	Oc.D.				

**Moons:**  
 I Io III Ganymede  
 II Europa IV Callisto

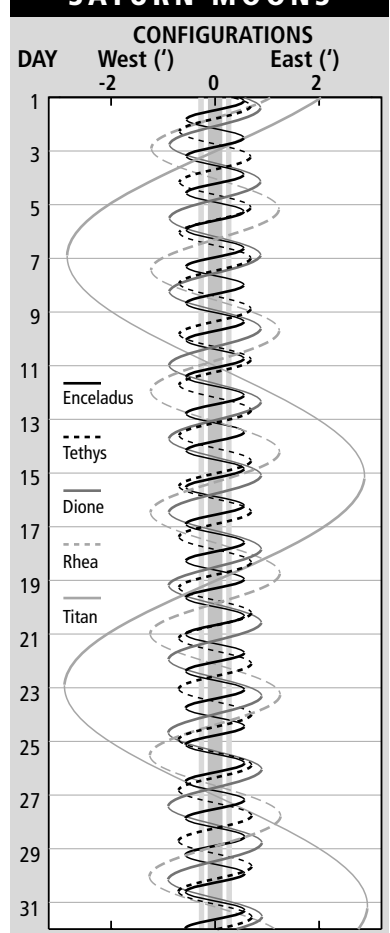
**Events:**  
 D Disappear R Reappear  
 E Egress I Ingress  
 Ec Eclipse Oc Occult  
 Sh Shadow Tr Transit

GRS Jupiter's Great Red Spot  
 will be visible for approximately  
 1 hour around time shown

### JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



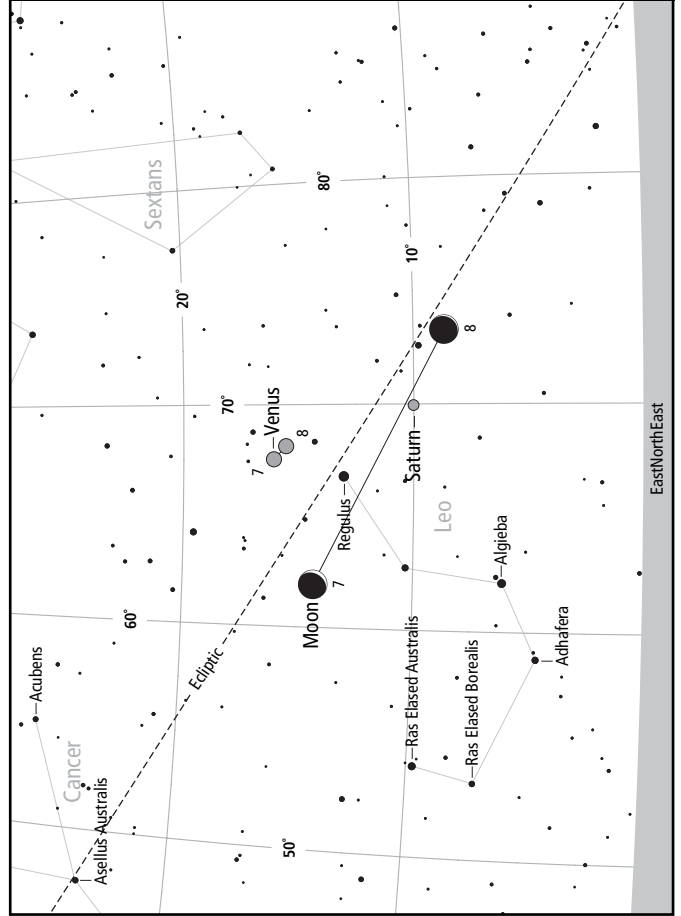
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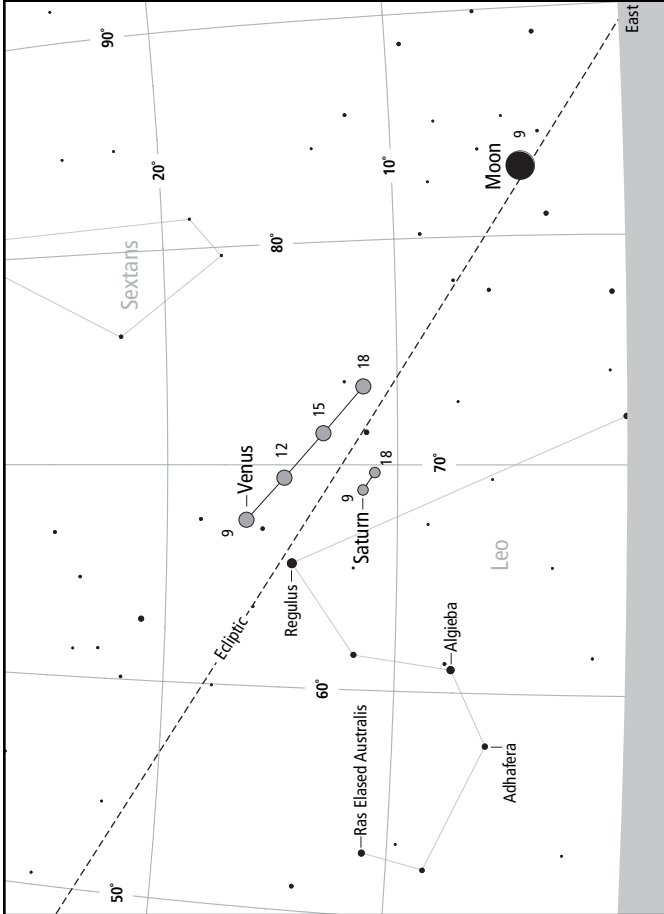
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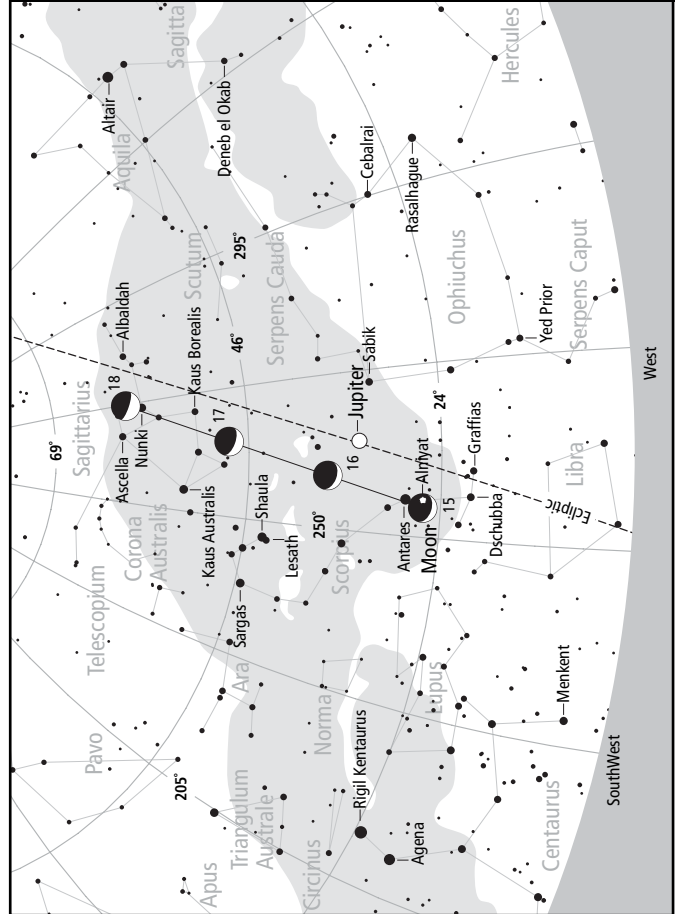
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SKYVIEW 2007 OCTOBER 15-18 8pm



# NOVEMBER 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Mercury** visible very low in eastern morning twilight all month.

**Venus** clearly visible in the eastern sky before dawn.

**Mars** rises in the NE before midnight and visible in the northern sky until dawn.

**Jupiter** sets in the west mid evening.

**Saturn** visible before dawn in the NE sky.

## DIARY

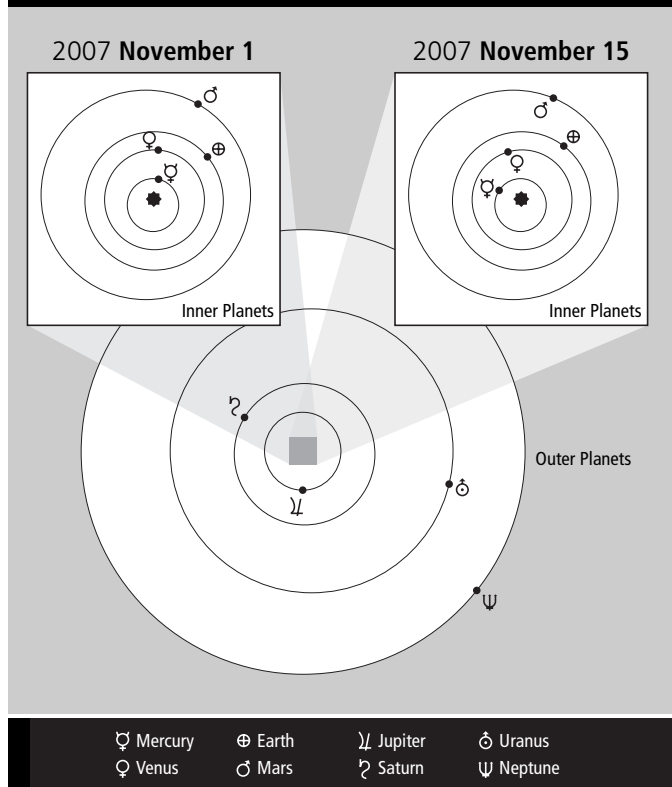
### Day Hour

1	04	Neptune stationary
1	21	Mercury stationary
2	05	<b>Last Quarter</b>
3	21	Regulus 0.°03 N. of Moon
4	11	Saturn 1.°8 N. of Moon
5		Max activity of Southern Taurid meteors
6	04	Venus 3° N. of Moon
8	19	Mercury 7° N. of Moon
9	05	Mercury greatest elongation W. (19°)
9	21	Moon at apogee
10	07	<b>New Moon</b>
12		Maximum activity of Northern Taurid meteor shower
12	05	Antares 0.°4 N. of Moon
13	06	Jupiter 5° N. of Moon
16	00	Mars stationary
17		Maximum activity of Leonid meteor shower
18	07	<b>First Quarter</b>
22		Max activity of alpha-Monocerotid meteors
24	08	Moon at perigee
24	22	<b>Full Moon</b>
25	02	Uranus stationary
27	14	Mars 1.°7 S. of Moon
29	06	Venus 4° N. of Spica

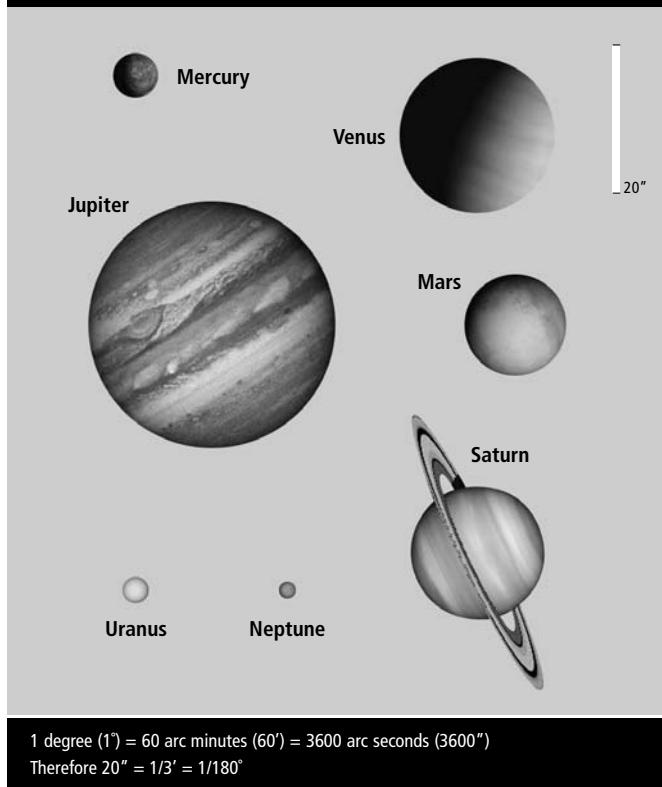
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
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1	0520	107	0351	1200	1841	252	2010	0028	1040	63
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8	0514	110	0343	1200	1847	250	2018	0355	1725	5
9	0513	110	0342	1200	1848	250	2019	0424	1822	2
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14	0510	112	0337	1201	1852	248	2025	0755	2254	12
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## PLANET POSITIONS



## PLANET APPEARANCE

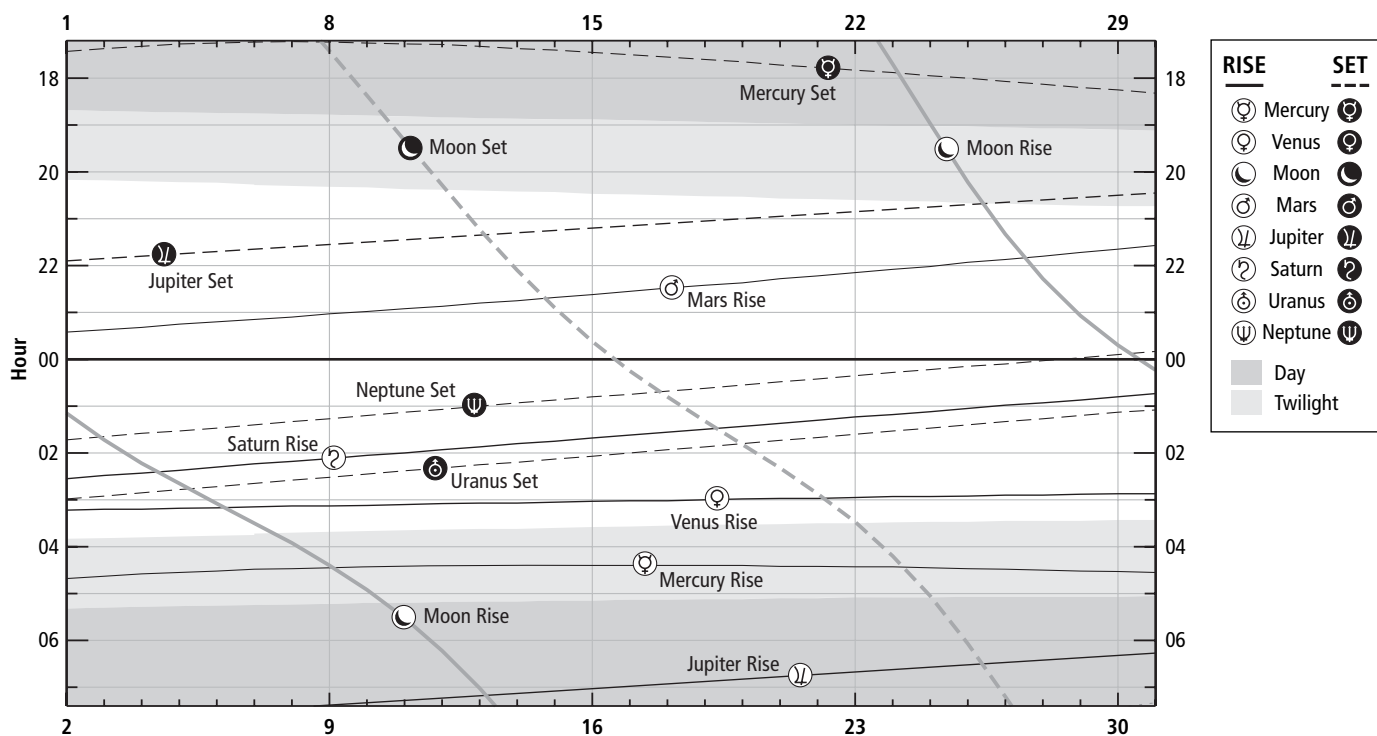


**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**

November 2007



### JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

DAY	PHENOMENON			
	h	m	Satellite	Event
1	2031	I	Sh.I.	Shadow Ingress
1	2037	II	Tr.E.	Transit Egress
1	2153	I	Tr.E.	Transit Egress
2	2032		GRS	Great Red Spot
8	2048	II	Tr.I.	Transit Ingress
9	2118		GRS	Great Red Spot
14	2026		GRS	Great Red Spot
16	2057	I	Oc.D.	Occult Disappear
17	2101	I	Sh.E.	Shadow Egress
24	2042	I	Sh.I.	Shadow Ingress

**Moons:**

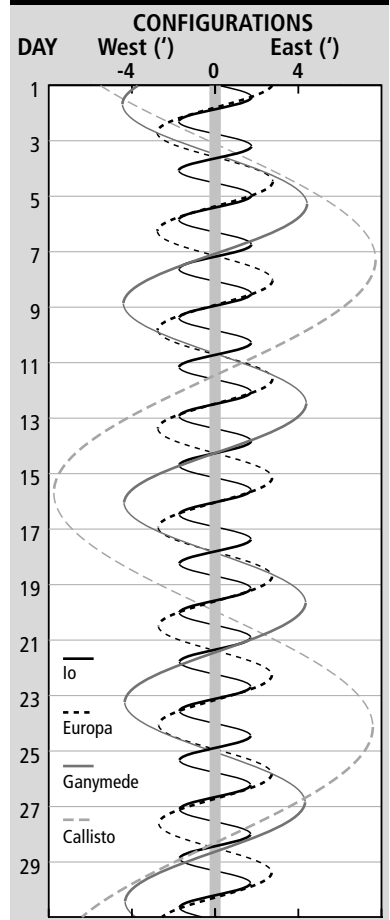
I	Io	III	Ganymede
II	Europa	IV	Callisto

**Events:**

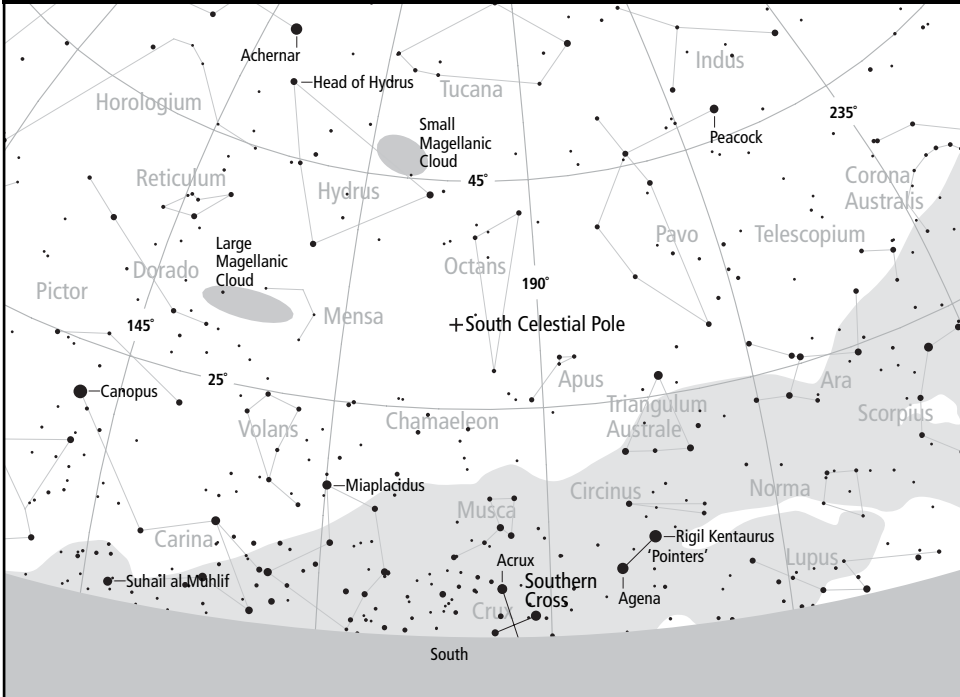
D	Disappear	R	Reappear
E	Egress	I	Ingress
Ec	Eclipse	Oc	Occult
Sh	Shadow	Tr	Transit

**GRS** Jupiter's Great Red Spot will be visible for approximately 1 hour around time shown

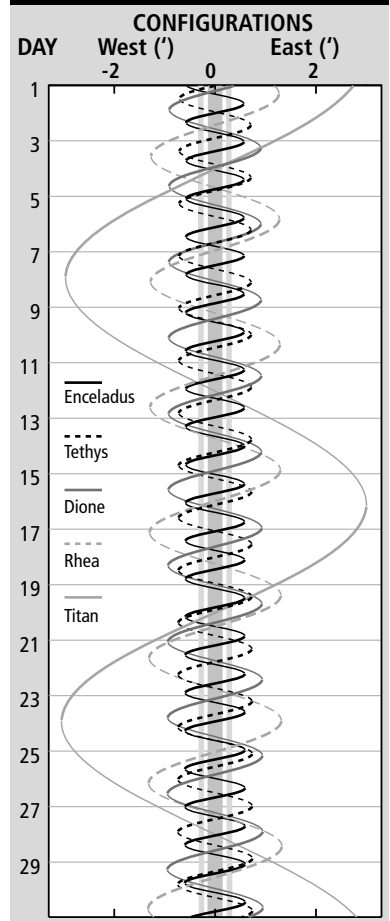
### JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



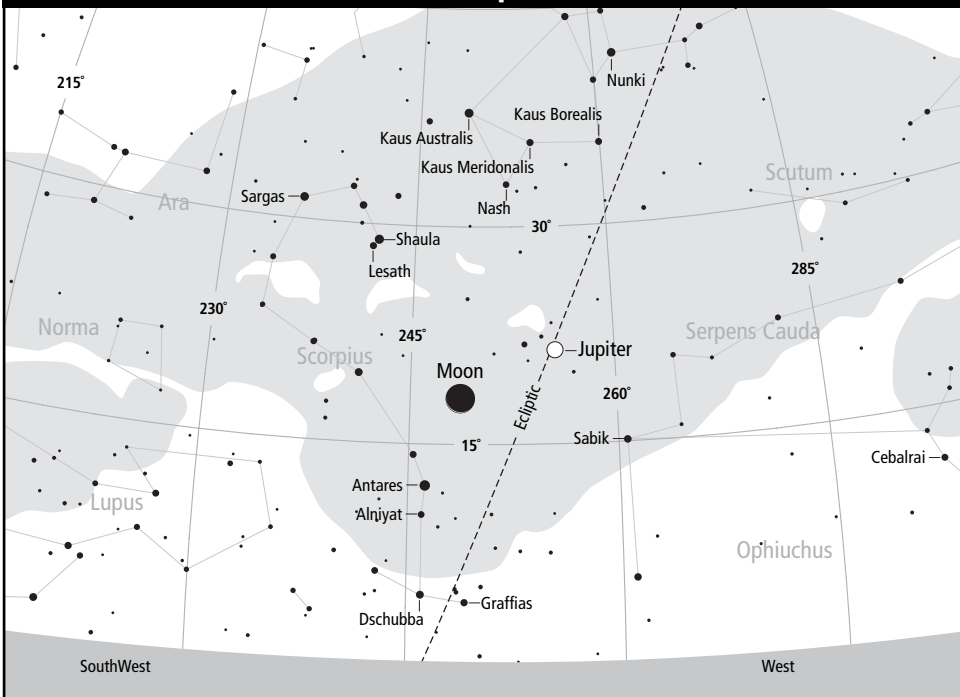
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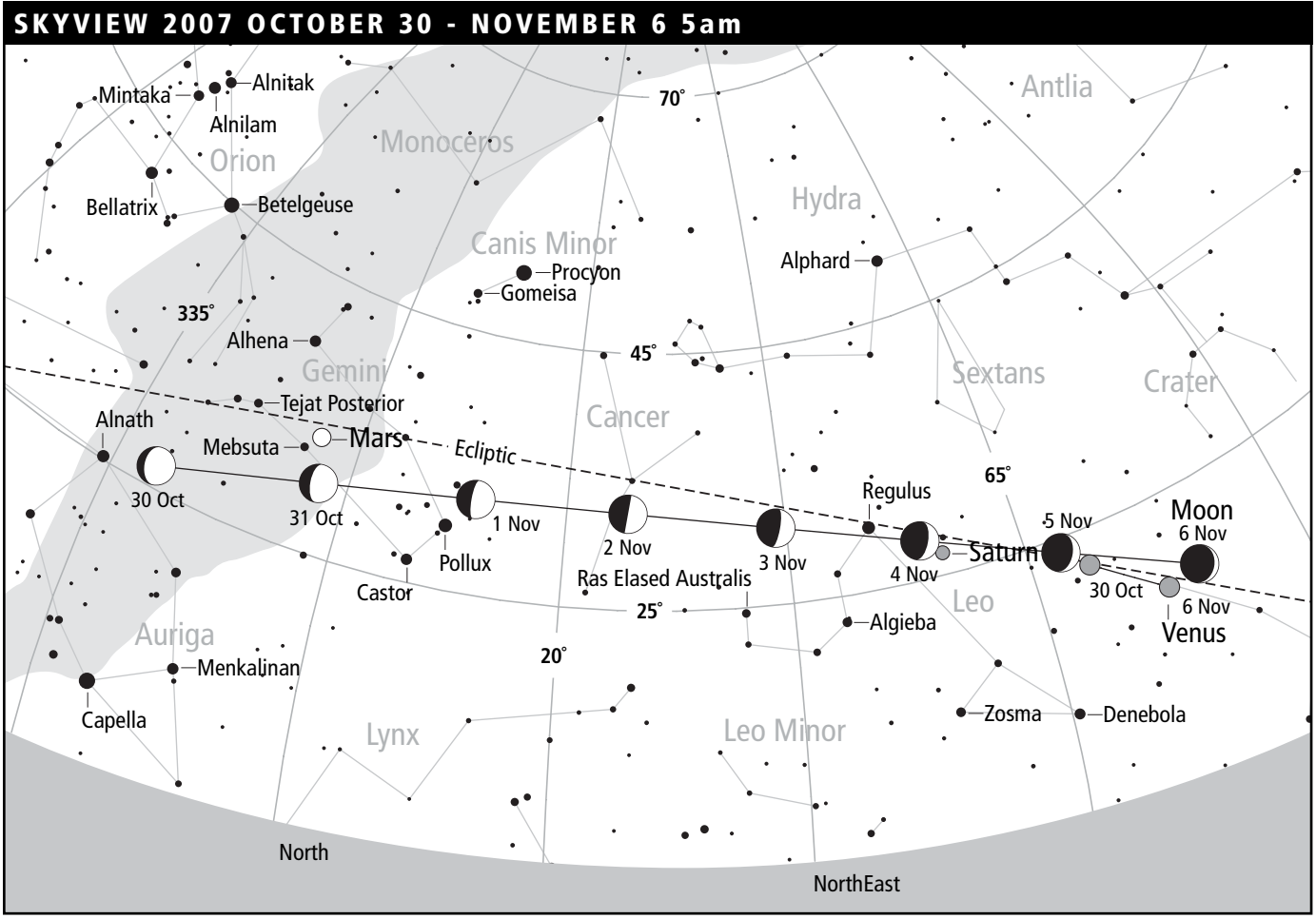
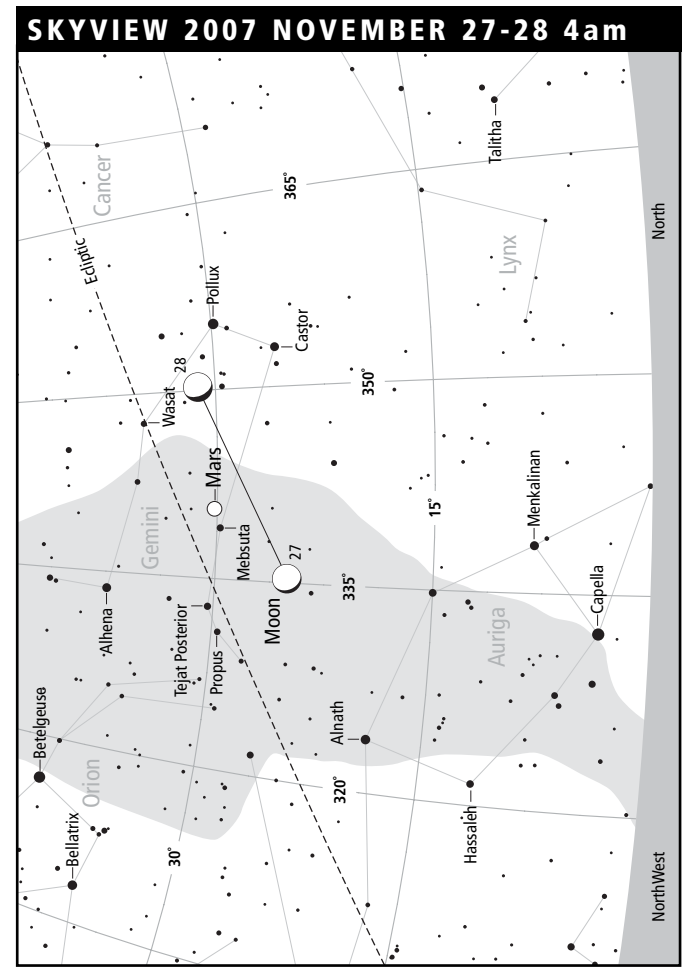
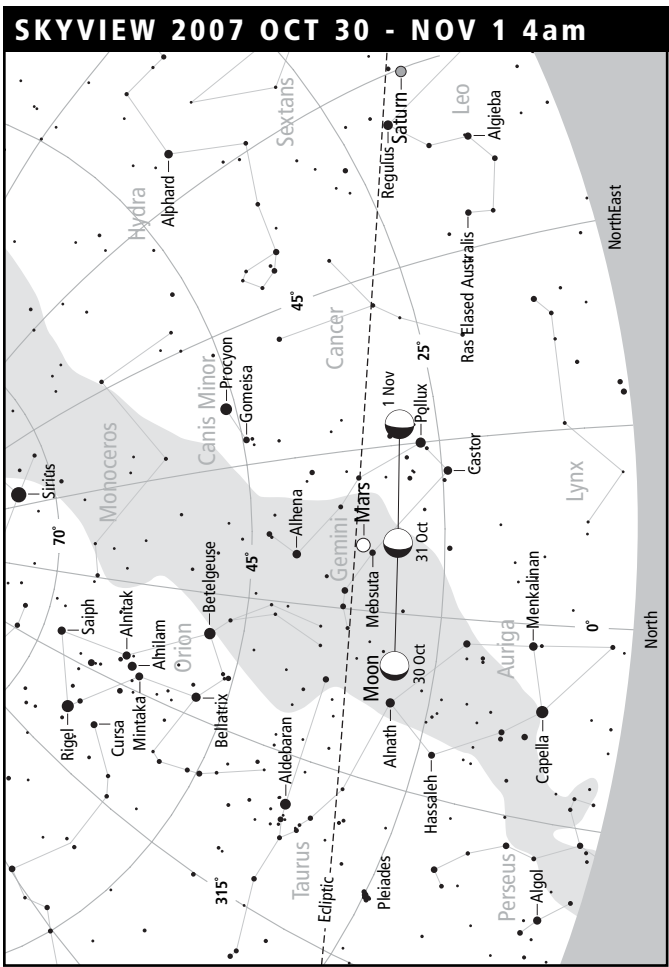
### SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



### SKYVIEW NOVEMBER 12 7.30pm







# DECEMBER 2007

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Venus** clearly visible in the eastern sky before dawn.

**Mars** rises in the NE in the mid evening and visible in the northern sky until dawn.

**Jupiter** visible in western evening twilight in first half of the month.

**Saturn** rises before midnight from the middle of the month and is visible until dawn.

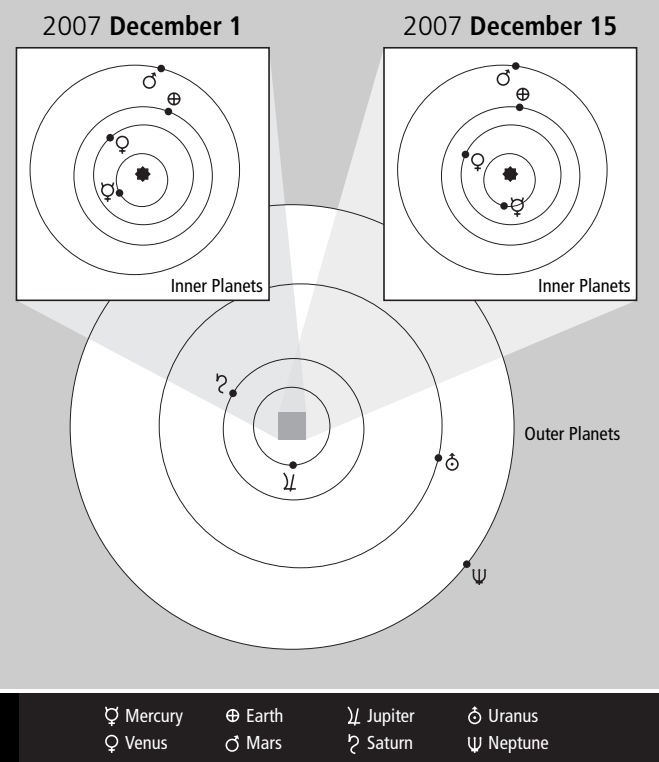
## DIARY

Day	Hour	Event
1	04	Regulus 0.°3 N. of Moon
1	21	<b>Last Quarter</b>
1	21	Saturn 2° N. of Moon
2		Max activity of chi-Orionid meteor shower
6		Max activity of Pupplicid meteor shower
6		Max activity of Puppilid-Velids meteor s.
6	09	Venus 7° N. of Moon
7	01	Moon at apogee
8		Max activity of Monocerotid (Dec.) meteor s.
10	02	<b>New Moon</b>
11		Max activity of sigma-Hyrid meteor s.
14		Max activity of Geminid meteor shower
17	18	<b>First Quarter</b>
17	23	Mercury in superior conjunction
19		Max activity of Coma Berenicid meteor s.
19	08	Mars closest approach
20	20	Saturn stationary
22	14	Solstice
22	18	Moon at perigee
23	14	Jupiter in conjunction with Sun
24	09	<b>Full Moon</b>
24	11	Mars 0.°9 S. of Moon
25	04	Mars at opposition
28	13	Regulus 0.°06 N. of Moon
29	06	Saturn 3° N. of Moon
31	14	<b>Last Quarter</b>

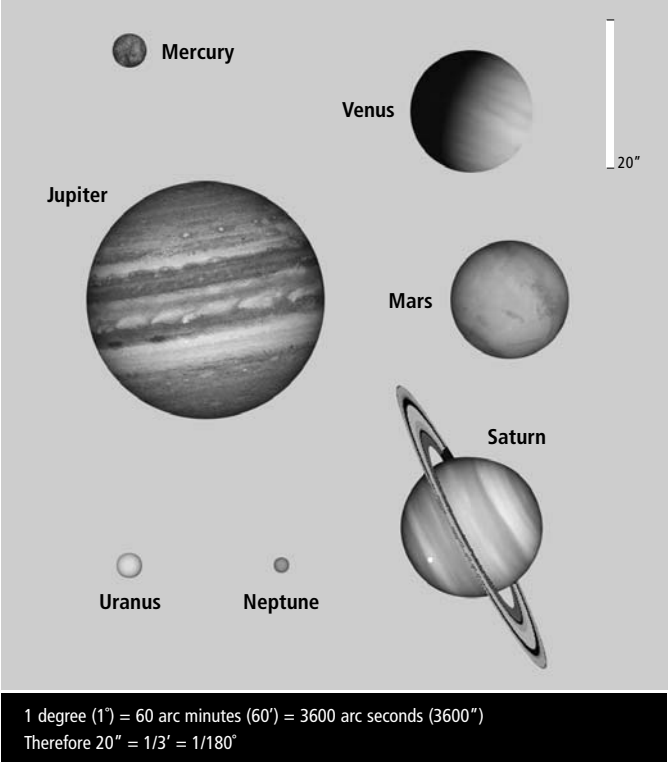
## SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN			MOON						
	Rise h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Transit Time h m	Set h m	Azimuth (°)	Twilight h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Illumin (%)
1	0503	116	0326	1205	1908	243	2045	0014	1137	59
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## PLANET POSITIONS



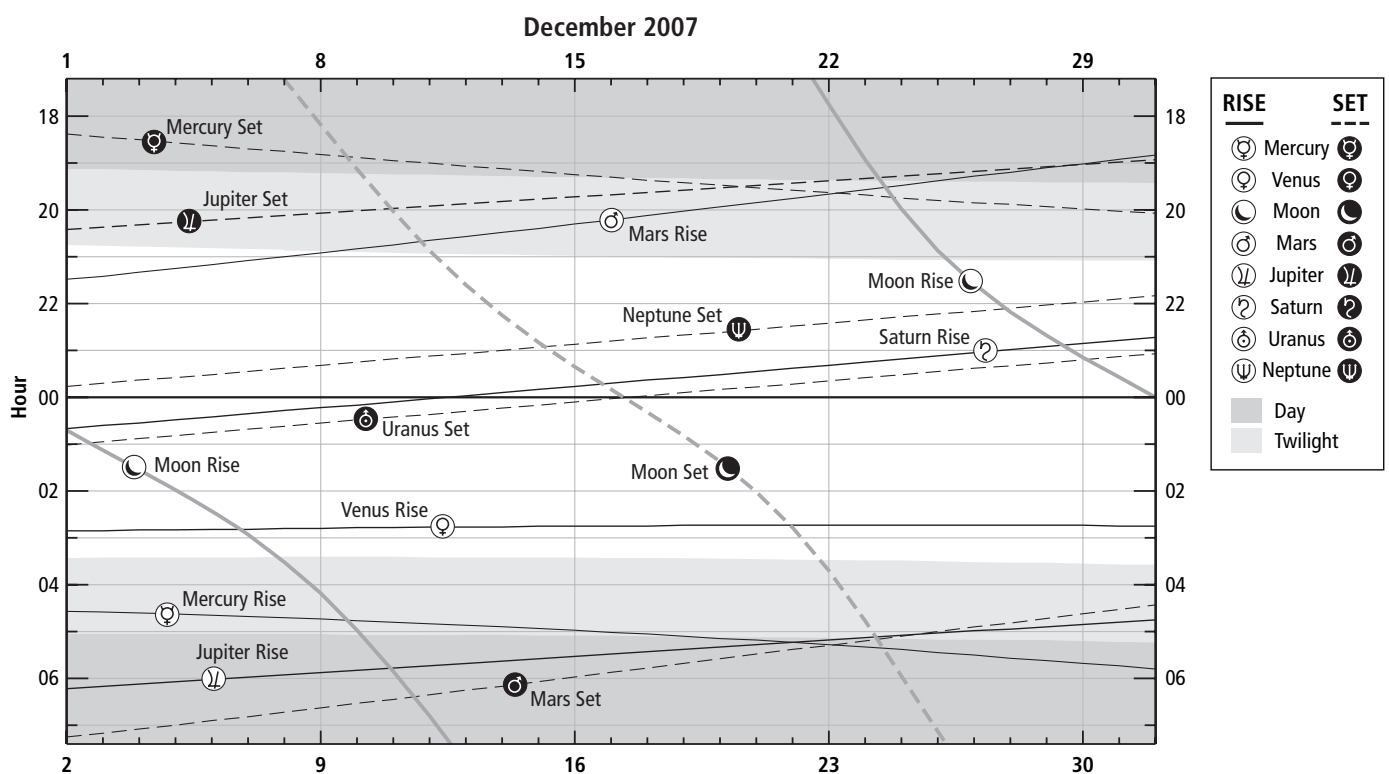
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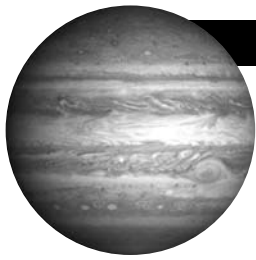


**PLANETS RISE/SET**

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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**SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET**





**ASTRO FACT**

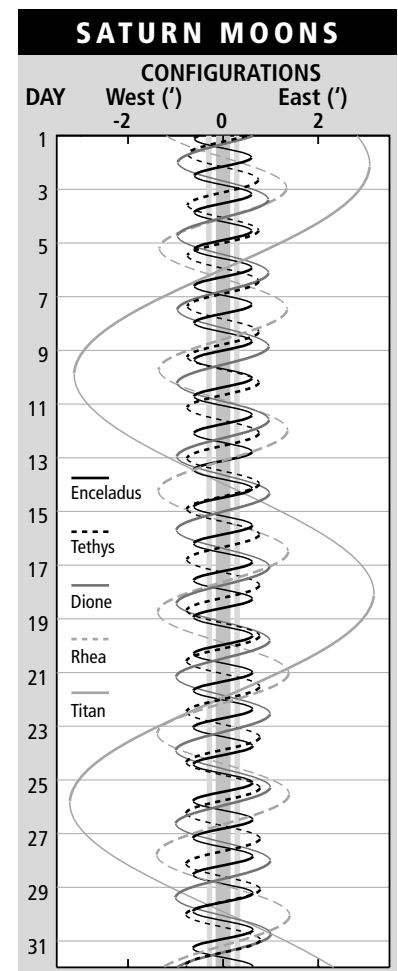
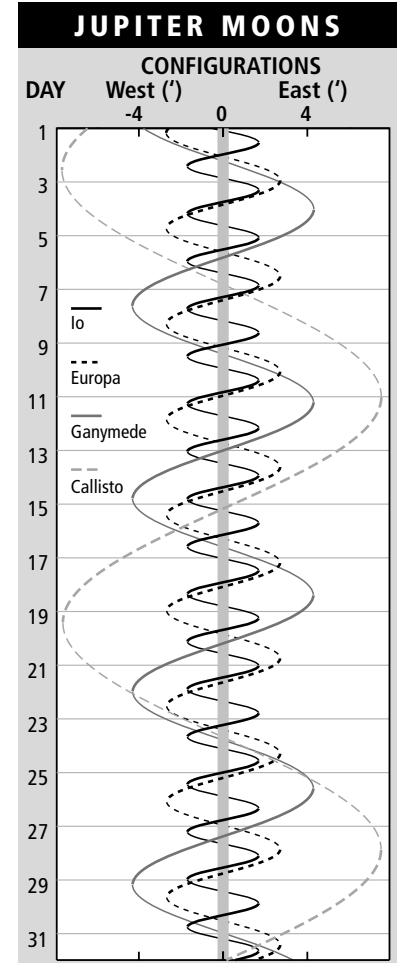
**Jupiter's Great Red Spot**

Jupiter's Red Spot is about 20,000 km long (about 1.5 times the diameter of Earth) and was named around 150 years ago when it was a distinct red colour. Since that time it has changed to a pale brown colour and is not very prominent.

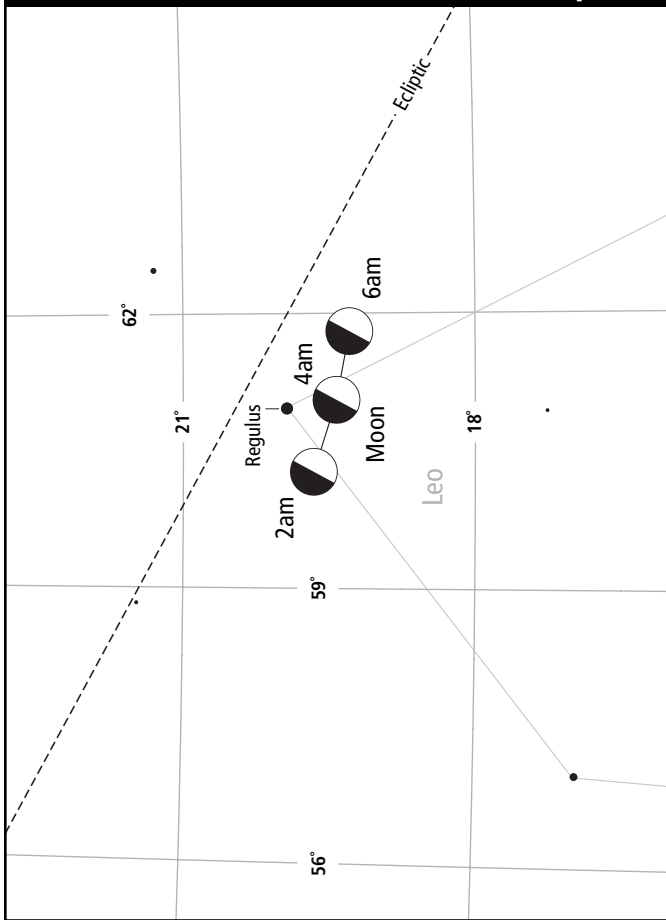
It is defined as a high-pressure cyclonic storm (unlike Earth's cyclones, which are low-pressure zones). The Red Spot rotates once counter-clockwise every 6 days and winds in its outer regions reach 350km/h while those at its centre are much lower. Trace amounts of organic molecules composed of hydrogen and carbon atoms, and possibly sulphur and phosphorus atoms, give the Red Spot and other features of the Jovian atmosphere their distinct colours.

Predicting the visibility times of the Red Spot is a little difficult because:

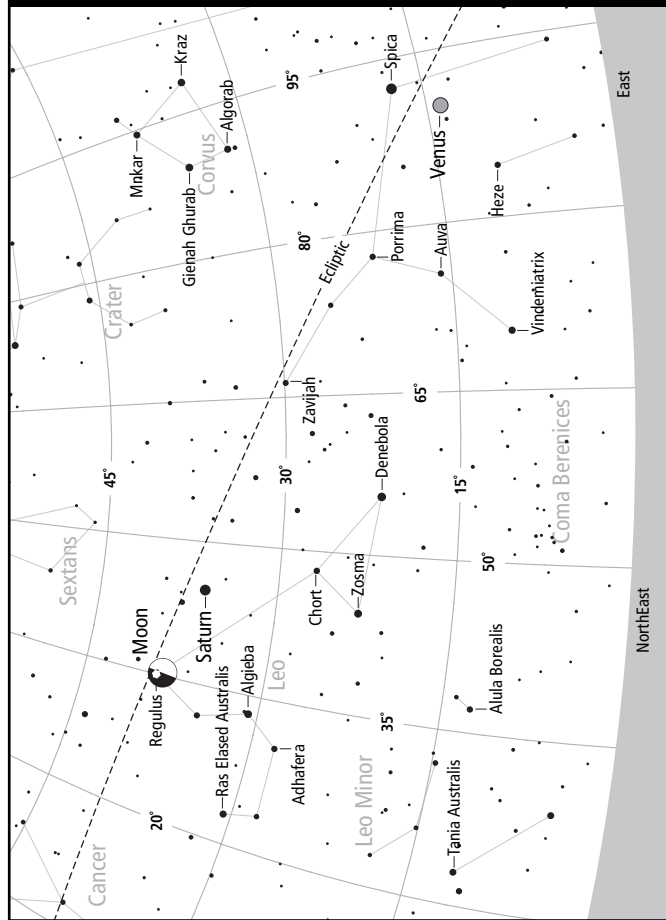
- its position slowly varies with time owing to the variable drag it experiences in the Jovian atmosphere, and
- Jupiter doesn't rotate as a solid object; clouds near the equator rotate a little faster than those closer to the poles.



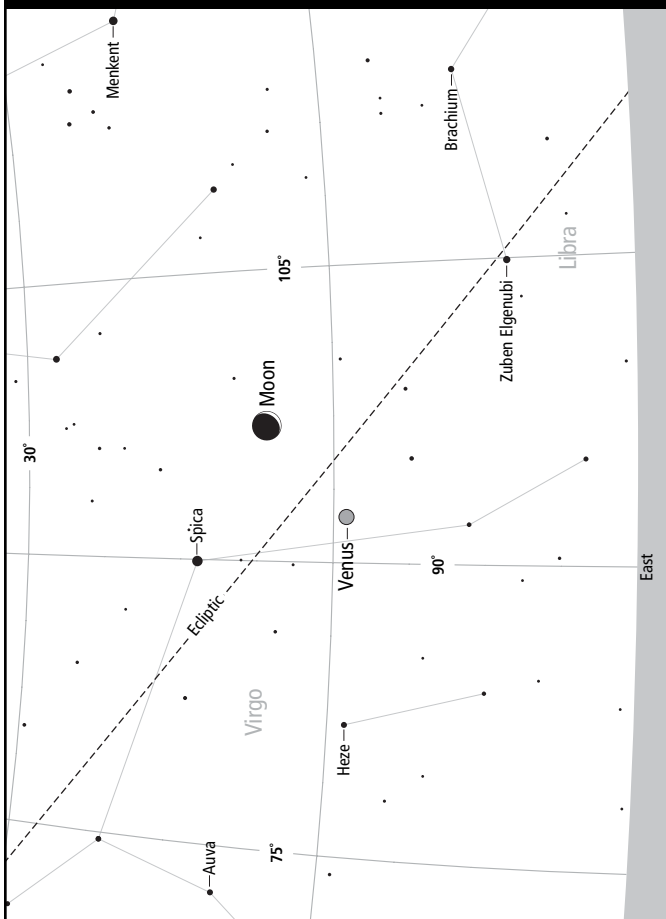
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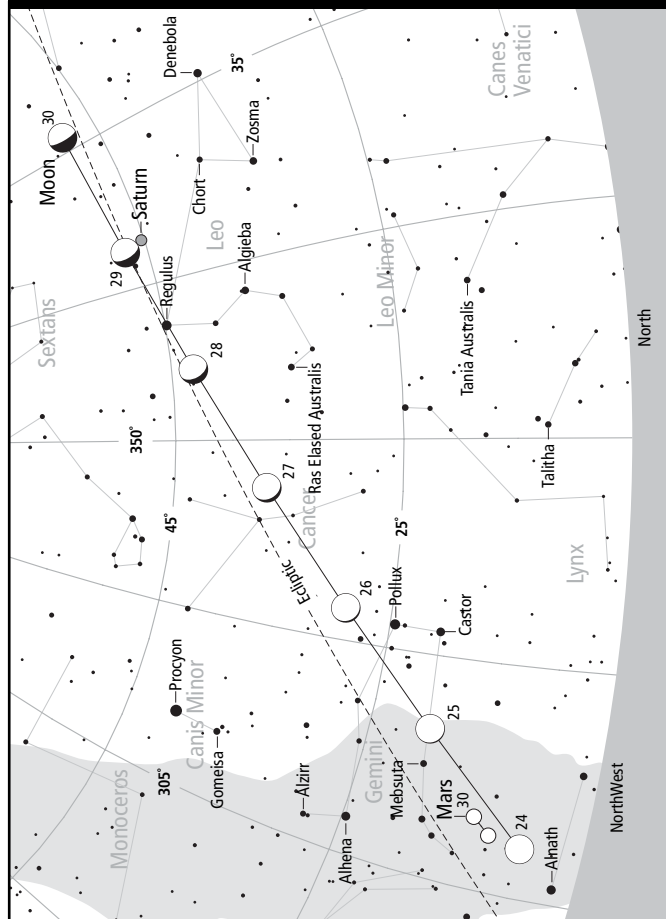
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# SPECIAL EVENTS – ECLIPSES & OCCULTATIONS

*Some of the more spectacular and/or rare celestial events are discussed in this section. In particular, the date, time and region where the event is actually visible are provided. Consult the definitions the Section Background & General Information for a concise description of these events and the terminology used. Some of these events are not visible from Western Australia but are included for completeness and may assist those who travel to other parts of the world.*

## Lunar eclipses

Eclipses are a geometrical phenomenon and occur when either the Moon is in the Earth's shadow (a lunar eclipse) or the Earth is shadowed by the Moon (a solar eclipse). This shadowing requires all three objects to be aligned in space. The Earth's full shadow (umbra) is rather large, about three times the width of the Moon at its orbital distance, and lunar eclipses are visible from a wide region of the globe. (Total solar eclipses only occur in a region approximately 20km wide – the size of the Moon's full shadow on Earth – that moves across the globe.) On average there are about 1.5 umbral lunar eclipses per year, and even more of the fainter penumbral lunar eclipses, where the Moon does not enter the full shadow of the Earth. Also, for any given year there is a  $\frac{2}{3}$  chance of having two umbral lunar eclipses, or a total lunar eclipse.

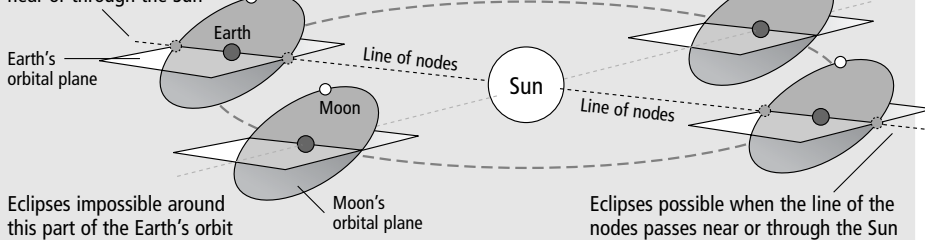
Lunar eclipses can only occur at Full Moon phase, where the Moon and Sun are on opposite sides of the Earth. So the Moon starts out very bright and can dim significantly especially for a total eclipse. The amount of dimming depends on which part of the Earth's shadow the Moon traverses. Also, the Moon doesn't necessarily get completely obscured in the shadow - during total eclipse it can have a grey, orange, red or copper hue. Some sunlight can refract and bend through the Earth's atmosphere and this casts a glow on the Moon that is then reflected back to Earth. The colour and brightness can vary between total lunar eclipses as it depends on the type and amount of dust in the atmosphere that the sunlight traverses.

Lunar eclipses are necessarily night-time eclipses, and are safe to view because the Moon is nowhere near as bright as the Sun. **(Solar (daytime) eclipses are unsafe to view.)** Special equipment is not necessary to observe lunar eclipses and a good view can be obtained with the unaided eye. Binoculars are easy to use and assist observation while providing a wide-field view.

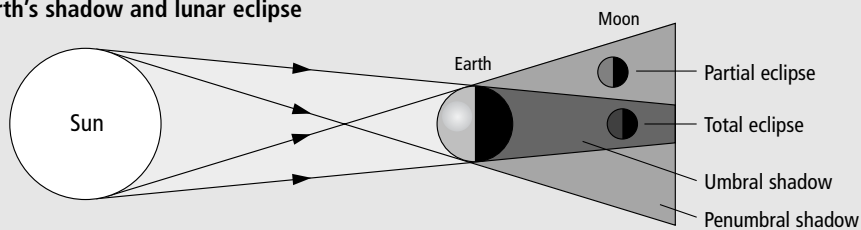
Lunar eclipses have played an important part in history. Some historical battles have been lost because of a belief by one side that a lunar eclipse was a bad omen. In 413 BCE, the Syracusan navy destroyed an Athenian fleet after its leader delayed a retreat on account of a total lunar eclipse, in 1453 the defenders of Constantinople were so frightened by a partial lunar eclipse that the fall of the city was hastened, and in 1917 Lawrence of Arabia's force was assisted in the capture of Aqaba when the town's superstitious defenders panicked during a lunar eclipse.

### Moon and Earth's orbits

Solar and lunar eclipses can occur near these parts of Earth's orbit when the line of the nodes passes near or through the Sun



### Earth's shadow and lunar eclipse



Before the night of a lunar eclipse in 1504, Christopher Columbus tricked disgruntled natives, in what is now Jamaica, to continue supplying him with food when he told them that God would make the Moon "appear inflamed with wrath, denoting the evils God would inflict upon them". The natives were so frightened that they continued supplying Columbus with food.

Lunar eclipses have aided our understanding of the world. Greek scientist/philosopher Aristotle (384-322 BCE) inferred that the shape of the Earth was round from the observation that the Earth's shadow seen in lunar eclipses was always circular. In the 3rd C BCE, Aristarchus of Samos calculated the diameter of the Moon by measuring the duration of a lunar eclipse. Also, a partial solution to the 'longitude problem' was derived in the 17th C CE that involved the simultaneous observation of a lunar eclipse from many locations.

Solar and lunar eclipses often occur in pairs, and this is evident in the two pairs of eclipses that occur this year. This pairing occurs because the orbital plane of the Moon about the Earth is aligned with the Earth - Sun direction around these times. This is the basic requirement in order for an eclipse to occur. The orientation of the Moon's orbital plane slowly changes and so eclipses don't always occur at New Moon (when solar eclipses can occur) and Full Moon (when lunar eclipses can occur).

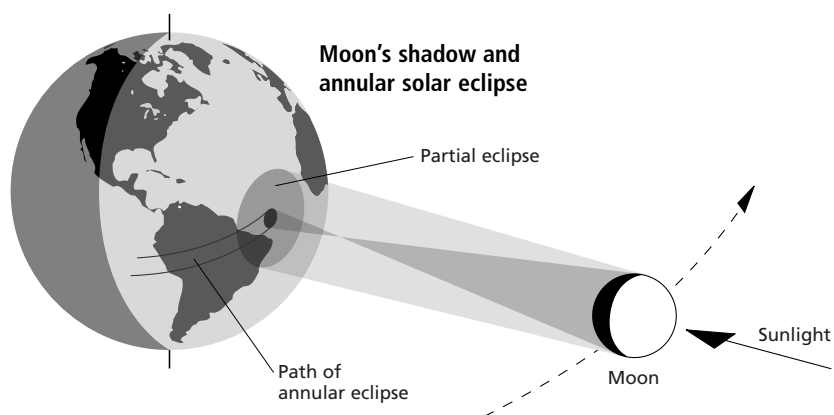
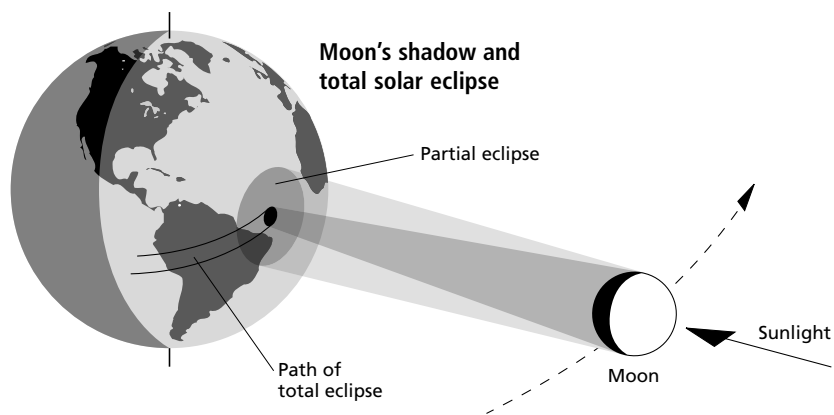
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## Solar eclipses

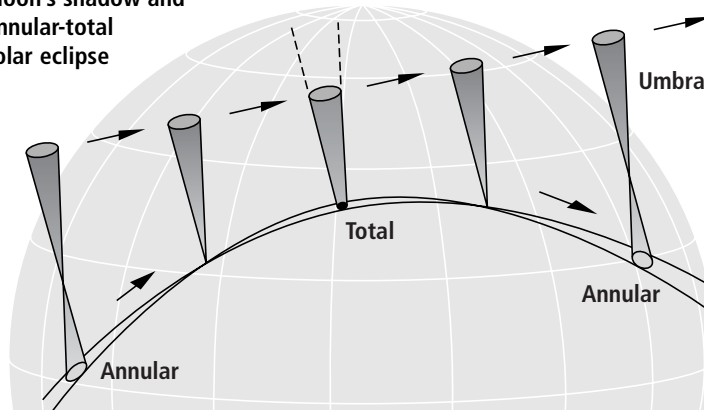
Solar eclipses are daytime eclipses and can only occur at New Moon phase when the Sun and Earth are on opposite sides of the Moon. The Moon's full shadow (umbra) is significantly smaller than that cast by the Earth and total solar eclipses only occur in a region approximately 20km wide. This shadow moves across the Earth in response to the motion of the Moon in its orbit about Earth, and Earth's orbital motion around the Sun. The penumbra of the Moon is quite large and a wide swath around the region of total eclipse experiences a partial solar eclipse. The amount of partial eclipse uniformly decreases to zero at the outer edge of the penumbra. Sometimes the Sun, Moon and Earth alignment is not perfect and the eclipse is only partial.

Not only do solar eclipses require a geometrical lineup of the Sun, Moon and Earth, they also require the angular size of the Moon on the sky to be large enough to obscure the Sun. At most times the Moon covers approximately the same area on the sky as the Sun. However, at the times when the Moon is furthest from Earth, in its non-circular orbit, it covers a smaller area than that of the Sun. A similar situation occurs when the Sun is larger than average around the time the Earth is closest to the Sun (perihelion). (See the Angular Sizes of the Planets 2007 graph in the Section: *Solar System Information* to see how the apparent size of both the Sun and Moon changes throughout the year.) Solar eclipses at these times cannot be total. The Sun remains visible as a ring around the edge of the Moon, over a track about 20 kilometres wide across the Earth. Such events are called annular solar eclipses. So fine is this size balance that sometimes a solar eclipse can change from annular, to total, and sometimes back to annular. This occurs because of the curvature of the Earth's surface and so the region closest to the Moon can be up to one Earth radius, 6,371 kilometres, closer than surrounding regions. The solar eclipse of 2005 April 8 was one of the rare annular total type, but unfortunately could not be witnessed from anywhere in Australia.

At the present epoch 26% of eclipses are total, 32% are annular, 35% are partial and 5% are annular-total. The remainder are relatively rare eclipses that occur at polar regions where only a part of the Moon's umbra, or its extension, intersects the Earth. On average there are 2.2 solar eclipses (of any type) per year. However, a given place on the Earth experiences a total eclipse only every 375 years and an annular eclipse every 224 years. Total eclipses are more common the further north the latitude because solar eclipses are more common in summer and Earth's perihelion occurs in the northern summer. Annular eclipses are less frequent around equatorial regions because these regions are generally closer to the Moon.



**Moon's shadow and annular-total solar eclipse**



Southern regions also experience more annular eclipses than corresponding northern latitudes because the Earth is at aphelion (furthest from the Sun) in the southern summer.

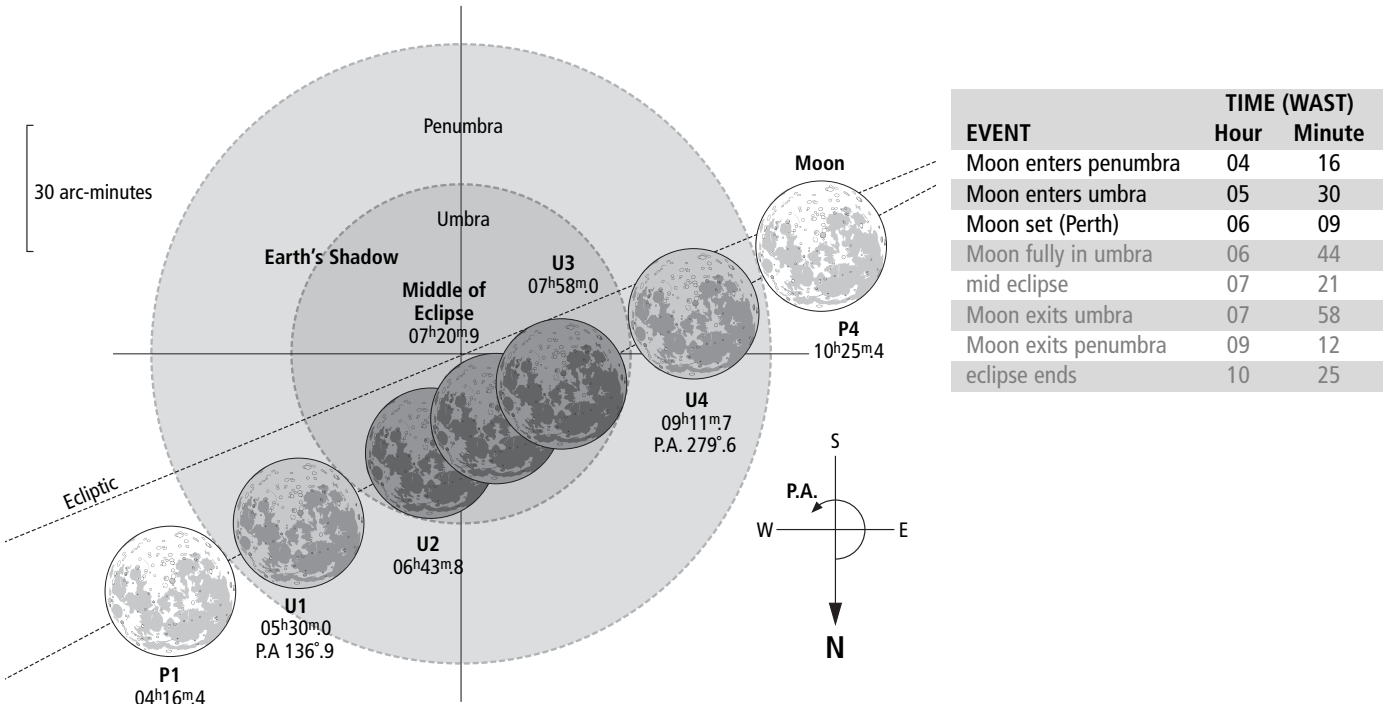
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### March 4 (starts March 3 elsewhere): Total Eclipse of the Moon

Only the early portion of this event is visible in WA as the eclipse ends well after Moonset. Observers in WA will see a gradient of light (on the side closest to horizon) to dark across the Moon becoming most prominent around the time the Moon enters the umbra. The part of the Moon in the umbra will appear dark but may not be easily visible as it low on the horizon.

All of this eclipse is visible from Africa, Europe, and the middle east.

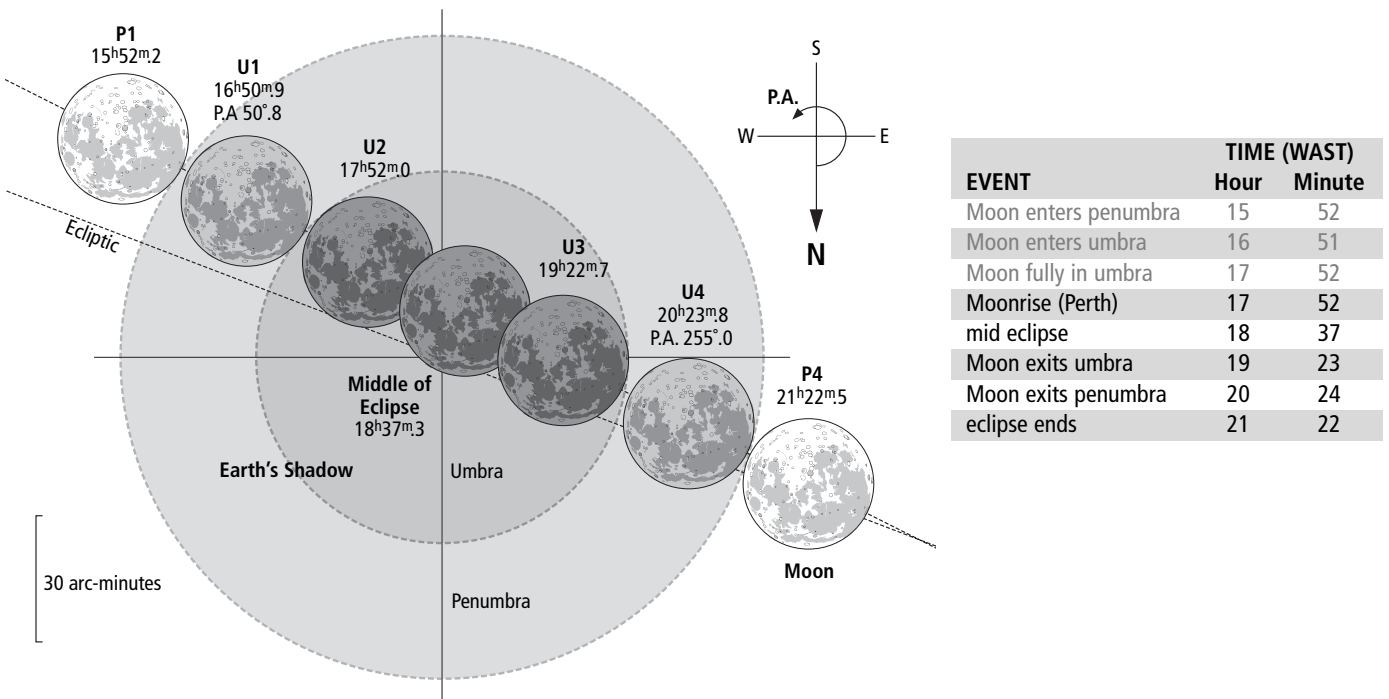


### August 28: Total Eclipse of the Moon

This eclipse starts before the Moon rises in WA. Observers in the east of the state will see more of the eclipse.

Observers in the Perth region get to see the unusual sight of the rising of a totally eclipsed Moon. However, the visibility of this event at that time is uncertain because the sky background will be very bright because the Sun has not quite set. The best time to view the totally eclipsed Moon will be just before it exits the umbra.

This event is visible in its entirety from eastern Australia, New Zealand, Oceania, and the west coast of North America.



## March 19: Partial Eclipse of the Sun

This event is not visible from anywhere in Australia.

This event is visible from most of Alaska, eastern and central Asia and the western part of Russia.

The eclipse begins at 0038 UT (0838 WAST) at longitude 83° East and latitude 15° North and ends at 0425 UT (2125 WAST) at longitude 157° West and latitude 73° North.

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## September 11: Partial Eclipse of the Sun

This event is not visible from anywhere in Australia.

This event is visible from parts of Antarctica and South America.

The eclipse begins at 1026 UT (1826 WAST) at longitude 66° West and latitude 17° South and ends at 1436 UT (2236 WAST) at longitude 34° East and latitude 74° South.

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## Occultations of planets and bright stars by the Moon

An occultation is the obscuration of one celestial body by another of greater apparent diameter; especially the passage of the Moon in front of a star or planet, or the disappearance of a satellite behind the disk of its primary. If the primary source of illumination of a reflecting body is cut off by the occultation, the phenomenon is also called an eclipse. The occultation of the Sun by the Moon is a solar eclipse.

The Moon passes in front of the following planets and bright stars during this year.

Moon Occultations 2007			Moon Occultations 2007		
DATE (WAST) d h	Body	Areas of Visibility	DATE (WAST) d h	Body	Areas of Visibility
Jan 7 02	Saturn	N.E. Russia, Arctic regions, N. Scandinavia, N.W. Canada, Alaska	June 1 09	<i>Antares</i>	S. half of S. America, part of Antarctica, S.W. Indian Ocean
Jan 7 13	<i>Regulus</i>	E. Europe, E. Scandinavia, W. Russia	June 18 23	Venus	W. Asia, Europe except S. Iberia, British Isles, Greenland, N. Canada
Jan 12 04	<i>Spica</i>	Antarctica, S.E. Indian Ocean	June 19 16	Saturn	Japan, Central Asia, E. part of Europe
Jan 15 21	<i>Antares</i>	S. tip of Africa, part of Antarctica, S. tip of S. America	June 20 08	<i>Regulus</i>	E. Siberia, N. America except N.E., Caribbean, N.W. South America
Jan 21 01	Venus	S.W. Africa, Antarctica, S. tip of S. America	June 28 16	<i>Antares</i>	W. Oceania, W. tip of Antarctica, S. part of S. America
Jan 22 14	Uranus	Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, E. Indian Ocean, S. tip of India	July 04 03	Neptune	Part of Antarctica
Feb 3 07	Saturn	Central Asia, E. Scandinavia, Arctic regions	July 17 07	Saturn	Hawaiian Islands, W. parts of central S. America
Feb 3 22	<i>Regulus</i>	N.W. North America, N. Greenland	July 17 19	<i>Regulus</i>	Europe, British Isles, S. and W. Asia, Indonesia, S. Philippines, <b>N.W. Australia</b>
Feb 8 12	<i>Spica</i>	S. of S. America	July 26 00	<i>Antares</i>	S. tip of Africa, Antarctica, <b>S. parts of Australia</b> and New Zealand
Feb 12 06	<i>Antares</i>	Southern Ocean, Antarctica	July 31 09	Neptune	Part of Antarctica, Kerguelen Is
Mar 2 10	Saturn	W. Russia, Europe except W. British Isles and S.W. Europe	Aug 22 09	<i>Antares</i>	Antarctica, Southern Ocean, New Zealand
Mar 3 05	<i>Regulus</i>	E. Central Asia, Arctic regions	Sept 10 09	<i>Regulus</i>	Polynesia, Japan, Central Asia
Mar 11 14	<i>Antares</i>	Antarctica, S. part of S. America	Sept 10 10	Saturn	S. Indian Ocean, W. tip of Australia, part of Antarctica
Mar 17 11	Mercury	Southern Ocean south of New Zealand	Sept 18 16	<i>Antares</i>	Antarctica, Southern Ocean, S. Madagascar
Mar 29 12	Saturn	N. British Isles, N. Scandinavia, N. Atlantic Ocean, E. Greenland	Oct 7 15	<i>Regulus</i>	Europe, S. British Isles, N. and E. Africa, Middle East
Mar 30 11	<i>Regulus</i>	W. Europe, British Isles, Scandinavia, Arctic regions	Oct 8 00	Saturn	Southern Ocean, S. of Polynesia
Apr 7 21	<i>Antares</i>	S. part of S. Antarctica, W. Antarctica, W. Oceania	Oct 15 23	<i>Antares</i>	Antarctica, S. half of S. America
Apr 14 10	Mars	S. and E. Asia, India, E. tip of Africa	Oct 21 11	Neptune	Part of Antarctica, S. Georgia
Apr 15 04	Uranus	E. Siberia, Japan, Alaska, N.W. Canada	Nov 3 21	<i>Regulus</i>	S. North America, Caribbean, north S. America
Apr 25 18	Saturn	N. Greenland, N.W. Canada, Alaska, E. tip of Siberia	Nov 12 05	<i>Antares</i>	S. part of S. America, S. Pacific Ocean, most of New Zealand, Polynesia.
Apr 26 17	<i>Regulus</i>	N.W. North America, Arctic regions	Nov 17 19	Neptune	Antarctica, <b>S. Australia</b> , New Zealand
May 5 02	<i>Antares</i>	New Zealand, Tasmania, part of Antarctica, S.E. Africa	Dec 1 04	<i>Regulus</i>	E. India, S.E. Asia, <b>N.E. Australia</b> , New Zealand, Micronesia, Melanesia
May 12 15	Uranus	N. Atlantic Ocean, British Isles except S.E. part, E. Greenland	Dec 15 02	Neptune	Part of Antarctica, S. tip S. America, S. Africa
May 23 03	Saturn	Europe, British Isles, N.E. Africa, N.W. Asia, Arctic regions, N.W. Canada	Dec 24 11	Mars	N.W. Canada, Alaska, Arctic regions, N. Russia, E. Europe, N.E. British Isles
May 24 00	<i>Regulus</i>	Asia except E. part, N.E. Europe, British Isles, Greenland, N.E. tip of Canada	Dec 28 13	<i>Regulus</i>	S. America except S. part, S. Atlantic Ocean

# SOLAR SYSTEM INFORMATION

## Definition of the Planets in the Solar System

The following is reproduced in part from the resolutions of 26th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union (IAU, the world's organisation of professional astronomers) held in Prague (Czech Republic) from 2006 August 14th to 25th.

Apparently the discussions were vigorous with supporters divided roughly into two groups. One group supported a "physical" definition – that a planet is a near spherical body in hydrostatic equilibrium (gravitational compression is balanced by an outward force such as "gas pressure"). Using this definition the planets total 12. The other group supported a "dynamical" definition where a planet is an object that gravitationally dominates its neighbourhood – in this case there are 8 planets.

The resolution adopted by the IAU General Assembly (see below) is a compromise which also defines two categories of bodies different from the planets, and modifies the former rules. The naming "minor planets" disappears and is replaced by either "dwarf planets" which designates Solar System bodies big enough to be nearly spherical, or "small Solar System bodies" which designates the other objects including the comets. The planetary satellites are not concerned by these new definitions.

An IAU process will be established to assign borderline objects into either dwarf planet and other categories.

### Background

Since 1992, numerous celestial bodies orbiting around the Sun beyond Neptune's orbit have been discovered. Due to its physical and dynamical characteristics, Pluto appears associated to these trans-Neptunian bodies. In 2003, the discovery of 2003 UB<sub>313</sub> (now named (136199) Eris), a trans-Neptunian object (TNO) bigger than Pluto, raised serious questions about the definition of a planet: if Pluto is a planet, Eris is another one...

### IAU Resolution: Definition of a Planet in the Solar System

Contemporary observations are changing our understanding of planetary systems, and it is important that our nomenclature for objects reflect our current understanding. This applies, in particular, to the designation "planets". The word planet originally described "wanderers" that were known only as moving lights in the sky. Recent discoveries lead us to create a new definition, which we can make using currently available scientific information.

The IAU therefore resolves that planets and other bodies in our Solar System be defined into three distinct categories in the following way.

## SUN & PLANET DATA

NAME	MEAN RADIUS (kilometres)	VOLUME (Earth =1)	FLATTENING (Earth =1)	MASS (x 10 <sup>23</sup> kg)	DENSITY (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	EQUATORIAL GRAVITY (m/s <sup>2</sup> )	GEOMETRIC ALBEDO
Sun	696000	1305000	0.00005	19890850	1.407	274.0	-
Mercury	2440 ± 1	0.056	0.0000	3.302	5.427	3.701	0.106
Venus	6051.84 ± 0.01	0.857	0.000	48.685	5.204	8.87	0.65
Earth	6371.01 ± 0.02	1	0.00335	59.736	5.515	9.780327	0.367
Mars	3389.92 ± 0.04	0.151	0.00648	6.4185	3.9335 ± 0.0004	3.69	0.15
Jupiter	69911 ± 6	1321	0.06487	18986	1.326	23.12 ± 0.01	0.52
Saturn	58232 ± 6	764	0.09796	5684.6	0.6873	8.96 ± 0.01	0.47
Uranus	25362 ± 12	63	0.02293	868.32	1.318	8.69 ± 0.01	0.51
Neptune	24624 ± 21	58	0.01708	1024.3	1.638	11.00 ± 0.05	0.41
Ceres*	948	0.003	-	0.0095	2.08	0.27	0.1132
Pluto*	1151	0.006	-	0.1314 ± 0.0018	2	0.655	0.3
Eris*	1200 ± 50	0.007	-	-	-	-	0.860 ± 0.07

NAME	V (1,0) Brightness at opposition	SIDEREAL ROTATION PERIOD (hours)	SIDEREAL ORBIT PERIOD (Years)	a Semi-major axis (AU)	e eccentricity	i inclination (°)	OBLIQUITY (°)
Sun	-26.74	609.12	-	-	-	-	7.25
Mercury	-0.42	1407.509	0.2408467	0.38709893	0.20563069	7.00487	0.01
Venus	-4.4	-5832.444	0.61519726	0.72333199	0.00677323	3.39471	177.36
Earth	-3.86	23.93419	1.0000174	1.00000011	0.01671022	0.00005	23.45
Mars	-1.52	24.622962	1.8808476	1.52366231	0.09341233	1.85061	25.19
Jupiter	-9.4	9.92425	11.862615	5.20336301	0.04839266	1.30530	3.13
Saturn	-8.88	10.65622	29.447498	9.53707032	0.05415060	2.48446	26.73
Uranus	-7.19	17.24 ± 0.01	84.016846	19.19126393	0.04716771	0.76986	97.77
Neptune	-6.87	16.11 ± 0.01	164.79132	30.06896348	0.00858587	1.76917	28.32
Ceres*	3.3	9.075	4.59930	2.76555996	0.07990478	10.58674	-
Pluto*	-1.0	153.28	247.92065	39.48168677	0.24880766	17.14175	122.53
Eris*	-1.1	>8	557.0	67.696	0.4409	44.17853	-

### Legend:

#### Flattening

Degree to which poles are flattened with respect to the equator (difference between polar and equatorial radius as a proportion of the mean radius)

#### Geometric Albedo

Proportion of incident light reflected

#### Sidereal Rotation Period

Rotation period as measured from a fixed star (not measured from the orbiting Earth)

#### Sidereal Orbit Period

Orbital period as measured from a fixed star (not measured from the orbiting Earth)

#### V (1,0)

Brightness at opposition (magnitude)

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Semi-major Axis

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Eccentricity

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Inclination

#### Obliquity

Angle between rotation axis and orbital axis

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The uncertainty in the quantity

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Dwarf planet

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### 1. Planets

A planet is a celestial body that:

- (a) is in orbit around the Sun,
- (b) has sufficient mass for its self-gravity to overcome rigid body forces so that it assumes a hydrostatic equilibrium (nearly round) shape, and
- (c) has cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit.

The eight planets are: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

### 2. Dwarf Planets

A dwarf planet is a celestial body that:

- (a) is in orbit around the Sun,
- (b) has sufficient mass for its self-gravity to overcome rigid body forces so that it assumes a hydrostatic equilibrium (nearly round) shape, and
- (c) has NOT cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit, and
- (d) is not a satellite

Objects with sufficiently known characteristics to be classified as dwarf planets are (1) Ceres, (134340) Pluto, and (136199) Eris. The number in brackets is the minor planet catalogue number – a standard astronomical cataloguing/naming convention.

The following is the IAU’s Minor Planet Center (MPC) explanation from 2006 September 8 for the numbering.

Since at least one of the “dwarf planets” is already included in the catalogue of numbered “minor planets”, and since the MPC Terms of Reference emphasize the need for the MPC to maintain a database of the astrometric observations of such bodies observed beyond the confines of the earth’s atmosphere, Pluto and (other bodies) are now being added to this list of objects with reliable orbit determinations under the numbers (134340) and (136199), respectively. It should be noted that, just as some of the numbered objects that have exhibited cometary activity also have designations in the catalogue of numbered periodic comets, the numbering of “dwarf planets” does not preclude their having dual designations in possible separate catalogues of such bodies.

**Note:** This numbering does NOT mean that Pluto is an asteroid or a minor planet (a now defunct definition, see above).

### 3. Small Solar System Bodies

All other objects, except satellites, orbiting the Sun shall be referred to collectively as “small Solar System bodies”. This includes: the classical asteroids (except the largest one, 1 Ceres) that are not dwarf planets; the Centaurs and Neptune Trojans; the smaller TNOs (except dwarf planets such as Pluto and Eris); and all comets.

MOON & SATELLITE DATA									
NAME	1/m <sub>pl</sub> Proportion of Planet Mass	MEAN RADIUS (kilometres)	MEAN DENSITY (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	MAGNITUDE (V <sub>0</sub> or R)	GEOMETRIC ALBEDO	a Semi-major axis (1000km)	e eccentricity	i inclination (°)	P Sidereal Period (days)
<b>EARTH</b>									
Moon	0.0123	1737.5 ± 0.1	3.344 ± 0.005	-12.74	0.12	384.4	0.0554	5.16	27.322
<b>MARS</b>									
Deimos	3.740E-09	6.2 ± 0.18	2.247 ± 0.251	12.45 ± 0.05	0.068 ± 0.007	23.46	0.0002	1.793	1.262
Phobos	1.651E-08	11.1 ± 0.15	1.867 ± 0.076	11.4 ± 0.2	0.071 ± 0.012	9.38	0.0151	1.075	0.319
<b>JUPITER</b>									
Adrastea	3.95E-12	8.2 ± 2.0	3.0	18.7	0.100 ± 0.045	129	0.0018	0.054	0.298
Aitne	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.7	0.04	23550	0.291	165.7	741.0r
Amalthea	1.09E-09	83.5 ± 2.4	0.849 ± 0.199	14.1 ± 0.2	0.090 ± 0.005	181.4	0.0031	0.388	0.498
Ananke	1.58E-11	14	2.6	18.75 ± 0.02	0.04	21276	0.2435	148.889	629.77r
Aoede	4.74E-14	4	2.6	22.5	0.04	23801	0.405	159.4	748.8r
Arche	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.8	0.04	22930	0.259	165.0	723.9r
Autonoe	4.74E-14	2.0	2.6	22.0	0.04	24120	0.415	151.9	765.1r
Callirrhoe	4.58E-13	4.3	2.6	20.73 ± 0.04	0.04	24103	0.2828	147.158	758.77r
Callisto	5.67E-05	2410.3 ± 1.5	1.834 ± 0.004	5.65 ± 0.10	0.17 ± 0.02	1882.7	0.0074	0.187	16.69
Carme	6.95E-11	15	2.6	17.55 ± 0.02	0.06	23400	0.2533	164.907	734.17r
Chaldene	3.95E-14	1.9	2.6	22.5	0.04	23180	0.238	165.4	723.8r
Cyllene	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.2	0.04	24000	0.412	141.0	737.8r
Elara	4.58E-10	43	2.6	16.32 ± 0.02	0.04	11741	0.2174	26.627	259.64
Erinome	2.37E-14	1.6	2.6	22.8	0.04	23280	0.270	164.9	728.3r
Euanthe	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.8	0.04	21030	0.176	145.9	620.0r
Eukelade	4.74E-14	2	2.6	22.6	0.04	24560	0.345	163.4	781.6r
Euporie	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.1	0.04	19390	0.156	147.0	553.1r
Europa	2.53E-05	1560.8 ± 0.5	3.013 ± 0.005	5.29 ± 0.02	0.67 ± 0.03	671.1	0.0094	0.469	3.551
Eurydome	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.7	0.04	23220	0.345	150.1	720.8r
Ganymede	7.81E-05	2631.2 ± 1.7	1.942 ± 0.005	4.61 ± 0.03	0.43 ± 0.02	1070.4	0.0011	0.170	7.155
Harpalyke	6.31E-14	2.2	2.6	22.2	0.04	21110	0.227	148.7	623.3r
Hegemone	2.37E-14	3	2.6	22.9	0.04	24510	0.264	152.6	781.6r
Helike	4.74E-14	4	2.6	22.6	0.04	20980	0.157	156.1	617.3r
Hermippe	4.74E-14	2.0	2.6	22.1	0.04	21250	0.251	150.3	631.9r
Himalia	3.55E-09	85	2.6	14.62 ± 0.02	0.04	11461	0.1623	27.496	250.56
Io	4.70E-05	1821.6 ± 0.5	3.528 ± 0.006	5.02 ± 0.03	0.63 ± 0.02	421.8	0.0041	0.036	1.769
Iocaste	1.03E-13	2.6	2.6	21.8	0.04	21270	0.218	159.7	631.5r
Isonoe	3.95E-14	1.9	2.6	22.5	0.04	23220	0.261	165.0	725.5r
Kale	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.0	0.04	23120	0.475	165.3	720.9r
Kallichore	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.7	0.04	22400	163.9	163.9	683.0r
Kalyke	1.03E-13	2.6	2.6	21.8	0.04	23580	0.243	165.2	743.0r
Karpo	2.37E-14	3	2.6	23.0	0.04	17100	0.295	55.1	456.5
Leda	5.76E-12	10	2.6	19.50 ± 0.03	0.04	11165	0.1636	27.457	240.92
Lysithea	3.32E-11	18	2.6	18.25 ± 0.04	0.04	11717	0.1124	28.302	259.20
Magaclite	3.63E-13	2.7	2.6	21.7	0.04	23810	0.425	152.7	752.8r
Metis	3.95E-12	21.5 ± 2.0	3.0	17.5	0.061 ± 0.003	128	0.0012	0.019	0.295

## MOON & SATELLITE DATA (continued)

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Mneme	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.3	0.04	20600	0.208	148.0	599.0r
Orthosie	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.1	0.04	21170	0.272	141.9	623.0r
Pasiphae	1.58E-10	30	2.6	17.00 ± 0.20	0.04	23624	0.4090	151.431	743.63r
Pasithee	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.2	0.04	23030	0.288	165.4	716.3r
Praxidike	2.29E-13	3.4	2.6	21.2	0.04	21150	0.220	148.7	625.3r
Sinope	3.95E-11	19	2.6	18.05 ± 0.02	0.04	23939	0.2495	158.109	758.90r
Sponde	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.0	0.04	23810	0.415	155.0	749.1r
Taygete	8.68E-14	2.5	2.6	21.9	0.04	23360	0.251	165.2	732.2r
Thebe	5.76E-12	49.3 ± 2.0	3.0	16.0	0.047 ± 0.003	221.9	0.0177	1.070	0.675
Thelxinoe	-	2	-	-	-	20700	0.233	151.1	601.0r
Themisto	3.63E-13	4.0	2.6	21.0	0.04	7284	0.2426	43.259	130.02
Thyone	4.74E-14	2.0	2.6	22.3	0.04	21310	0.295	149.0	632.4r
S/2003 J 2	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.2	0.04	28570	0.380	151.8	982.5r
S/2003 J 3	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.4	0.04	18340	0.241	143.7	504.0r
S/2003 J 4	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23	0.04	23260	0.204	144.9	723.2r
S/2003 J 5	4.74E-14	4	2.6	22.4	0.04	24080	0.210	165.0	759.7r
S/2003 J 9	7.89E-16	1	2.6	23.7	0.04	22440	0.269	164.5	683.0r
S/2003 J 10	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.6	0.04	24250	0.214	164.1	767.0r
S/2003 J 12	7.89E-16	1	2.6	23.9	0.04	19000	0.376	145.8	533.3r
S/2003 J 14	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.6	0.04	25000	0.222	140.9	807.8r
S/2003 J 15	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.5	0.04	22000	0.110	140.8	668.4r
S/2003 J 16	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.3	0.04	21000	0.270	148.6	595.4r
S/2003 J 17	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.4	0.04	22000	0.190	163.7	690.3r
S/2003 J 18	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.4	0.04	20700	0.119	146.5	606.3r
S/2003 J 19	7.89E-15	2	2.6	23.7	0.04	22800	0.334	162.9	701.3r
S/2003 J 23	-	2	-	23.6	-	24060	0.309	149.2	759.7r
<b>SATURN</b>									
Albiorix	3.69E-11	13	2.3	20.5	0.06	16390	0.48	34.0	738
Atlas	1.90E-11	16 ± 4	0.63	19.0	0.4	137.7	0.000	0.000	0.602
Calypso	6.33E-12	9.5 ± 1.5	1.0	18.7	0.7	294.7	0.0005	1.473	1.888
Daphnis	-	7	-	24	-	136.5	0	0	0.594
Dione	1.93E-06	559 ± 5	1.490 ± 0.040	10.4	0.6	377.4	0.0002	0.002	2.737
Enceladus	1.83E-07	249.4 ± 0.2	1.603 ± 0.345	11.8	1.0	238.1	0.0001	0.010	1.370
Epimetheus	9.41E-10	59.5 ± 3.0	0.606 ± 0.096	15.6	0.5	151.4	0.0205	0.335	0.694
Erriapo	1.34E-12	4	2.3	23.0	0.06	17610	0.47	33.5	871
Helene	4.48E-11	16 ± 4	1.5	18.4	0.6	377.4	0.0001	0.212	2.737
Hyperion	1.90E-08	133 ± 8	1.1 ± 0.6	14.4	0.3	1464.1	0.0175	0.568	21.28
Iapetus	3.42E-06	718 ± 8	1.253 ± 0.168	11	0.6	3560.8	0.0284	7.570	79.33
Ijiraq	2.11E-12	5	2.3	22.6	0.06	11440	0.32	49.1	451
Janus	3.39E-09	88.8 ± 4.0	0.656 ± 0.094	14.4	0.6	151.5	0.0073	0.165	0.695
Kiviuq	5.80E-12	7	2.3	22.0	0.06	11370	0.33	48.7	449
Methone	-	3	-	25	-	194	0	0	1.01
Mimas	6.72E-08	198.6 ± 0.6	1.169 ± 0.023	12.8	0.6	185.6	0.0206	1.566	0.942
Mundilfari	3.69E-13	2.8	2.3	23.8	0.06	18710	0.21	169.4	951r
Narvi	6.06E-13	3	2.3	24.0	0.06	18720	0.35	134.6	956r
Paaliaq	1.45E-11	9.5	2.3	21.3	0.06	15200	0.36	47.2	687
Pallene	-	4	-	25	-	211	0	0	1.14
Pan	4.75E-12	10 ± 3	0.63	19.4	0.5	133.6	0.0000	0.000	0.575
Pandora	3.43E-10	41.9 ± 2	0.63 ± 0.1	16.4	0.5	141.7	0.0044	0.000	0.629
Phoebe	1.27E-08	110 ± 10	1.3 ± 0.7	16.4	0.081 ± 0.002	12944.3	0.1644	174.751	548.21r
Polydeuces	-	4	-	25	-	377.4	0	0	2.74
Prometheus	5.80E-10	50.1 ± 3	0.63 ± 0.1	15.8	0.6	139.4	0.0023	0.000	0.613
Rhea	4.08E-06	764 ± 4	1.240 ± 0.044	9.6	0.6	527.1	0.0009	0.327	4.518
Siarnaq	6.85E-11	16	2.3	20.1	0.06	18160	0.29	45.6	893
Skathi	5.54E-13	3.2	2.3	23.6	0.06	15650	0.27	148.5	729r
Suttungr	3.69E-13	2.8	2.3	23.9	0.06	19470	0.11	175.8	1017r
Tarvos	4.75E-12	6.5	2.3	22.1	0.06	18240	0.54	34.9	926
Telestos	1.27E-11	12 ± 3	1.0	18.5	1.0	294.70	0.0010	1.158	1.888
Tethys	1.09E-06	529.8 ± 1.5	0.991 ± 0.009	10.2	0.8	294.70	0.0001	0.168	1.888
Thrymr	3.69E-13	2.8	2.3	23.9	0.06	20470	0.47	175.0	1089r
Titan	2.37E-04	2575 ± 2	1.881 ± 0.005	8.4	0.2	1221.9	0.0288	1.634	15.95
Ymir	8.70E-12	8	2.3	21.7	0.06	23100	0.33	173.1	1312r
S/2004 S 7	-	6	-	24.5	-	19800	0.58	165.1	1103r
S/2004 S 8	-	6	-	24.6	-	22200	0.213	168	1355r
S/2004 S 9	-	5	-	24.7	-	19800	0.235	157.6	1077r
S/2004 S 10	-	6	-	24.4	-	19350	0.241	167	1026r
S/2004 S 11	-	6	-	24.1	-	16950	0.336	41	822
S/2004 S 12	-	5	-	24.8	-	19650	0.401	164	1048r
S/2004 S 13	-	6	-	24.5	-	18450	0.273	167.4	906r
S/2004 S 14	-	6	-	24.4	-	19950	0.292	162.7	1081r
S/2004 S 15	-	6	-	24.2	-	18750	0.18	156.9	1008r
S/2004 S 16	-	4	-	25	-	22200	0.135	163	1271r
S/2004 S 17	-	4	-	25.2	-	18600	0.259	166.6	986r

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S/2004 S 18	-	7	-	23.8	-	19650	0.795	147.4	1052r
S/2004 S19	-	8	-	23.5	-	18217	0.36	153.3	912r
S/2006 S 1	-	6	-	24.6	-	18981	0.13	154.2	970r
S/2006 S 2	-	7	-	23.9	-	22350	0.341	148.4	1245r
S/2006 S 3	-	6	-	24.6	-	21132	0.471	150.8	1142r
S/2006 S 4	-	6	-	24.4	-	18105	0.374	172.7	905r
S/2006 S 5	-	6	-	24.6	-	23190	0.139	166.5	1314r
S/2006 S 6	-	6	-	24.7	-	18600	0.192	162.9	942r
S/2006 S 7	-	6	-	24.8	-	22290	0.368	166.9	1237r
S/2006 S 8	-	6	-	24.5	-	17610	0.418	155.6	869r
<b>URANUS</b>									
Ariel	1.56E-05	578.9 ± 0.6	1.665 ± 0.147	13.70 ± 0.04	0.39 ± 0.04	190.9	0.0012	0.041	2.520
Belinda	4.11E-09	40.3 ± 8	1.3	21.47 ± 0.09	0.07	75.3	0.0001	0.031	0.624
Bianca	1.07E-09	25.7 ± 2	1.3	22.52 ± 0.24	0.07	59.2	0.0009	0.193	0.435
Caliban	8.46E-09	49	1.5	22.42 ± 0.03	0.07	7231	0.1587	140.881	579.73r
Cordelia	5.18E-10	20.1 ± 3	1.3	23.62 ± 0.35	0.07	49.8	0.0003	0.085	0.335
Cressida	3.95E-09	39.8 ± 2	1.3	21.58 ± 0.11	0.07	61.8	0.0004	0.006	0.464
Cupid	-	12	-	26	-	74.8	0	0	-
Desdemona	2.05E-09	32.0 ± 4	1.3	21.99 ± 0.16	0.07	62.7	0.0001	0.113	0.474
Ferdinand	1.55E-11	6	1.5	25.1	0.04	20901	0.368	169.8	2823.4r
Francisco	1.55E-11	6	1.5	25.0	0.04	4276	0.146	145.2	266.6r
Juliet	6.42E-09	46.8 ± 4	1.3	21.12 ± 0.05	0.07	64.4	0.0007	0.065	0.493
Mab	-	16	-	26	-	97.7	0	0	-
Margaret	1.21E-11	6	1.5	25.2	0.04	14345	0.661	56.6	1694.8
Miranda	7.59E-07	235.8 ± 0.7	1.201 ± 0.137	15.79 ± 0.04	0.32 ± 0.03	129.9	0.0013	4.338	1.413
Oberon	3.47E-05	761.4 ± 2.6	1.630 ± 0.043	13.70 ± 0.04	0.23 ± 0.03	583.5	0.0014	0.068	13.46
Ophelia	6.21E-10	21.4 ± 4	1.3	23.26 ± 0.25	0.07	53.8	0.0099	0.104	0.376
Perdita	-	40	-	24.0	-	76.4	0	0	0.638
Portia	1.94E-08	67.6 ± 4	1.3	20.42 ± 0.05	0.07	66.1	0.0001	0.059	0.513
Prospero	2.42E-10	15	1.5	23.2	0.07	16418	0.443	151.91	1992.8r
Puck	3.33E-08	81 ± 2	1.3	19.75 ± 0.05	0.07	86	0.0001	0.319	0.762
Rosalind	2.93E-09	36 ± 6	1.3	21.79 ± 0.13	0.07	69.9	0.0001	0.279	0.558
Setebos	2.42E-10	15	1.5	23.3	0.07	17459	0.588	158.17	2202.3r
Stephano	6.90E-11	10	1.5	24.1	0.07	8002	0.230	144.06	676.5r
Sycorax	6.20E-08	95	1.5	20.82 ± 0.04	0.07	12179	0.5224	159.404	1288.30r
Titania	4.06E-05	788.9 ± 1.8	1.715 ± 0.044	13.49 ± 0.04	0.27 ± 0.03	436.3	0.0011	0.079	8.706
Trinculo	8.63E-12	5	1.5	25.4	0.04	8571	0.208	166.33	758.1r
Umbriel	1.35E-05	584.7 ± 2.8	1.400 ± 0.163	14.47 ± 0.04	0.21 ± 0.02	266	0.0039	0.128	4.144
<b>NEPTUNE</b>									
Despina	2.42E-08	75 ± 3	1.3	22.0	0.090	52.526	0.0002	0.064	0.335
Galatea	4.31E-08	88 ± 4	1.3	21.8	0.079	61.953	0.0000	0.062	0.429
Larissa	5.70E-08	97 ± 3	1.3	21.5	0.091	73.548	0.0014	0.205	0.555
Naiad	2.24E-09	33 ± 3	1.3	23.9	0.072	48.227	0.0004	4.746	0.294
Nereid	3.56E-07	170 ± 25	1.5	19.7	0.155	5513.4	0.7512	7.232	360.14
Proteus	5.80E-07	210 ± 7	1.3	19.8	0.096	117.647	0.0005	0.026	1.122
Psamathe	1.73E-10	14	1.5	25.6	0.16	46695	0.495	132.6	9115.9r
Thalassa	4.31E-09	41 ± 3	1.3	23.3	0.091	50.075	0.0002	0.209	0.327
Triton	2.46E-04	1353.4 ± 0.9	2.061 ± 0.007	13.472 ± 0.041	0.756 ± 0.041	354.8	0.0000	156.834	5.877r
S/2002 N 1	1.04E-09	24	1.5	24.5	0.16	15728	0.571	134.1	1879.7r
S/2002 N 2	1.04E-09	24	1.5	25.4	0.16	22422	0.293	48.5	2914.1
S/2002 N 3	1.04E-09	24	1.5	25.4	0.16	23571	0.424	34.7	3167.9
S/2002 N 4	1.90E-09	30	1.5	24.6	0.04	48387	0.450	137.4	9374.0r
<b>PLUTO*</b>									
Charon	0.123	593 ± 13	1.853 ± 0.158	17.26 ± 0.01	0.372 ± 0.012	19.41	0.0002	99.089	6.387
Nix	-	-	-	23	-	64.7	-	-	38.2
Hydra	-	-	-	23	-	49.4	-	-	25.5
<b>ERIS*</b>									
Dysnomia	-	150 ± 50	-	-	-	33000	-	-	14

**Table column headings:****1/m<sub>pl</sub>****Mean radius****Mean density****Magnitude****Geometric Albedo**

Proportion of its planet's mass

If no uncertainty is given, the value is computed from the magnitude and albedo

Derived from the GM and mean radius when an uncertainty is given, otherwise assumed

Mean opposition magnitude: V<sub>0</sub>, or red magnitude, R

Proportion of incident light reflected

**a** Semi-major Axis (mean value)**e** Eccentricity (mean value)**i** Inclination with respect to the reference plane**P** Sidereal period (mean value)**\*** Dwarf planet

Note 1:

Moons are listed in alphabetical order, except for those recently discovered.

Note 2:

Some data is unavailable owing to the relatively short time since the body was discovered

Note 3:

Scientific notation is used in order to save space. Eg. 1.66667E-08 is the 'computer notation' equivalent to 1.66667 x 10<sup>-08</sup> = 0.0000000166667

Note 4:

Moon names of the form S/2004 X 1 are only provisional. The S indicates a satellite of a planet (a moon), the next four digits indicate the year in which it was discovered, the X can have values J, S, U or N indicating the moon orbits either Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune, respectively, and the last number indicates the order in which this moon was discovered if more than one was discovered for the planet in the given year.

Note 5:

r indicates retrograde motion.

Data from NASA/JPL (<http://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/>), NASA/GSFC (<http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/>) and The Giant Planet Satellite and Moon Page (<http://www.ifa.hawaii.edu/~sheppard/satellites>)

## Planet, dwarf planet and satellite names

The naked eye planets were named in antiquity. But what about newly discovered moons and the geographical features revealed by spacecraft? A Commission of the International Astronomical Union (the organisation of professional astronomers) oversees and regulates naming. The rules are based on the needs of the astronomical community and reflect its international character and historical traditions. Planetary geographical features have Latin names. Latin is traditional, apolitical, and the closest thing to a universal language in modern history. The major rules are:

1. Nomenclature should be simple, clear, and unambiguous.
2. The number of names chosen for each body should be kept to a minimum, and their placement governed by the requirements of the scientific community.
3. Individual names chosen for each body should be expressed in the language of origin.
4. Where possible, the themes established in early Solar System nomenclature should be used and expanded on.
5. Solar System nomenclature should be international in its choice of names.
6. No names having political, military or religious significance may be used, except for names of political figures prior to the 19th century.
7. Features cannot be named after living people. Persons being so honoured must have been deceased for at least three years.
8. Features cannot be named for any religious figures from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism or Confucianism.

## MEANINGS OF PLANET AND SATELLITE NAMES

NAME	MEANING	NAME	MEANING
<b>Mercury</b>	Named Mercurius by the Romans because it appears to move so swiftly.	Pasiphaë	Wife of Minos, mother of the Minotaur.
<b>Venus</b>	Roman name for the goddess of love. This planet was considered to be the brightest and most beautiful planet or 'star' in the heavens. Other civilizations have named it for their god(ess) of love and/or war.	Sinope	Daughter of the river god Asopus and Merope, she was abducted by Apollo.
<b>Earth</b>	The name Earth comes from the Indo-European base 'er', which produced the Germanic noun 'ertho', and ultimately German 'erde', Dutch 'aarde', Danish and Swedish 'jord', and English 'earth'. Related forms include Greek 'eraze', meaning 'on the ground', and Welsh 'erw', meaning 'a piece of land'.	Lysithea	Daughter of Kadmos, also named Semele, mother of Dionysos by Zeus. According to others, she was the daughter of Evenus and mother of Helenus by Jupiter.
<b>Moon</b>	Every civilization has had a name for the satellite of Earth that is known, in English, as the Moon. The name is of Anglo-Saxon derivation. The Moon is known as Luna in Italian, Latin, and Spanish, as Lune in French, as Mond in German, and as Selene in Greek.	Carme	A nymph and attendant of Artemis; mother, by Zeus, of Britomartis.
<b>Mars</b>	Named by the Romans for their god of war because of its red, bloodlike colour. Other civilizations also named this planet from this attribute; for example, the Egyptians named it 'Her Desher', meaning 'the red one'.	Ananke	Goddess of fate and necessity, mother ofAdrastea by Zeus.
Phobos	Inner satellite of Mars. Named for one of the horses that drew Mars' chariot; also called attendant or son of Mars. Greek word means flight.	Leda	Seduced by Zeus in the form of a swan, she was the mother of Pollux and Helen.
Deimos	Outer Martian satellite and named for one of Mars' horses/sons/ companions. Deimos means fear in Greek.	Thebe	A nymph abducted by Zeus, she is the namesake of the Greek city of Thebes.
Ceres*	The first discovered and largest known asteroid. Discovered by Piazzi in 1801. Named for the old-Italian goddess of agriculture, grain, and the love a mother bears for her child. In later mythology, Ceres is identified with the Greek Demeter. She is the daughter of Saturn and the mother of Proserpina.	Adrastea	A nymph of Crete to whose care Rhea entrusted the infant Zeus.
<b>Jupiter</b>	The largest and most massive of the planets was named Zeus by the Greeks and Jupiter by the Romans; he was the most important deity in both pantheons. Satellites in the Jovian system are named for Zeus/Jupiter's lovers and descendants.	Metis	First wife of Zeus. He swallowed her when she became pregnant; Athena was subsequently born from the forehead of Zeus.
Galileo discovered Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto in 1610. Galileo suggested that the four be known as 'Medicea Sidera' to honour his patron, but the name was not accepted by other astronomers. Instead, they chose names given to the four satellites by Marius (who claimed to have discovered the Jovian satellites shortly before Galileo) in 1613; the names were of four of Jupiter's illicit loves. (Galileo refused to accept Marius' names; instead he identified the moons by Roman numerals, a secondary designation system that has been adopted for all satellite systems to the present.)		Callirrhoe	A daughter of the river god Achelous, wife of Alcmaeon who lost the war for Thebes.
Io	Io, the daughter of Inachus, was changed by Jupiter into a cow to protect her from Hera's jealous wrath. But Hera recognised Io and sent a gadfly to torment her. Io, maddened by the fly, wandered throughout the Mediterranean region.	Themisto	Wife of Athamas, King of Thebes. She tried to kill Ino's children, but killed her own by mistake. There is also another Themisto who was involved in a love affair with Zeus.
Europa	Beautiful daughter of Agenor, king of Tyre, she was seduced by Jupiter, who had assumed the shape of a white bull. When Europa climbed on his back he swam with her to Crete, where she bore several children, including Minos.	Megaclite	Daughter of Macareus, who with Zeus gave birth to Thebe and Locrus.
Ganymede	Beautiful young boy who was carried to Olympus by Jupiter disguised as an eagle. Ganymede then became the cupbearer of the Olympian gods.	Taygete	One of the Greek Pleiades. Daughter of Atlas, mother of Lacedaemon by Zeus.
Callisto	Beautiful daughter of Lycaon, she was seduced by Jupiter, who changed her into a bear to protect her from Hera's jealousy.	Chaldene	Bore the son Solymos with Zeus.
Amalthea	A naiad (a goat in some accounts, a princess of Crete in others) who suckled Zeus (Jupiter) as a young child.	Harpalyke	Daughter and wife of Clymenus. In revenge for this incestuous relationship, she killed the son she bore him, cooked the corpse, and served it to Clymenus. She was transformed into the night bird called Chalkis, and Clymenus hanged himself.
Himalia	A Rhodian nymph who bore three sons of Zeus.	Kalyke	Nymph who bore the handsome son Endymion with Zeus.
Elara	Daughter of King Orchomenus, a paramour of Zeus, and the mother of the giant Tityus.	locaste	Wife of Laius, King of Thebes, and mother of Oedipus. After Laius was killed, locaste unknowingly married her own son Oedipus. When she learned that her husband was her son, she killed herself.
		Erinome	Daughter of Celes, compelled by Venus to fall in love with Zeus.
		Isonoe	A Danaid who bore with Zeus the son Orchomenos or Chrysen.
		Praxidike	Greek goddess of punishment of evil actions, justice, and of retribution.
		Autonoe	Mother of the Graces by Zeus, according to some authorities.
		Thyone	Semele, mother of Dionysos by Zeus. She received the name of Thyone in Hades by Dionysos before he ascended up with her from there to heaven.
		Hermippe	Consort of Zeus and mother of Orchomenos by him.
		Aitne	A Sicilian nymph and lover of Zeus.
		Eurydome	Mother of the Graces by Zeus, according to some authorities.
		Euanthe	Mother of the Graces by Zeus, according to some authorities.
		Euporie	One of the Horae (seasons), a daughter of Jupiter and Themis.
		Orthosie	One of the Horae (seasons), a daughter of Jupiter and Themis.
		Sponde	One of the Horae (seasons), daughter of Jupiter.
		Kale	One of the Graces, a daughter of Zeus, husband of Hephaistos.
		Pasithee	One of the Graces, a daughter of Zeus.
		<b>Saturn</b>	Roman name for the Greek Cronos, father of Zeus/Jupiter. Other civilizations have given other names to Saturn, which is the farthest planet from Earth that can be observed by the naked human eye.

## MEANINGS OF PLANET AND SATELLITE NAMES

NAME	MEANING	NAME	MEANING
<b>Saturn</b>	Most of Saturn's satellites were named for Titans who, according to Greek mythology, were brothers and sisters of Saturn. In Greek mythology, the Titans were a race of godlike giants who were considered to be the personifications of the forces of nature. They were the twelve children (six sons and six daughters) of Gaia and Uranus.  Satellites in the Saturnian system are named for Greco-Roman Titans, descendants of the Titans, the Roman god of the beginning, and giants from Greco-Roman and other mythologies. Gallic, Inuit and Norse names identify three different orbit inclination groups.	Titania	Queen of the fairies in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
Mimas	Named for a Titan felled by Hephaestus (or Ares) in the war between the Titans and Olympian gods.	Oberon	King of the fairies in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
Enceladus	The Giant Enceladus was crushed by Athene in the battle between the Olympian gods and the Titans. Earth piled on top of him became the island of Sicily.	Miranda	Heroine of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.
Tethys	Tethys was the wife of Oceanus and mother of all rivers and Oceanids.	Cordelia	Daughter of Lear in Shakespeare's 'King Lear'.
Dione	Dione was the sister of Cronos and mother (by Zeus) of Aphrodite.	Ophelia	Daughter of Polonius, fiancée of Hamlet in Shakespeare's 'Hamlet, Prince of Denmark'.
Rhea	Daughter of Cronos and mother of Zeus.	Bianca	Daughter of Baptista, sister of Kate in Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew'.
Titan	Discovered and named in 1655 by C. Huygens, who first called it 'Luna Saturni'.	Cressida	Title character in Shakespeare's 'Troilus and Cressida'.
Hyperion	A Titan who married his sister Theia and has three children – Helios, Selene and Eos.	Desdemona	Wife of Othello in Shakespeare's 'Othello, the Moor of Venice'.
Iapetus	A Titan whose wife was Clymene, with whom he had four children – Atlas, Menoetius, Prometheus and Epimetheus.	Juliet	Heroine of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'.
Phoebe	She married her brother Coeus and was the mother of Leto and Asteria. It is said that she owned the oracle of Delphi before Apollo took it over.	Portia	Wife of Brutus in Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'.
Janus	Named for the two-faced Roman god who could look forward and backward at the same time. Shares the same orbit with Epimetheus but they never actually collide.	Rosalind	Daughter of the banished duke in Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'.
Epimetheus	Named for the Greek backward-looking god. Shares the same orbit with Janus but they never actually collide.	Belinda	Character in Pope's 'Rape of the Lock'.
Helene	The daughter of Tityrus, and one of the Amazons. A granddaughter of Kronos, for her beauty she triggered off the Trojan War	Puck	Mischievous spirit in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
Telesto	One of 3,000 Oceanides, water nymphs born to Oceanus and Tethys.	Caliban	Named for the grotesque, brutish slave in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.
Calypso	Daughter of the Titans Oceanus and Tethys and paramour of Odysseus.	Sycorax	Named for Caliban's mother in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.
Atlas	Held the heavens on his shoulders.	Prospero	Named for the rightful Duke of Milan in 'The Tempest'.
Prometheus	Son of the Titan Iapetus, brother of Atlas and Epimetheus, he gave many gifts to humanity, including fire which he stole from Zeus and the gods.	Setebos	Setebos was a new-world (South American) deity's name that Shakespeare popularised as Sycorax's god in 'The Tempest'.
Pandora	Made of clay by Hephaestus at the request of Zeus. She married Epimetheus and opened the box that loosed a host of plagues upon humanity.	Stephano	Named for a drunken butler in 'The Tempest'.
Pan	Son of the Titan Kronos and Rhea. He was half human, half goat – god of pastoralism.	Trinculo	Trinculo is an entertainer without an audience in 'The Tempest'.
Ymir	Ymir is the primordial Norse giant and the progenitor of the race of frost giants.	Perdita	The daughter of Leontes and Hermione in 'The Winter's Tale'.
Paaliaq	An Inuit giant.	Ferdinand	The son of the King of Naples in 'The Tempest'.
Tarvos	A Gallic giant.	Francisco	A lord in 'The Tempest'.
Ijiraq	An Inuit giant.	Mab	Queen Mab, a fairy queen from English folklore who is mentioned in 'Romeo and Juliet'.
Suttungr	Named for a Norse giant who kindled flames that destroyed the world.	Cupid	A character in 'Timon of Athens'.
Kiviuq	An Inuit giant.	Margaret	The servant of Hero in 'Much Ado About Nothing'.
Mundilfari	In Norse myth, there was once a giant named Mundilfari who was married to Glaur. Their children were so beautiful that he named his son Mani (Moon) and his daughter Sol (Sun).	<b>Neptune</b>	Neptune was actually 'observed' as early as 1690 by John Flamsteed, who thought it was a fixed star. It was 'predicted' by John Couch Adams and Urbain Le Verrier who, independently, were able to account for the irregularities in the motion of Uranus by correctly predicting the orbital elements of a trans-Uranian body. Using the predicted parameters of Le Verrier (Adams never published his predictions), Johann Galle observed the planet in 1846. Galle wanted to name the planet for Le Verrier, but that was not acceptable to the international astronomical community. Instead, this planet is named for the Roman god of the sea.  Satellites in the Neptunian system are named for characters from Greek or Roman mythology associated with Neptune /Poseidon or the oceans.
Albiorix	'King of the world'. An alternative name of the Gallic god Teutates. He is the god of war, fertility, and wealth.	Triton	Triton is named for the sea-god son of Poseidon (Neptune) and Amphitrite.
Skathi	A giantess, called the 'snow-shoe goddess', and the embodiment of winter. She is the wife of the god Njord.	Nereid	The Nereids were the fifty daughters of Nereus and Doris and were attendants of Neptune.
Erriapo	A Gallic giant.	Naiad	The name of a group of Greek water nymphs who were guardians of lakes, fountains, springs and rivers.
Siarnaq	An Inuit giant.	Thalassa	Greek sea goddess. Mother of Aphrodite in some legends; others say she bore the Telchines.
Thrymr	Named for a Norse giant.	Despina	Daughter of Poseidon (Neptune) and Demeter.
Daphnis	The son of Hermes and a nymph. He was known as a shepherd and flute player. He is regarded as the inventor of bucolic poetry.	Galatea	One of the Nereids, attendants of Poseidon.
<b>Uranus</b>	Uranus was discovered by William Herschel in 1781. Several astronomers, including Flamsteed and Le Monnier, had observed it earlier but had recorded it as a fixed star. Herschel tried unsuccessfully to name his discovery 'Georgian Sidus' after George III; the planet was named by Johann Bode in 1781 for the father of Saturn. Uranus is the only body in the Solar System with moons not named from classical mythology – its moons are named from works by Shakespeare and Alexander Pope. Any future satellites will follow that naming convention.	Larissa	A lover of Poseidon.
Ariel	A sylph in Pope's 'Rape of the Lock'.	Proteus	Greek sea god, son of Oceanus and Tethys.
Umbriel	A malevolent spirit in Pope's 'Rape of the Lock'.	Pamathe	A Nereid, and with Aeacus the mother of Phocus.
		Pluto*	Discovered in 1930 by American astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, during a systematic search for a trans-Neptune planet predicted by Percival Lowell and William H. Pickering. Named after Greek god of the underworld who was able to render himself invisible.
		Charon	Discovered in 1978 by James W. Christy. Named after the mythological boatman who ferried souls across the river Styx to Pluto for judgement.
		Nix	The goddess of night and the mother of Charon. (Sometimes spelt Nyx.)
		Hydra	The nine-headed monster that guarded Lake Lerna, one of the entrances to the underworld.
		Eris*	Brown, Trujillo, and Rabinowitz discovered Eris on January 5, 2005 in their TNO search programme. Named for the Greek goddess of discord and strife. She is Ares' constant companion and follows him everywhere. Eris is sinister and mean, and her greatest joy is to make trouble.
		Dysnomia	The female Spirit of lawlessness.

**Note:** Moons are listed in order of their discovery.

\* Dwarf planet



**GEOCENTRIC POSITION OF SUN (EPOCH J2000.0)** Note: positions refer to 0000 WAST

MONTH	DAY	RA			DECLINATION			DISTANCE (AU)	CONST.	MONTH	DAY	RA			DECLINATION			DISTANCE (AU)	CONST.
		h	m	s	°	'	''					h	m	s	°	'	''		
January	1	18	42	23.7	-23	04	50	0.983	Sgr	Mar	3	22	52	05.1	-07	12	55	0.991	Aqr
Jan	2	18	46	48.6	-23	00	08	0.983	Sgr	Mar	4	22	55	49.2	-06	49	59	0.991	Aqr
Jan	3	18	51	13.2	-22	54	58	0.983	Sgr	Mar	5	22	59	32.9	-06	26	57	0.992	Aqr
Jan	4	18	55	37.5	-22	49	21	0.983	Sgr	Mar	6	23	03	16.1	-06	03	49	0.992	Aqr
Jan	5	19	00	01.4	-22	43	17	0.983	Sgr	Mar	7	23	06	58.9	-05	40	36	0.992	Aqr
Jan	6	19	04	24.8	-22	36	46	0.983	Sgr	Mar	8	23	10	41.2	-05	17	19	0.992	Aqr
Jan	7	19	08	47.9	-22	29	48	0.983	Sgr	Mar	9	23	14	23.2	-04	53	58	0.993	Aqr
Jan	8	19	13	10.5	-22	22	24	0.983	Sgr	Mar	10	23	18	04.9	-04	30	32	0.993	Aqr
Jan	9	19	17	32.7	-22	14	32	0.983	Sgr	Mar	11	23	21	46.2	-04	07	03	0.993	Aqr
Jan	10	19	21	54.3	-22	06	15	0.983	Sgr	Mar	12	23	25	27.1	-03	43	31	0.993	Aqr
Jan	11	19	26	15.4	-21	57	32	0.983	Sgr	Mar	13	23	29	07.8	-03	19	56	0.994	Aqr
Jan	12	19	30	36.0	-21	48	23	0.983	Sgr	Mar	14	23	32	48.2	-02	56	18	0.994	Psc
Jan	13	19	34	56.0	-21	38	49	0.983	Sgr	Mar	15	23	36	28.3	-02	32	39	0.994	Psc
Jan	14	19	39	15.4	-21	28	49	0.984	Sgr	Mar	16	23	40	08.2	-02	08	58	0.995	Psc
Jan	15	19	43	34.2	-21	18	24	0.984	Sgr	Mar	17	23	43	47.9	-01	45	15	0.995	Psc
Jan	16	19	47	52.3	-21	07	35	0.984	Sgr	Mar	18	23	47	27.4	-01	21	31	0.995	Psc
Jan	17	19	52	09.8	-20	56	21	0.984	Sgr	Mar	19	23	51	06.7	-00	57	47	0.995	Psc
Jan	18	19	56	26.6	-20	44	43	0.984	Sgr	Mar	20	23	54	45.8	-00	34	03	0.996	Psc
Jan	19	20	00	42.7	-20	32	42	0.984	Sgr	Mar	21	23	58	24.7	-00	10	20	0.996	Psc
Jan	20	20	04	58.2	-20	20	17	0.984	Sgr	Mar	22	00	02	03.5	+00	13	24	0.996	Psc
Jan	21	20	09	12.8	-20	07	29	0.984	Cap	Mar	23	00	05	42.2	+00	37	06	0.996	Psc
Jan	22	20	13	26.7	-19	54	19	0.984	Cap	Mar	24	00	09	20.8	+01	00	46	0.997	Psc
Jan	23	20	17	39.9	-19	40	46	0.984	Cap	Mar	25	00	12	59.3	+01	24	25	0.997	Psc
Jan	24	20	21	52.2	-19	26	51	0.984	Cap	Mar	26	00	16	37.8	+01	48	01	0.997	Psc
Jan	25	20	26	03.8	-19	12	35	0.984	Cap	Mar	27	00	20	16.2	+02	11	35	0.998	Psc
Jan	26	20	30	14.5	-18	57	58	0.984	Cap	Mar	28	00	23	54.5	+02	35	06	0.998	Psc
Jan	27	20	34	24.4	-18	42	60	0.985	Cap	Mar	29	00	27	32.9	+02	58	33	0.998	Psc
Jan	28	20	38	33.5	-18	27	42	0.985	Cap	Mar	30	00	31	11.3	+03	21	57	0.998	Psc
Jan	29	20	42	41.8	-18	12	04	0.985	Cap	Mar	31	00	34	49.7	+03	45	17	0.999	Psc
Jan	30	20	46	49.3	-17	56	06	0.985	Cap	April	1	00	38	28.1	+04	08	33	0.999	Psc
Jan	31	20	50	55.9	-17	39	49	0.985	Cap	Apr	2	00	42	06.7	+04	31	44	0.999	Psc
February	1	20	55	01.7	-17	23	13	0.985	Cap	Apr	3	00	45	45.4	+04	54	51	1.000	Psc
Feb	2	20	59	06.7	-17	06	19	0.985	Cap	Apr	4	00	49	24.1	+05	17	52	1.000	Psc
Feb	3	21	03	10.8	-16	49	07	0.985	Cap	Apr	5	00	53	03.1	+05	40	47	1.000	Psc
Feb	4	21	07	14.2	-16	31	37	0.986	Cap	Apr	6	00	56	42.2	+06	03	37	1.000	Psc
Feb	5	21	11	16.7	-16	13	50	0.986	Cap	Apr	7	01	00	21.5	+06	26	20	1.001	Psc
Feb	6	21	15	18.4	-15	55	46	0.986	Cap	Apr	8	01	04	01.0	+06	48	57	1.001	Psc
Feb	7	21	19	19.4	-15	37	26	0.986	Cap	Apr	9	01	07	40.7	+07	11	27	1.001	Psc
Feb	8	21	23	19.5	-15	18	49	0.986	Cap	Apr	10	01	11	20.7	+07	33	50	1.002	Psc
Feb	9	21	27	18.9	-14	59	57	0.986	Cap	Apr	11	01	15	01.0	+07	56	05	1.002	Psc
Feb	10	21	31	17.5	-14	40	50	0.987	Cap	Apr	12	01	18	41.5	+08	18	12	1.002	Psc
Feb	11	21	35	15.3	-14	21	27	0.987	Cap	Apr	13	01	22	22.3	+08	40	12	1.002	Psc
Feb	12	21	39	12.4	-14	01	51	0.987	Cap	Apr	14	01	26	03.5	+09	02	02	1.003	Psc
Feb	13	21	43	08.7	-13	41	60	0.987	Cap	Apr	15	01	29	45.0	+09	23	44	1.003	Psc
Feb	14	21	47	04.3	-13	21	56	0.987	Cap	Apr	16	01	33	26.9	+09	45	16	1.003	Psc
Feb	15	21	50	59.1	-13	01	38	0.988	Cap	Apr	17	01	37	09.1	+10	06	39	1.004	Psc
Feb	16	21	54	53.2	-12	41	07	0.988	Cap	Apr	18	01	40	51.7	+10	27	52	1.004	Psc
Feb	17	21	58	46.6	-12	20	25	0.988	Aqr	Apr	19	01	44	34.7	+10	48	54	1.004	Psc
Feb	18	22	02	39.3	-11	59	30	0.988	Aqr	Apr	20	01	48	18.1	+11	09	46	1.004	Ari
Feb	19	22	06	31.3	-11	38	24	0.988	Aqr	Apr	21	01	52	01.8	+11	30	26	1.005	Ari
Feb	20	22	10	22.6	-11	17	07	0.989	Aqr	Apr	22	01	55	46.0	+11	50	55	1.005	Ari
Feb	21	22	14	13.3	-10	55	39	0.989	Aqr	Apr	23	01	59	30.6	+12	11	12	1.005	Ari
Feb	22	22	18	03.2	-10	34	01	0.989	Aqr	Apr	24	02	03	15.6	+12	31	17	1.005	Ari
Feb	23	22	21	52.5	-10	12	14	0.989	Aqr	Apr	25	02	07	01.1	+12	51	10	1.006	Ari
Feb	24	22	25	41.2	-09	50	17	0.989	Aqr	Apr	26	02	10	47.0	+13	10	49	1.006	Ari
Feb	25	22	29	29.2	-09	28	12	0.990	Aqr	Apr	27	02	14	33.4	+13	30	16	1.006	Ari
Feb	26	22	33	16.6	-09	05	58	0.990	Aqr	Apr	28	02	18	20.3	+13	49	29	1.007	Ari
Feb	27	22	37	03.4	-08	43	36	0.990	Aqr	Apr	29	02	22	07.6	+14	08	29	1.007	Ari
Feb	28	22	40	49.6	-08	21	06	0.990	Aqr	Apr	30	02	25	55.5	+14	27	14	1.007	Ari
March	1	22	44	35.3	-07	58	29	0.991	Aqr	May	1	02	29	43.9	+14	45	45	1.007	Ari
Mar	2	22	48	20.4	-07	35	45	0.991	Aqr	May	2	02	33	32.8	+15	04	02	1.008	Ari

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MONTH	DAY	h	RA	s	DECLINATION	DISTANCE	CONST.	MONTH	DAY	h	RA	s	DECLINATION	DISTANCE	CONST.
			m		° ' "	(AU)					m		° ' "	(AU)	
May	3	02	37	22.2	+15 22 03	1.008	Ari	Jul	3	06	44	50.0	+23 02 18	1.017	Gem
May	4	02	41	12.2	+15 39 50	1.008	Ari	Jul	4	06	48	57.6	+22 57 41	1.017	Gem
May	5	02	45	02.7	+15 57 20	1.008	Ari	Jul	5	06	53	05.0	+22 52 40	1.017	Gem
May	6	02	48	53.8	+16 14 35	1.009	Ari	Jul	6	06	57	12.1	+22 47 14	1.017	Gem
May	7	02	52	45.4	+16 31 34	1.009	Ari	Jul	7	07	01	18.9	+22 41 26	1.017	Gem
May	8	02	56	37.6	+16 48 17	1.009	Ari	Jul	8	07	05	25.3	+22 35 13	1.017	Gem
May	9	03	00	30.5	+17 04 43	1.009	Ari	Jul	9	07	09	31.4	+22 28 37	1.017	Gem
May	10	03	04	23.9	+17 20 52	1.010	Ari	Jul	10	07	13	37.1	+22 21 38	1.017	Gem
May	11	03	08	17.8	+17 36 43	1.010	Ari	Jul	11	07	17	42.4	+22 14 15	1.017	Gem
May	12	03	12	12.4	+17 52 17	1.010	Ari	Jul	12	07	21	47.3	+22 06 29	1.017	Gem
May	13	03	16	07.6	+18 07 33	1.010	Ari	Jul	13	07	25	51.8	+21 58 21	1.017	Gem
May	14	03	20	03.4	+18 22 31	1.010	Ari	Jul	14	07	29	55.8	+21 49 50	1.017	Gem
May	15	03	23	59.7	+18 37 10	1.011	Ari	Jul	15	07	33	59.3	+21 40 56	1.017	Gem
May	16	03	27	56.7	+18 51 30	1.011	Tau	Jul	16	07	38	02.4	+21 31 40	1.017	Gem
May	17	03	31	54.2	+19 05 32	1.011	Tau	Jul	17	07	42	04.9	+21 22 02	1.016	Gem
May	18	03	35	52.2	+19 19 13	1.011	Tau	Jul	18	07	46	06.9	+21 12 02	1.016	Gem
May	19	03	39	50.9	+19 32 36	1.012	Tau	Jul	19	07	50	08.4	+21 01 41	1.016	Gem
May	20	03	43	50.0	+19 45 38	1.012	Tau	Jul	20	07	54	09.3	+20 50 59	1.016	Gem
May	21	03	47	49.8	+19 58 19	1.012	Tau	Jul	21	07	58	09.7	+20 39 55	1.016	Gem
May	22	03	51	50.0	+20 10 41	1.012	Tau	Jul	22	08	02	09.5	+20 28 31	1.016	Cnc
May	23	03	55	50.7	+20 22 41	1.012	Tau	Jul	23	08	06	08.7	+20 16 46	1.016	Cnc
May	24	03	59	52.0	+20 34 21	1.012	Tau	Jul	24	08	10	07.3	+20 04 41	1.016	Cnc
May	25	04	03	53.7	+20 45 39	1.013	Tau	Jul	25	08	14	05.3	+19 52 16	1.016	Cnc
May	26	04	07	56.0	+20 56 36	1.013	Tau	Jul	26	08	18	02.7	+19 39 31	1.016	Cnc
May	27	04	11	58.7	+21 07 11	1.013	Tau	Jul	27	08	21	59.5	+19 26 27	1.016	Cnc
May	28	04	16	01.9	+21 17 24	1.013	Tau	Jul	28	08	25	55.7	+19 13 03	1.016	Cnc
May	29	04	20	05.5	+21 27 15	1.013	Tau	Jul	29	08	29	51.2	+18 59 20	1.015	Cnc
May	30	04	24	09.6	+21 36 44	1.014	Tau	Jul	30	08	33	46.2	+18 45 19	1.015	Cnc
May	31	04	28	14.1	+21 45 50	1.014	Tau	Jul	31	08	37	40.6	+18 30 59	1.015	Cnc
June	1	04	32	19.1	+21 54 34	1.014	Tau	August	1	08	41	34.3	+18 16 21	1.015	Cnc
Jun	2	04	36	24.4	+22 02 55	1.014	Tau	Aug	2	08	45	27.5	+18 01 25	1.015	Cnc
Jun	3	04	40	30.2	+22 10 52	1.014	Tau	Aug	3	08	49	20.1	+17 46 12	1.015	Cnc
Jun	4	04	44	36.3	+22 18 27	1.014	Tau	Aug	4	08	53	12.0	+17 30 41	1.015	Cnc
Jun	5	04	48	42.9	+22 25 38	1.014	Tau	Aug	5	08	57	03.4	+17 14 53	1.015	Cnc
Jun	6	04	52	49.7	+22 32 26	1.015	Tau	Aug	6	09	00	54.2	+16 58 48	1.014	Cnc
Jun	7	04	56	56.9	+22 38 50	1.015	Tau	Aug	7	09	04	44.4	+16 42 26	1.014	Cnc
Jun	8	05	01	04.5	+22 44 51	1.015	Tau	Aug	8	09	08	34.1	+16 25 48	1.014	Cnc
Jun	9	05	05	12.3	+22 50 27	1.015	Tau	Aug	9	09	12	23.2	+16 08 54	1.014	Cnc
Jun	10	05	09	20.5	+22 55 40	1.015	Tau	Aug	10	09	16	11.7	+15 51 45	1.014	Cnc
Jun	11	05	13	28.9	+23 00 28	1.015	Tau	Aug	11	09	19	59.6	+15 34 20	1.014	Cnc
Jun	12	05	17	37.6	+23 04 52	1.015	Tau	Aug	12	09	23	47.0	+15 16 40	1.014	Leo
Jun	13	05	21	46.4	+23 08 52	1.016	Tau	Aug	13	09	27	33.8	+14 58 46	1.013	Leo
Jun	14	05	25	55.5	+23 12 27	1.016	Tau	Aug	14	09	31	20.0	+14 40 37	1.013	Leo
Jun	15	05	30	04.8	+23 15 37	1.016	Tau	Aug	15	09	35	05.7	+14 22 14	1.013	Leo
Jun	16	05	34	14.2	+23 18 23	1.016	Tau	Aug	16	09	38	50.9	+14 03 37	1.013	Leo
Jun	17	05	38	23.7	+23 20 44	1.016	Tau	Aug	17	09	42	35.5	+13 44 47	1.013	Leo
Jun	18	05	42	33.2	+23 22 40	1.016	Tau	Aug	18	09	46	19.6	+13 25 44	1.012	Leo
Jun	19	05	46	42.9	+23 24 12	1.016	Tau	Aug	19	09	50	03.1	+13 06 29	1.012	Leo
Jun	20	05	50	52.5	+23 25 19	1.016	Tau	Aug	20	09	53	46.2	+12 47 01	1.012	Leo
Jun	21	05	55	02.2	+23 26 01	1.016	Tau	Aug	21	09	57	28.7	+12 27 21	1.012	Leo
Jun	22	05	59	11.8	+23 26 18	1.016	Tau	Aug	22	10	01	10.7	+12 07 29	1.012	Leo
Jun	23	06	03	21.4	+23 26 10	1.016	Gem	Aug	23	10	04	52.3	+11 47 26	1.011	Leo
Jun	24	06	07	31.0	+23 25 37	1.016	Gem	Aug	24	10	08	33.4	+11 27 11	1.011	Leo
Jun	25	06	11	40.4	+23 24 40	1.016	Gem	Aug	25	10	12	14.0	+11 06 46	1.011	Leo
Jun	26	06	15	49.7	+23 23 18	1.016	Gem	Aug	26	10	15	54.2	+10 46 11	1.011	Leo
Jun	27	06	19	58.9	+23 21 32	1.017	Gem	Aug	27	10	19	34.0	+10 25 26	1.011	Leo
Jun	28	06	24	07.9	+23 19 20	1.017	Gem	Aug	28	10	23	13.4	+10 04 30	1.010	Leo
Jun	29	06	28	16.8	+23 16 45	1.017	Gem	Aug	29	10	26	52.4	+09 43 25	1.010	Leo
Jun	30	06	32	25.4	+23 13 44	1.017	Gem	Aug	30	10	30	31.0	+09 22 11	1.010	Leo
July	1	06	36	33.8	+23 10 20	1.017	Gem	Aug	31	10	34	09.3	+09 00 48	1.010	Leo
Jul	2	06	40	42.0	+23 06 31	1.017	Gem	September	1	10	37	47.3	+08 39 16	1.009	Leo

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MONTH	DAY	RA			DECLINATION			DISTANCE (AU)	CONST.	MONTH	DAY	RA			DECLINATION			DISTANCE (AU)	CONST.
		h	m	s	°	'	''					h	m	s	°	'	''		
Sep	2	10	41	24.9	+08	17	36	1.009	Leo	Nov	2	14	25	25.5	-14	24	46	0.992	Lib
Sep	3	10	45	02.3	+07	55	47	1.009	Leo	Nov	3	14	29	20.7	-14	43	53	0.992	Lib
Sep	4	10	48	39.4	+07	33	51	1.009	Leo	Nov	4	14	33	16.8	-15	02	46	0.992	Lib
Sep	5	10	52	16.3	+07	11	47	1.009	Leo	Nov	5	14	37	13.7	-15	21	24	0.992	Lib
Sep	6	10	55	53.0	+06	49	36	1.008	Leo	Nov	6	14	41	11.4	-15	39	47	0.992	Lib
Sep	7	10	59	29.4	+06	27	19	1.008	Leo	Nov	7	14	45	10.0	-15	57	54	0.991	Lib
Sep	8	11	03	05.6	+06	04	54	1.008	Leo	Nov	8	14	49	09.4	-16	15	45	0.991	Lib
Sep	9	11	06	41.7	+05	42	24	1.008	Leo	Nov	9	14	53	09.7	-16	33	21	0.991	Lib
Sep	10	11	10	17.6	+05	19	48	1.007	Leo	Nov	10	14	57	10.8	-16	50	39	0.991	Lib
Sep	11	11	13	53.4	+04	57	06	1.007	Leo	Nov	11	15	01	12.8	-17	07	40	0.990	Lib
Sep	12	11	17	29.0	+04	34	20	1.007	Leo	Nov	12	15	05	15.6	-17	24	24	0.990	Lib
Sep	13	11	21	04.5	+04	11	28	1.006	Leo	Nov	13	15	09	19.2	-17	40	50	0.990	Lib
Sep	14	11	24	39.9	+03	48	33	1.006	Leo	Nov	14	15	13	23.8	-17	56	57	0.990	Lib
Sep	15	11	28	15.2	+03	25	33	1.006	Leo	Nov	15	15	17	29.1	-18	12	45	0.989	Lib
Sep	16	11	31	50.4	+03	02	29	1.006	Leo	Nov	16	15	21	35.3	-18	28	15	0.989	Lib
Sep	17	11	35	25.6	+02	39	22	1.005	Leo	Nov	17	15	25	42.3	-18	43	24	0.989	Lib
Sep	18	11	39	00.8	+02	16	13	1.005	Vir	Nov	18	15	29	50.1	-18	58	14	0.989	Lib
Sep	19	11	42	36.0	+01	53	00	1.005	Vir	Nov	19	15	33	58.7	-19	12	43	0.988	Lib
Sep	20	11	46	11.1	+01	29	46	1.005	Vir	Nov	20	15	38	08.2	-19	26	52	0.988	Lib
Sep	21	11	49	46.3	+01	06	29	1.004	Vir	Nov	21	15	42	18.4	-19	40	39	0.988	Lib
Sep	22	11	53	21.5	+00	43	11	1.004	Vir	Nov	22	15	46	29.5	-19	54	05	0.988	Lib
Sep	23	11	56	56.8	+00	19	51	1.004	Vir	Nov	23	15	50	41.3	-20	07	10	0.988	Lib
Sep	24	12	00	32.2	-00	03	29	1.003	Vir	Nov	24	15	54	53.9	-20	19	52	0.987	Lib
Sep	25	12	04	07.7	-00	26	50	1.003	Vir	Nov	25	15	59	07.3	-20	32	11	0.987	Sco
Sep	26	12	07	43.4	-00	50	12	1.003	Vir	Nov	26	16	03	21.4	-20	44	08	0.987	Sco
Sep	27	12	11	19.2	-01	13	33	1.003	Vir	Nov	27	16	07	36.4	-20	55	42	0.987	Sco
Sep	28	12	14	55.2	-01	36	55	1.002	Vir	Nov	28	16	11	52.0	-21	06	53	0.987	Sco
Sep	29	12	18	31.3	-02	00	15	1.002	Vir	Nov	29	16	16	08.4	-21	17	40	0.987	Sco
Sep	30	12	22	07.8	-02	23	35	1.002	Vir	Nov	30	16	20	25.6	-21	28	02	0.986	Sco
October	1	12	25	44.4	-02	46	53	1.001	Vir	December	1	16	24	43.4	-21	38	01	0.986	Oph
Oct	2	12	29	21.4	-03	10	10	1.001	Vir	Dec	2	16	29	01.9	-21	47	34	0.986	Oph
Oct	3	12	32	58.7	-03	33	25	1.001	Vir	Dec	3	16	33	21.1	-21	56	43	0.986	Oph
Oct	4	12	36	36.3	-03	56	38	1.001	Vir	Dec	4	16	37	41.0	-22	05	26	0.986	Oph
Oct	5	12	40	14.2	-04	19	48	1.000	Vir	Dec	5	16	42	01.4	-22	13	44	0.986	Oph
Oct	6	12	43	52.5	-04	42	56	1.000	Vir	Dec	6	16	46	22.5	-22	21	36	0.985	Oph
Oct	7	12	47	31.2	-05	05	59	1.000	Vir	Dec	7	16	50	44.1	-22	29	02	0.985	Oph
Oct	8	12	51	10.3	-05	28	60	0.999	Vir	Dec	8	16	55	06.3	-22	36	02	0.985	Oph
Oct	9	12	54	49.8	-05	51	55	0.999	Vir	Dec	9	16	59	28.9	-22	42	35	0.985	Oph
Oct	10	12	58	29.7	-06	14	47	0.999	Vir	Dec	10	17	03	52.1	-22	48	41	0.985	Oph
Oct	11	13	02	10.1	-06	37	34	0.999	Vir	Dec	11	17	08	15.7	-22	54	21	0.985	Oph
Oct	12	13	05	51.0	-07	00	15	0.998	Vir	Dec	12	17	12	39.7	-22	59	33	0.985	Oph
Oct	13	13	09	32.3	-07	22	50	0.998	Vir	Dec	13	17	17	04.1	-23	04	18	0.985	Oph
Oct	14	13	13	14.2	-07	45	20	0.998	Vir	Dec	14	17	21	28.8	-23	08	35	0.984	Oph
Oct	15	13	16	56.5	-08	07	43	0.997	Vir	Dec	15	17	25	53.9	-23	12	25	0.984	Oph
Oct	16	13	20	39.4	-08	29	59	0.997	Vir	Dec	16	17	30	19.2	-23	15	46	0.984	Oph
Oct	17	13	24	22.9	-08	52	08	0.997	Vir	Dec	17	17	34	44.8	-23	18	41	0.984	Oph
Oct	18	13	28	06.9	-09	14	09	0.997	Vir	Dec	18	17	39	10.6	-23	21	07	0.984	Oph
Oct	19	13	31	51.5	-09	36	02	0.996	Vir	Dec	19	17	43	36.5	-23	23	05	0.984	Oph
Oct	20	13	35	36.6	-09	57	46	0.996	Vir	Dec	20	17	48	02.6	-23	24	35	0.984	Sgr
Oct	21	13	39	22.4	-10	19	22	0.996	Vir	Dec	21	17	52	28.8	-23	25	37	0.984	Sgr
Oct	22	13	43	08.8	-10	40	49	0.995	Vir	Dec	22	17	56	55.0	-23	26	10	0.984	Sgr
Oct	23	13	46	55.9	-11	02	06	0.995	Vir	Dec	23	18	01	21.3	-23	26	16	0.984	Sgr
Oct	24	13	50	43.6	-11	23	13	0.995	Vir	Dec	24	18	05	47.7	-23	25	53	0.984	Sgr
Oct	25	13	54	31.9	-11	44	09	0.995	Vir	Dec	25	18	10	14.0	-23	25	02	0.984	Sgr
Oct	26	13	58	21.0	-12	04	55	0.994	Vir	Dec	26	18	14	40.2	-23	23	43	0.983	Sgr
Oct	27	14	02	10.8	-12	25	30	0.994	Vir	Dec	27	18	19	06.4	-23	21	56	0.983	Sgr
Oct	28	14	06	01.3	-12	45	54	0.994	Vir	Dec	28	18	23	32.5	-23	19	41	0.983	Sgr
Oct	29	14	09	52.6	-13	06	05	0.994	Vir	Dec	29	18	27	58.5	-23	16	57	0.983	Sgr
Oct	30	14	13	44.6	-13	26	05	0.993	Vir	Dec	30	18	32	24.3	-23	13	46	0.983	Sgr
Oct	31	14	17	37.5	-13	45	52	0.993	Vir	Dec	31	18	36	49.9	-23	10	06	0.983	Sgr
November	1	14	21	31.1	-14	05	26	0.993	Vir										

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MONTH	DAY	h	RA	s	DECLINATION	DISTANCE	CONST.	MONTH	DAY	h	RA	s	DECLINATION	DISTANCE	CONST.
			m		° ' "	(1,000km)					m		° ' "	(1,000km)	
January	1	03	58	12.6	+25 26 10	373.7	Tau	Mar	3	09	59	35.0	+14 06 06	399.1	Leo
Jan	2	04	59	26.8	+27 46 11	376.1	Tau	Mar	4	10	44	12.2	+08 41 27	401.5	Leo
Jan	3	06	01	30.8	+28 22 06	379.2	Aur	Mar	5	11	27	03.6	+03 01 41	403.5	Leo
Jan	4	07	02	13.7	+27 14 42	382.9	Gem	Mar	6	12	09	05.0	-02 41 15	405.0	Vir
Jan	5	07	59	45.0	+24 36 09	386.9	Gem	Mar	7	12	51	12.3	-08 16 28	405.7	Vir
Jan	6	08	53	09.9	+20 45 32	391.2	Cnc	Mar	8	13	34	20.3	-13 33 35	405.7	Vir
Jan	7	09	42	30.0	+16 03 24	395.3	Leo	Mar	9	14	19	20.7	-18 21 52	404.8	Vir
Jan	8	10	28	25.1	+10 48 10	398.9	Leo	Mar	10	15	06	58.7	-22 29 36	402.8	Lib
Jan	9	11	11	53.4	+05 14 44	401.8	Leo	Mar	11	15	57	45.0	-25 43 47	399.7	Sco
Jan	10	11	53	59.7	-00 25 04	403.6	Vir	Mar	12	16	51	45.2	-27 50 25	395.5	Sco
Jan	11	12	35	49.7	-06 01 30	404.3	Vir	Mar	13	17	48	29.7	-28 36 05	390.4	Sgr
Jan	12	13	18	28.9	-11 25 34	403.7	Vir	Mar	14	18	46	53.5	-27 50 25	384.5	Sgr
Jan	13	14	03	01.1	-16 27 32	401.7	Vir	Mar	15	19	45	33.1	-25 29 02	378.3	Sgr
Jan	14	14	50	25.6	-20 55 48	398.6	Lib	Mar	16	20	43	14.7	-21 35 12	372.1	Cap
Jan	15	15	41	28.4	-24 35 57	394.5	Lib	Mar	17	21	39	18.4	-16 19 58	366.5	Cap
Jan	16	16	36	27.8	-27 10 58	389.7	Sco	Mar	18	22	33	45.9	-10 00 54	362.0	Aqr
Jan	17	17	34	55.9	-28 23 17	384.7	Oph	Mar	19	23	27	13.3	-03 00 44	359.0	Psc
Jan	18	18	35	31.6	-27 58 54	379.7	Sgr	Mar	20	00	20	38.0	+04 14 13	357.8	Psc
Jan	19	19	36	20.0	-25 52 15	375.2	Sgr	Mar	21	01	15	04.7	+11 15 26	358.6	Psc
Jan	20	20	35	33.6	-22 08 56	371.5	Cap	Mar	22	02	11	29.9	+17 34 12	361.1	Ari
Jan	21	21	32	10.2	-17 04 31	368.8	Cap	Mar	23	03	10	24.1	+22 43 47	365.1	Ari
Jan	22	22	26	03.6	-11 00 41	367.3	Aqr	Mar	24	04	11	32.1	+26 22 33	370.1	Tau
Jan	23	23	17	51.3	-04 21 18	367.0	Aqr	Mar	25	05	13	44.3	+28 17 13	375.6	Tau
Jan	24	00	08	35.8	+02 30 10	367.6	Psc	Mar	26	06	15	12.6	+28 25 21	381.2	Aur
Jan	25	00	59	29.4	+09 11 30	369.0	Psc	Mar	27	07	14	09.3	+26 55 12	386.6	Gem
Jan	26	01	51	42.4	+15 21 38	371.0	Ari	Mar	28	08	09	25.2	+24 02 14	391.4	Cnc
Jan	27	02	46	11.2	+20 40 12	373.4	Ari	Mar	29	09	00	42.0	+20 04 44	395.7	Cnc
Jan	28	03	43	22.7	+24 47 52	376.1	Tau	Mar	30	09	48	22.4	+15 20 17	399.2	Leo
Jan	29	04	42	57.0	+27 27 51	378.9	Tau	Mar	31	10	33	12.4	+10 04 21	401.9	Leo
Jan	30	05	43	41.1	+28 29 12	381.9	Tau	April	1	11	16	07.5	+04 30 08	404.0	Leo
Jan	31	06	43	45.7	+27 49 56	385.1	Gem	Apr	2	11	58	05.1	-01 10 49	405.4	Vir
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Feb	6	11	39	42.1	+01 20 27	403.2	Vir	Apr	8	16	36	53.4	-27 18 28	399.5	Sco
Feb	7	12	21	38.8	-04 20 27	404.6	Vir	Apr	9	17	32	10.4	-28 26 20	395.7	Oph
Feb	8	13	03	55.6	-09 50 29	404.9	Vir	Apr	10	18	29	00.2	-28 08 22	391.1	Sgr
Feb	9	13	47	32.4	-14 59 58	404.2	Vir	Apr	11	19	26	08.3	-26 20 19	385.7	Sgr
Feb	10	14	33	26.4	-19 38 23	402.2	Lib	Apr	12	20	22	27.8	-23 04 07	379.9	Cap
Feb	11	15	22	26.8	-23 33 23	399.0	Lib	Apr	13	21	17	20.8	-18 27 37	373.9	Cap
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Feb	14	18	10	15.7	-28 27 56	383.6	Sgr	Apr	16	23	55	52.6	+00 54 46	359.5	Psc
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Feb	16	20	10	25.2	-23 58 30	372.2	Cap	Apr	18	01	45	34.1	+14 46 37	357.3	Psc
Feb	17	21	08	33.4	-19 22 22	367.4	Cap	Apr	19	02	44	34.1	+20 35 13	359.1	Ari
Feb	18	22	04	25.1	-13 32 32	363.9	Aqr	Apr	20	03	46	37.4	+25 00 08	362.7	Tau
Feb	19	22	58	15.5	-06 52 20	361.9	Aqr	Apr	21	04	50	41.0	+27 39 60	367.6	Tau
Feb	20	23	50	52.5	+00 12 14	361.5	Psc	Apr	22	05	54	43.5	+28 25 58	373.4	Tau
Feb	21	00	43	20.3	+07 14 40	362.7	Psc	Apr	23	06	56	27.6	+27 23 32	379.6	Gem
Feb	22	01	36	45.3	+13 49 30	365.2	Psc	Apr	24	07	54	14.3	+24 49 06	385.7	Gem
Feb	23	02	32	02.0	+19 33 06	368.6	Ari	Apr	25	08	47	28.9	+21 03 42	391.3	Cnc
Feb	24	03	29	37.7	+24 04 31	372.7	Tau	Apr	26	09	36	30.5	+16 27 36	396.1	Leo
Feb	25	04	29	16.3	+27 07 00	377.1	Tau	Apr	27	10	22	09.5	+11 17 57	400.0	Leo
Feb	26	05	29	53.0	+28 30 23	381.4	Tau	Apr	28	11	05	28.2	+05 48 29	403.0	Leo
Feb	27	06	29	49.2	+28 13 07	385.6	Aur	Apr	29	11	47	30.4	+00 10 32	404.9	Vir
Feb	28	07	27	27.2	+26 22 42	389.5	Gem	Apr	30	12	29	17.8	-05 25 51	406.0	Vir
March	1	08	21	43.4	+23 13 13	393.1	Cnc	May	1	13	11	48.3	-10 50 42	406.2	Vir
Mar	2	09	12	19.5	+19 01 56	396.3	Cnc	May	2	13	55	55.1	-15 53 23	405.7	Vir

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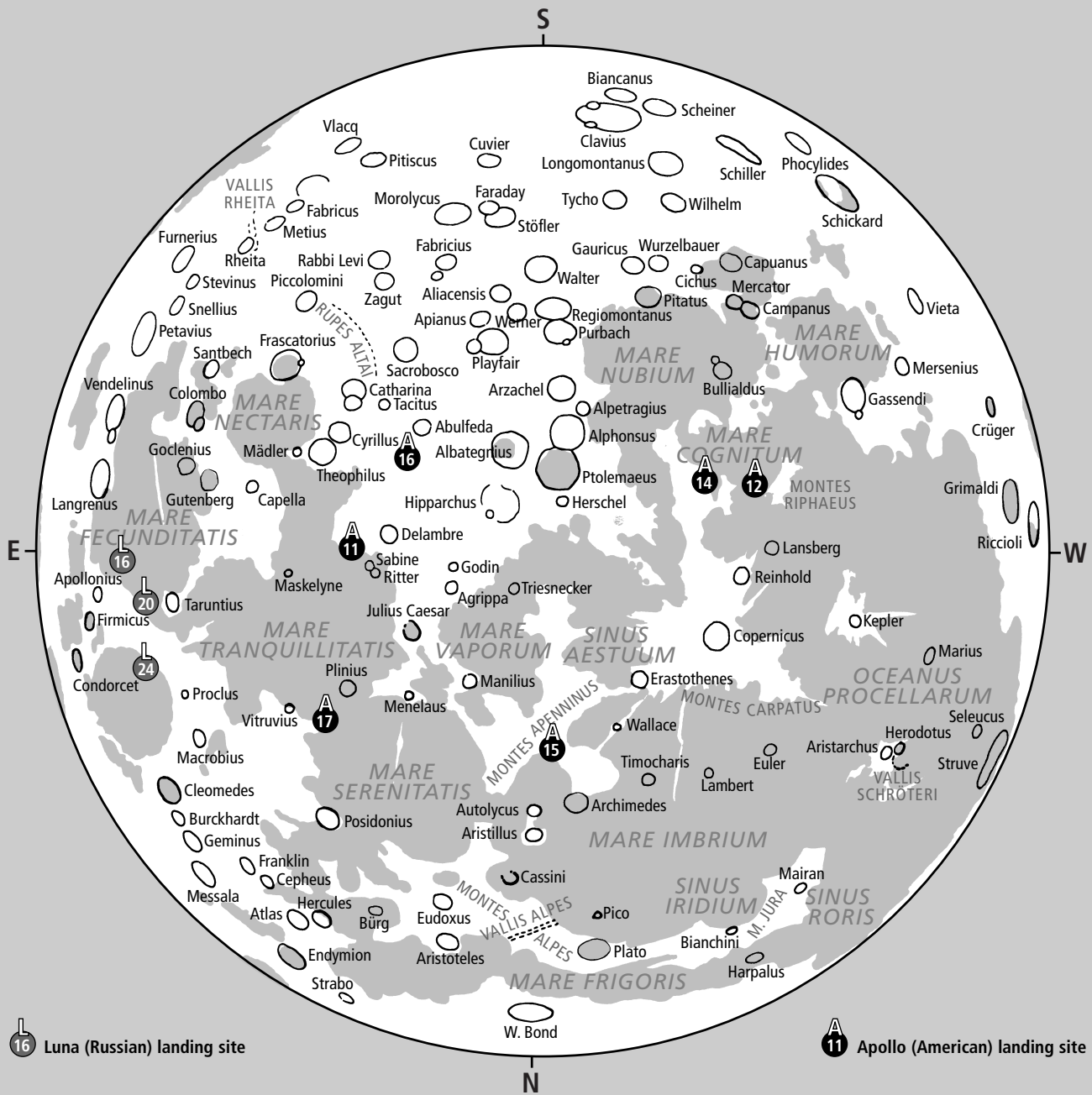
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May	3	14	42	23.1	-20	21	56	404.5	Lib	Jul	3	20	35	26.5	-21	29	33	382.0	Cap
May	4	15	31	42.9	-24	03	05	402.8	Lib	Jul	4	21	28	41.1	-16	39	19	378.9	Cap
May	5	16	24	00.9	-26	42	55	400.4	Sco	Jul	5	22	19	47.8	-10	55	47	376.1	Aqr
May	6	17	18	50.7	-28	08	30	397.5	Oph	Jul	6	23	09	28.8	-04	37	00	373.7	Aqr
May	7	18	15	12.5	-28	10	15	394.1	Sgr	Jul	7	23	58	47.0	+01	58	39	371.7	Psc
May	8	19	11	47.9	-26	44	07	390.1	Sgr	Jul	8	00	48	55.4	+08	32	15	370.1	Psc
May	9	20	07	25.3	-23	52	28	385.6	Sgr	Jul	9	01	41	08.4	+14	43	30	369.0	Psc
May	10	21	01	22.7	-19	43	15	380.7	Cap	Jul	10	02	36	29.2	+20	10	06	368.5	Ari
May	11	21	53	36.6	-14	28	21	375.7	Cap	Jul	11	03	35	30.3	+24	28	09	368.7	Tau
May	12	22	44	37.9	-08	22	16	370.7	Aqr	Jul	12	04	37	47.9	+27	14	60	369.8	Tau
May	13	23	35	22.1	-01	41	49	366.2	Psc	Jul	13	05	41	48.0	+28	14	36	371.7	Tau
May	14	00	26	59.4	+05	13	10	362.6	Psc	Jul	14	06	45	08.1	+27	23	09	374.6	Gem
May	15	01	20	44.4	+11	59	02	360.2	Psc	Jul	15	07	45	32.7	+24	50	46	378.2	Gem
May	16	02	17	42.5	+18	08	05	359.4	Ari	Jul	16	08	41	42.5	+20	57	31	382.5	Cnc
May	17	03	18	26.4	+23	10	14	360.3	Ari	Jul	17	09	33	25.6	+16	06	56	387.2	Leo
May	18	04	22	27.6	+26	37	38	363.0	Tau	Jul	18	10	21	17.6	+10	40	50	391.8	Leo
May	19	05	28	00.4	+28	11	42	367.2	Tau	Jul	19	11	06	18.0	+04	57	10	396.1	Leo
May	20	06	32	28.9	+27	49	09	372.6	Gem	Jul	20	11	49	33.6	-00	50	01	399.7	Vir
May	21	07	33	30.3	+25	42	17	378.5	Gem	Jul	21	12	32	11.2	-06	29	35	402.4	Vir
May	22	08	29	48.1	+22	12	55	384.6	Cnc	Jul	22	13	15	14.8	-11	51	57	403.9	Vir
May	23	09	21	17.8	+17	44	43	390.4	Cnc	Jul	23	13	59	44.5	-16	47	40	404.1	Vir
May	24	10	08	43.1	+12	38	21	395.5	Leo	Jul	24	14	46	33.0	-21	06	20	403.1	Lib
May	25	10	53	08.9	+07	10	03	399.7	Leo	Jul	25	15	36	19.6	-24	35	53	400.9	Lib
May	26	11	35	45.2	+01	32	15	402.8	Leo	Jul	26	16	29	18.8	-27	02	42	397.7	Sco
May	27	12	17	40.1	-04	04	53	404.7	Vir	Jul	27	17	25	08.6	-28	13	06	393.6	Oph
May	28	12	59	57.5	-09	32	06	405.5	Vir	Jul	28	18	22	46.9	-27	56	07	389.2	Sgr
May	29	13	43	36.8	-14	39	42	405.2	Vir	Jul	29	19	20	45.2	-26	06	47	384.6	Sgr
May	30	14	29	30.1	-19	16	37	404.1	Lib	Jul	30	20	17	38.0	-22	48	16	380.2	Cap
May	31	15	18	16.1	-23	10	01	402.2	Lib	Jul	31	21	12	31.7	-18	11	31	376.4	Cap
June	1	16	10	10.5	-26	05	38	399.8	Sco	August	1	22	05	15.7	-12	33	02	373.2	Aqr
Jun	2	17	04	54.6	-27	49	21	397.0	Oph	Aug	2	22	56	17.5	-06	12	28	370.9	Aqr
Jun	3	18	01	30.8	-28	09	53	393.8	Sgr	Aug	3	23	46	30.1	+00	29	26	369.5	Psc
Jun	4	18	58	34.6	-27	01	43	390.5	Sgr	Aug	4	00	37	00.2	+07	11	30	368.9	Psc
Jun	5	19	54	41.6	-24	26	37	387.0	Sgr	Aug	5	01	28	57.8	+13	32	18	369.0	Psc
Jun	6	20	48	55.6	-20	33	06	383.3	Cap	Aug	6	02	23	24.8	+19	10	00	369.7	Ari
Jun	7	21	41	01.9	-15	34	06	379.6	Cap	Aug	7	03	20	59.1	+23	42	33	371.0	Ari
Jun	8	22	31	24.5	-09	44	49	375.8	Aqr	Aug	8	04	21	33.4	+26	49	26	372.6	Tau
Jun	9	23	20	55.1	-03	21	31	372.2	Aqr	Aug	9	05	24	00.9	+28	15	14	374.8	Tau
Jun	10	00	10	42.1	+03	18	23	369.0	Psc	Aug	10	06	26	25.3	+27	54	03	377.3	Gem
Jun	11	01	02	02.0	+09	55	20	366.3	Psc	Aug	11	07	26	41.9	+25	51	42	380.3	Gem
Jun	12	01	56	09.4	+16	06	39	364.5	Ari	Aug	12	08	23	23.6	+22	23	52	383.6	Cnc
Jun	13	02	53	59.9	+21	26	14	363.8	Ari	Aug	13	09	16	00.8	+17	51	18	387.2	Cnc
Jun	14	03	55	44.4	+25	26	42	364.4	Tau	Aug	14	10	04	52.6	+12	35	09	391.0	Leo
Jun	15	05	00	21.6	+27	44	24	366.4	Tau	Aug	15	10	50	46.4	+06	54	15	394.8	Leo
Jun	16	06	05	36.8	+28	06	50	369.8	Aur	Aug	16	11	34	41.3	+01	04	19	398.3	Leo
Jun	17	07	08	48.9	+26	37	18	374.2	Gem	Aug	17	12	17	39.0	-04	41	48	401.2	Vir
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Jun	19	09	02	13.6	+19	18	12	384.9	Cnc	Aug	19	13	44	41.0	-15	19	43	404.5	Vir
Jun	20	09	51	59.2	+14	16	24	390.3	Leo	Aug	20	14	30	34.1	-19	51	26	404.5	Lib
Jun	21	10	38	09.0	+08	47	26	395.2	Leo	Aug	21	15	19	00.7	-23	37	17	403.2	Lib
Jun	22	11	21	52.3	+03	06	28	399.3	Leo	Aug	22	16	10	24.1	-26	25	07	400.7	Sco
Jun	23	12	04	19.7	-02	34	53	402.3	Vir	Aug	23	17	04	39.2	-28	02	17	397.0	Oph
Jun	24	12	46	39.3	-08	07	02	404.0	Vir	Aug	24	18	01	05.6	-28	17	24	392.4	Sgr
Jun	25	13	29	55.1	-13	20	51	404.6	Vir	Aug	25	18	58	33.1	-27	02	59	387.1	Sgr
Jun	26	14	15	05.1	-18	06	27	403.9	Vir	Aug	26	19	55	42.3	-24	17	53	381.6	Sgr
Jun	27	15	02	57.6	-22	12	14	402.2	Lib	Aug	27	20	51	31.5	-20	08	18	376.3	Cap
Jun	28	15	54	01.8	-25	24	39	399.6	Sco	Aug	28	21	45	34.6	-14	47	05	371.6	Cap
Jun	29	16	48	15.2	-27	29	10	396.4	Sco	Aug	29	22	38	03.4	-08	32	09	367.9	Aqr
Jun	30	17	44	54.3	-28	12	35	392.8	Sgr	Aug	30	23	29	39.0	-01	44	49	365.4	Psc
July	1	18	42	38.7	-27	26	24	389.1	Sgr	Aug	31	00	21	20.3	+05	11	28	364.2	Psc
Jul	2	19	39	54.4	-25	09	42	385.5	Sgr	September	1	01	14	12.5	+11	52	10	364.4	Psc



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MONTH	DAY	h	RA	s	DECLINATION	DISTANCE	CONST.	MONTH	DAY	h	RA	s	DECLINATION	DISTANCE	CONST.
			m		° ' "	(1,000km)					m		° ' "	(1,000km)	
Sep	2	02	09	15.0	+17 52 24	365.8	Ari	Nov	2	08	36	20.9	+21 07 27	383.3	Cnc
Sep	3	03	07	04.5	+22 48 10	368.1	Ari	Nov	3	09	27	29.1	+16 26 31	388.9	Leo
Sep	4	04	07	36.5	+26 18 18	371.0	Tau	Nov	4	10	14	47.7	+11 10 34	393.9	Leo
Sep	5	05	09	51.0	+28 07 38	374.4	Tau	Nov	5	10	59	22.9	+05 35 33	398.0	Leo
Sep	6	06	12	01.6	+28 10 28	378.0	Aur	Nov	6	11	42	23.1	-00 05 50	401.3	Vir
Sep	7	07	12	12.0	+26 32 02	381.6	Gem	Nov	7	12	24	52.7	-05 42 43	403.8	Vir
Sep	8	08	08	58.0	+23 26 36	385.2	Cnc	Nov	8	13	07	50.6	-11 04 58	405.5	Vir
Sep	9	09	01	48.3	+19 13 09	388.8	Cnc	Nov	9	13	52	08.6	-16 02 06	406.4	Vir
Sep	10	09	50	57.7	+14 11 24	392.2	Leo	Nov	10	14	38	28.2	-20 22 54	406.7	Lib
Sep	11	10	37	08.9	+08 39 23	395.5	Leo	Nov	11	15	27	15.3	-23 55 22	406.3	Lib
Sep	12	11	21	17.3	+02 52 46	398.5	Leo	Nov	12	16	18	32.0	-26 27 27	405.2	Sco
Sep	13	12	04	20.9	-02 55 03	401.2	Vir	Nov	13	17	11	51.6	-27 48 29	403.5	Oph
Sep	14	12	47	16.6	-08 32 14	403.4	Vir	Nov	14	18	06	20.1	-27 51 04	401.0	Sgr
Sep	15	13	30	57.9	-13 47 52	404.9	Vir	Nov	15	19	00	50.1	-26 32 38	397.8	Sgr
Sep	16	14	16	12.7	-18 31 19	405.6	Vir	Nov	16	19	54	22.2	-23 55 46	393.8	Sgr
Sep	17	15	03	40.1	-22 31 38	405.3	Lib	Nov	17	20	46	22.9	-20 07 21	389.1	Cap
Sep	18	15	53	43.9	-25 37 24	403.9	Sco	Nov	18	21	36	51.4	-15 17 06	383.8	Cap
Sep	19	16	46	24.6	-27 37 05	401.3	Sco	Nov	19	22	26	16.6	-09 36 31	378.1	Aqr
Sep	20	17	41	13.7	-28 20 15	397.5	Oph	Nov	20	23	15	30.6	-03 18 50	372.3	Psc
Sep	21	18	37	16.5	-27 39 16	392.7	Sgr	Nov	21	00	05	41.1	+03 20 09	366.9	Psc
Sep	22	19	33	26.4	-25 31 12	387.1	Sgr	Nov	22	00	58	04.3	+10 00 33	362.3	Psc
Sep	23	20	28	46.6	-21 58 43	381.0	Cap	Nov	23	01	53	54.8	+16 17 12	358.9	Ari
Sep	24	21	22	47.6	-17 10 04	374.9	Cap	Nov	24	02	54	04.6	+21 39 51	357.3	Ari
Sep	25	22	15	33.3	-11 18 30	369.2	Aqr	Nov	25	03	58	30.8	+25 36 31	357.6	Tau
Sep	26	23	07	37.1	-04 41 38	364.5	Aqr	Nov	26	05	05	44.8	+27 41 03	359.9	Tau
Sep	27	23	59	52.8	+02 18 49	361.2	Psc	Nov	27	06	13	01.0	+27 42 10	363.8	Gem
Sep	28	00	53	24.1	+09 17 30	359.6	Psc	Nov	28	07	17	21.9	+25 47 43	369.1	Gem
Sep	29	01	49	12.5	+15 46 24	359.7	Ari	Nov	29	08	16	53.4	+22 19 57	375.2	Cnc
Sep	30	02	47	59.3	+21 16 49	361.5	Ari	Nov	30	09	11	09.0	+17 46 07	381.6	Cnc
October	1	03	49	43.0	+25 22 30	364.7	Tau	December	1	10	00	46.3	+12 31 04	387.8	Leo
Oct	2	04	53	21.9	+27 44 18	368.9	Tau	Dec	2	10	46	53.2	+06 54 23	393.3	Leo
Oct	3	05	57	00.9	+28 14 26	373.7	Tau	Dec	3	11	30	44.6	+01 10 42	398.0	Leo
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Oct	13	14	03	40.1	-17 13 05	406.3	Vir	Dec	13	19	41	58.2	-24 26 53	395.2	Sgr
Oct	14	14	50	30.5	-21 25 08	406.5	Lib	Dec	14	20	34	16.9	-20 52 21	391.7	Cap
Oct	15	15	39	47.0	-24 45 33	405.9	Lib	Dec	15	21	24	39.9	-16 16 17	387.9	Cap
Oct	16	16	31	29.7	-27 02 54	404.3	Sco	Dec	16	22	13	28.0	-10 51 19	383.7	Aqr
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Oct	19	19	14	57.0	-26 13 13	393.7	Sgr	Dec	19	00	39	24.1	+07 57 32	370.3	Psc
Oct	20	20	09	05.6	-23 14 13	388.3	Cap	Dec	20	01	31	54.9	+14 09 41	366.4	Psc
Oct	21	21	01	58.9	-19 00 56	382.2	Cap	Dec	21	02	28	23.4	+19 43 06	363.2	Ari
Oct	22	21	53	39.9	-13 43 16	375.9	Cap	Dec	22	03	29	26.8	+24 09 26	361.3	Tau
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Oct	25	00	28	24.2	+06 07 24	360.0	Psc	Dec	25	06	48	11.7	+26 47 19	365.0	Gem
Oct	26	01	23	24.6	+12 53 12	357.4	Psc	Dec	26	07	50	58.8	+23 52 35	369.3	Gem
Oct	27	02	21	51.5	+18 56 49	356.8	Ari	Dec	27	08	48	46.5	+19 35 35	374.6	Cnc
Oct	28	03	24	04.6	+23 46 34	358.1	Ari	Dec	28	09	41	33.1	+14 24 22	380.5	Leo
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MAP OF THE MOON



MOON PHASES

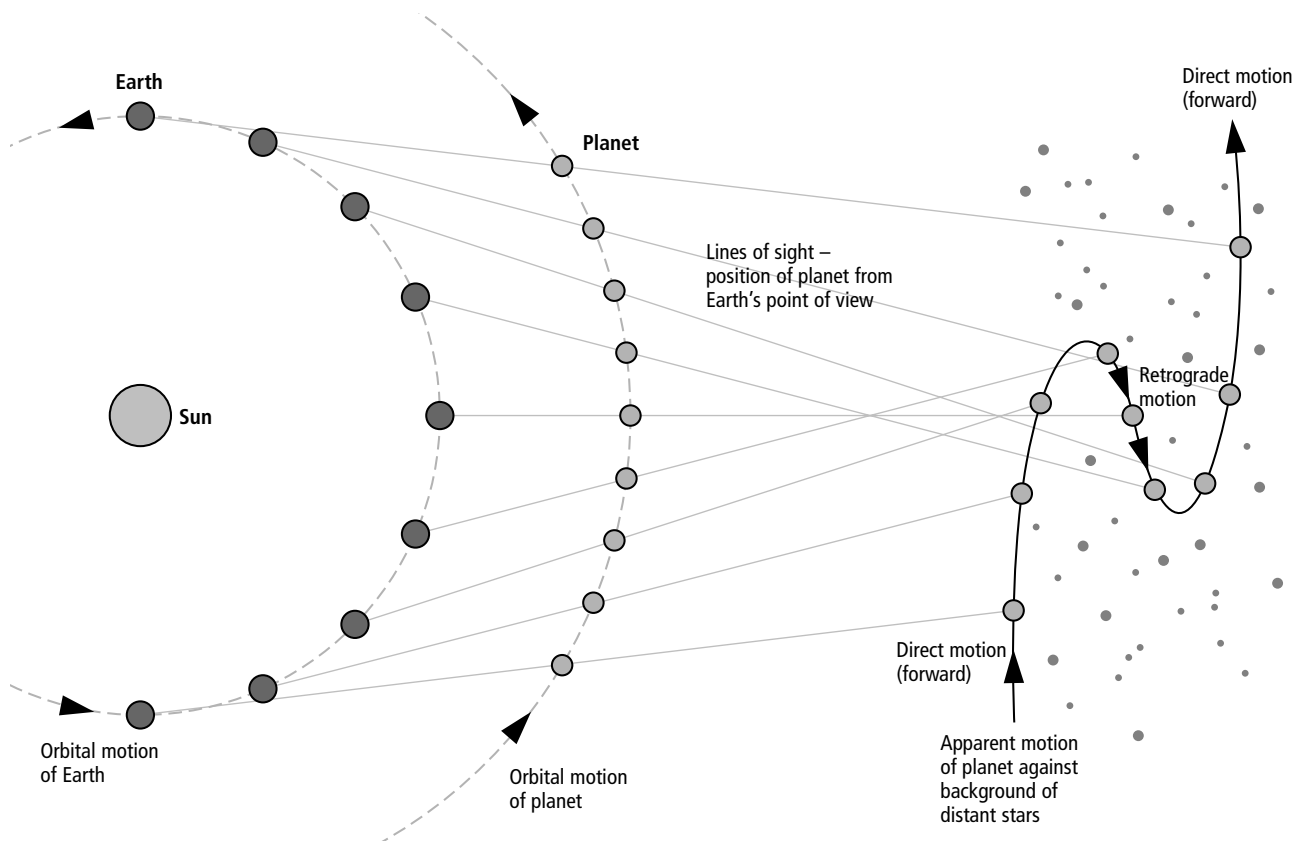
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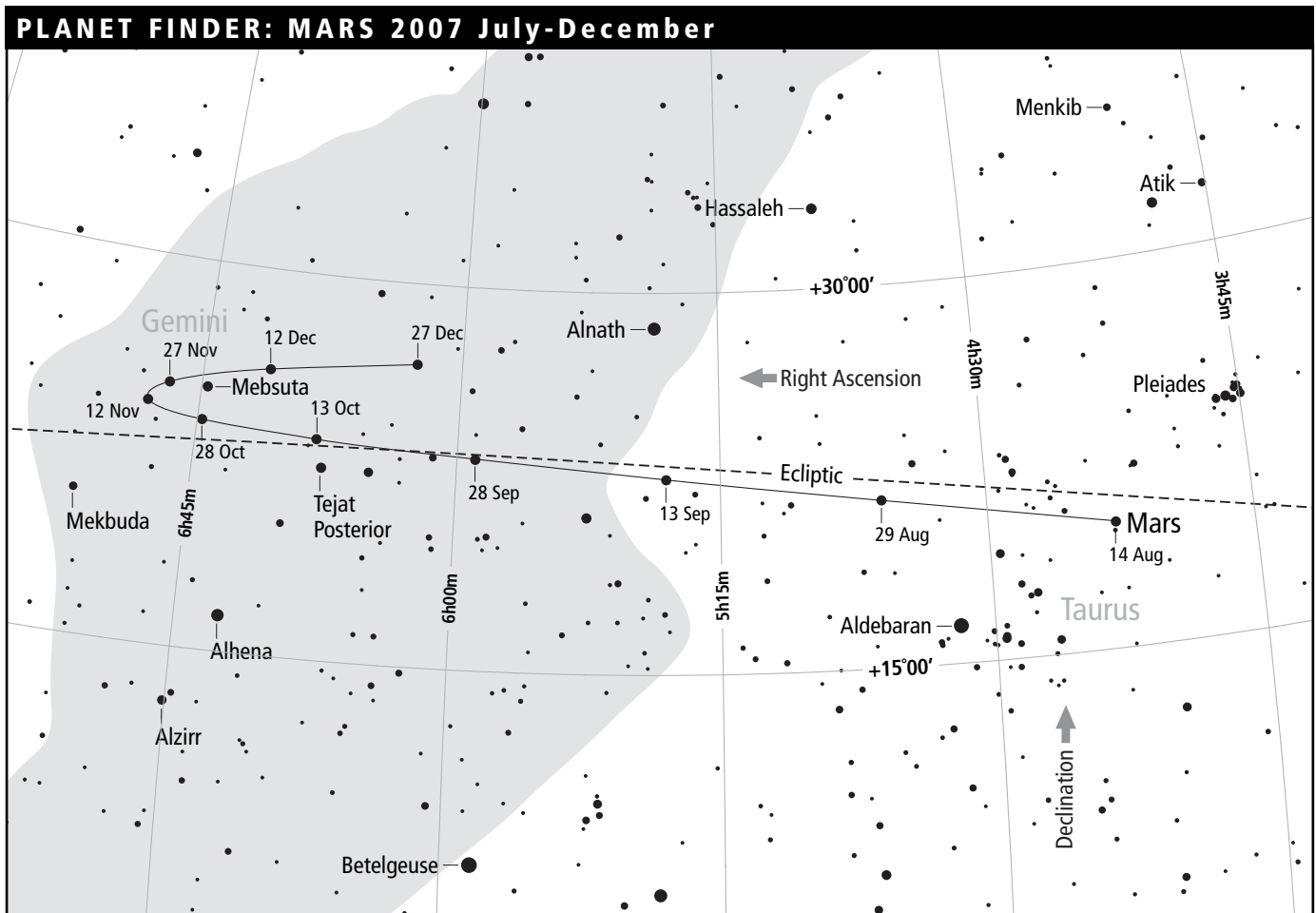
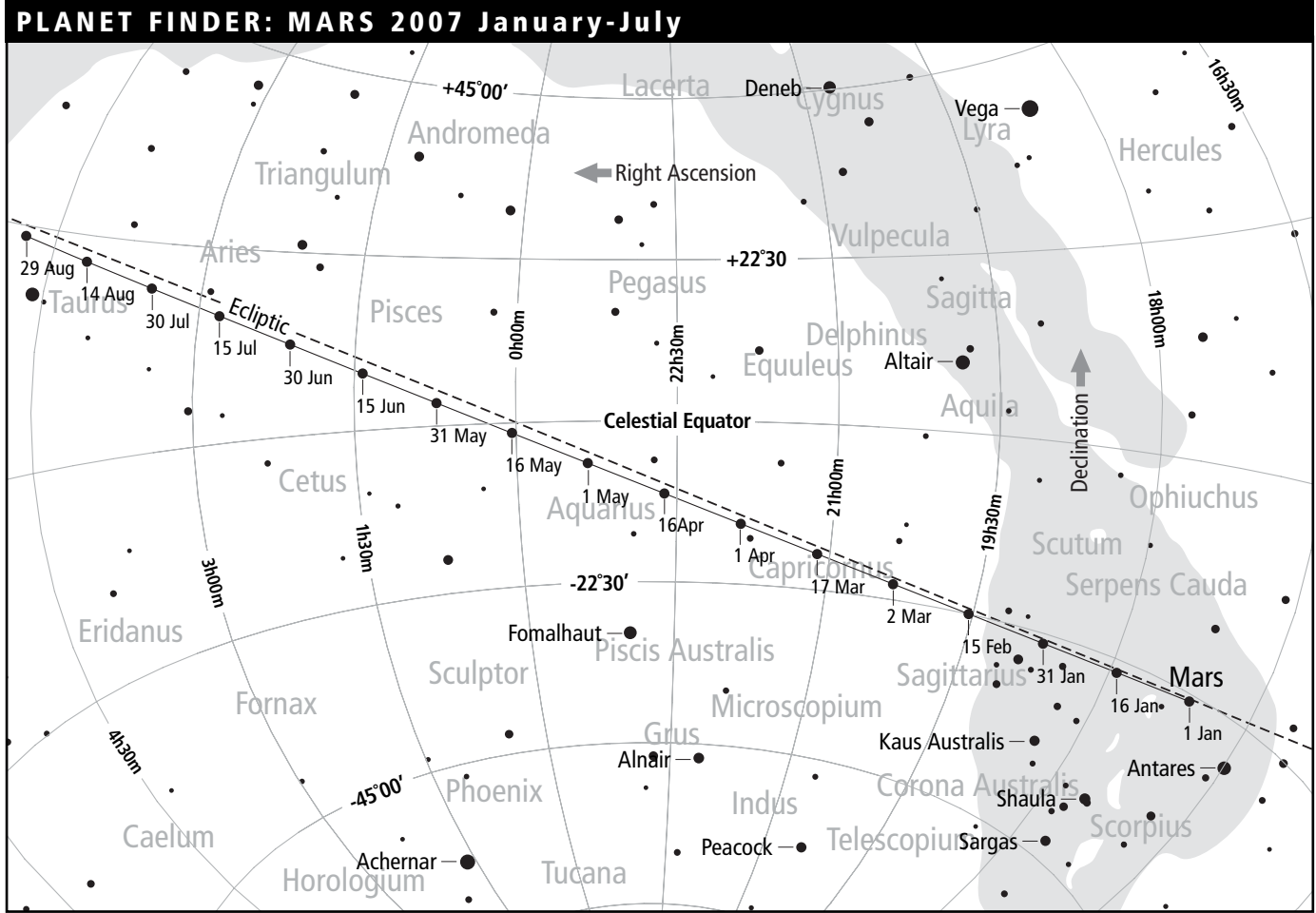
## Moon Facts

1. The Moon was probably created when an object the size of Mars crashed into Earth, shortly after the Solar System began forming about 4.5 billion years ago.
2. The Moon always shows us the same face. Long ago, the Earth's gravity slowed the Moon's rotation about its axis. Once the Moon's rotation slowed enough to match its orbital period (the time it takes the Moon to go around Earth) the effect steadied. Many of the innermost moons around other planets behave similarly.
3. The Moon's heavily cratered surface is the result of intense bombardment by space rocks between 4.3 billion and 3.8 billion years ago. The craters are scars from this event. They have not changed much because, the Moon is not very geologically active, so earthquakes, volcanoes and mountain-building don't destroy the landscape as they do on Earth, and with virtually no atmosphere there is no wind or rain, so very little erosion occurs.
4. The Moon probably has a small core that is hot and perhaps partially molten, as is Earth's core. It's between 2 and 4 percent of its mass which is tiny compared with Earth, in which the iron core makes up about 30 percent of the planet's mass.
5. Tides on Earth are caused mostly by the Moon (the Sun has a smaller effect). The Moon's gravity pulls on Earth's oceans. High tide aligns with the Moon as Earth spins underneath. Another high tide occurs on the opposite side of the Earth because gravity pulls the Earth toward the Moon more than it pulls the water. At Full Moon and New Moon, the Sun, Earth and Moon are lined up, producing the higher than normal tides (called spring tides, for the way they spring up). When the Moon is at first or last quarter, smaller neap tides form. The Moon's 29.5-day orbit around Earth is not quite circular. When the Moon is closest to Earth (called its perigee), spring tides are even higher, and they're called perigean spring tides. This has another interesting effect: Some of Earth's rotational energy is lost to the Moon, causing our planet to slow down so that the day lengthens by about 1.5 milliseconds every century.
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7. Apollo astronauts used seismometers during their visits to the Moon and discovered small moonquakes originating several kilometres below the surface. They are thought to be caused by the gravitational pull of Earth. Sometimes tiny fractures appear at the surface, and gas escapes.
8. The Moon is moving away from the Earth. Each year, the Moon 'steals' some of Earth's rotational energy, and uses it to propel itself about 38 mm higher in its orbit. When it formed, the Moon was about 22,500 km from Earth, but it's now more than 380,000 km away.
9. The Moon's orbit lies approximately in the same plane as the Earth's about the Sun. At Last Quarter phase the Moon's orbital position is at its furthest ahead of the Earth. The location of the Moon is also within about 5° of the direction that the Earth is heading at that time.

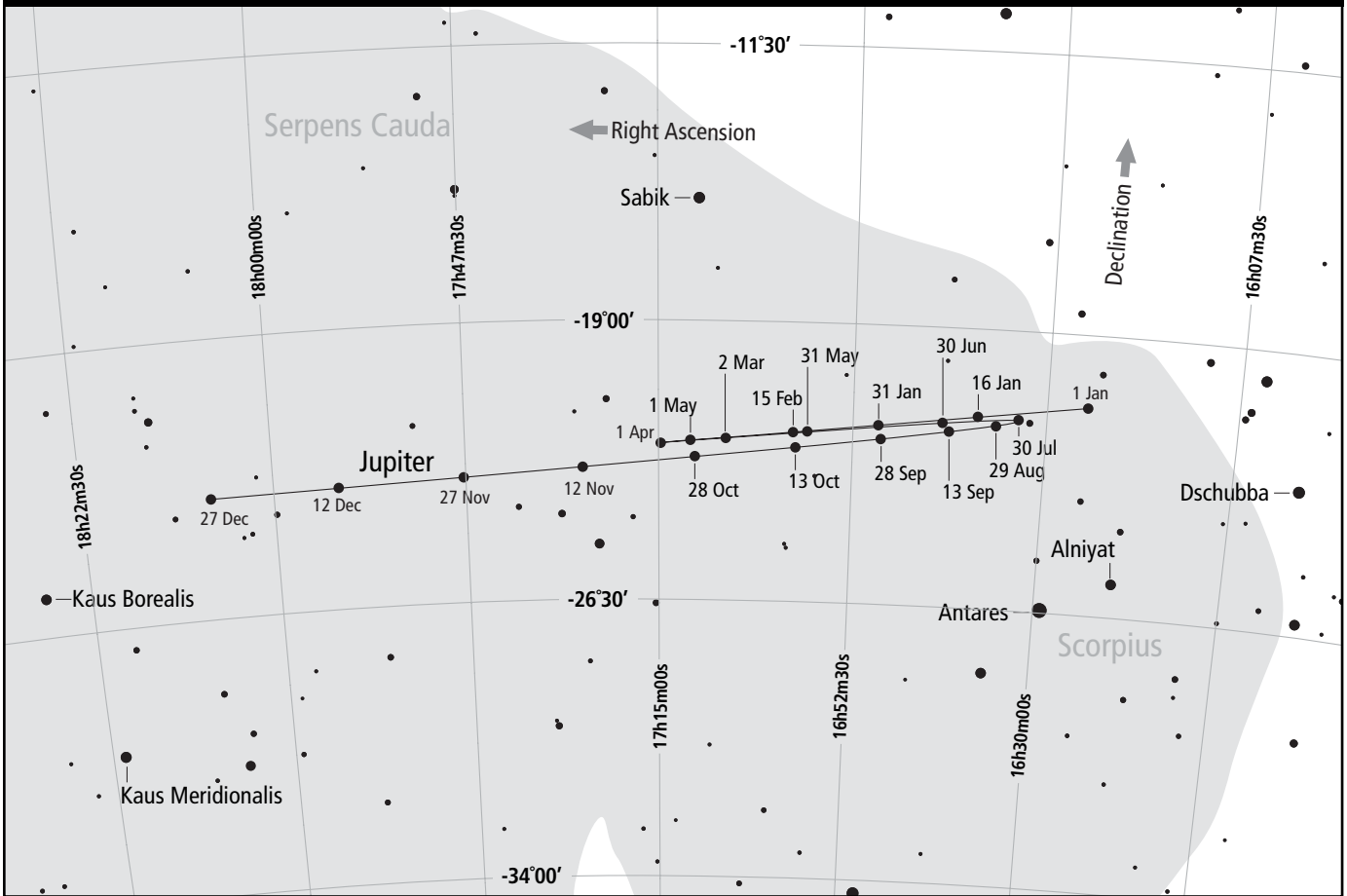
## The Wandering Planets

Diagram showing how the sky motion of a planet arises because of its different orbital speed to that of the Earth.

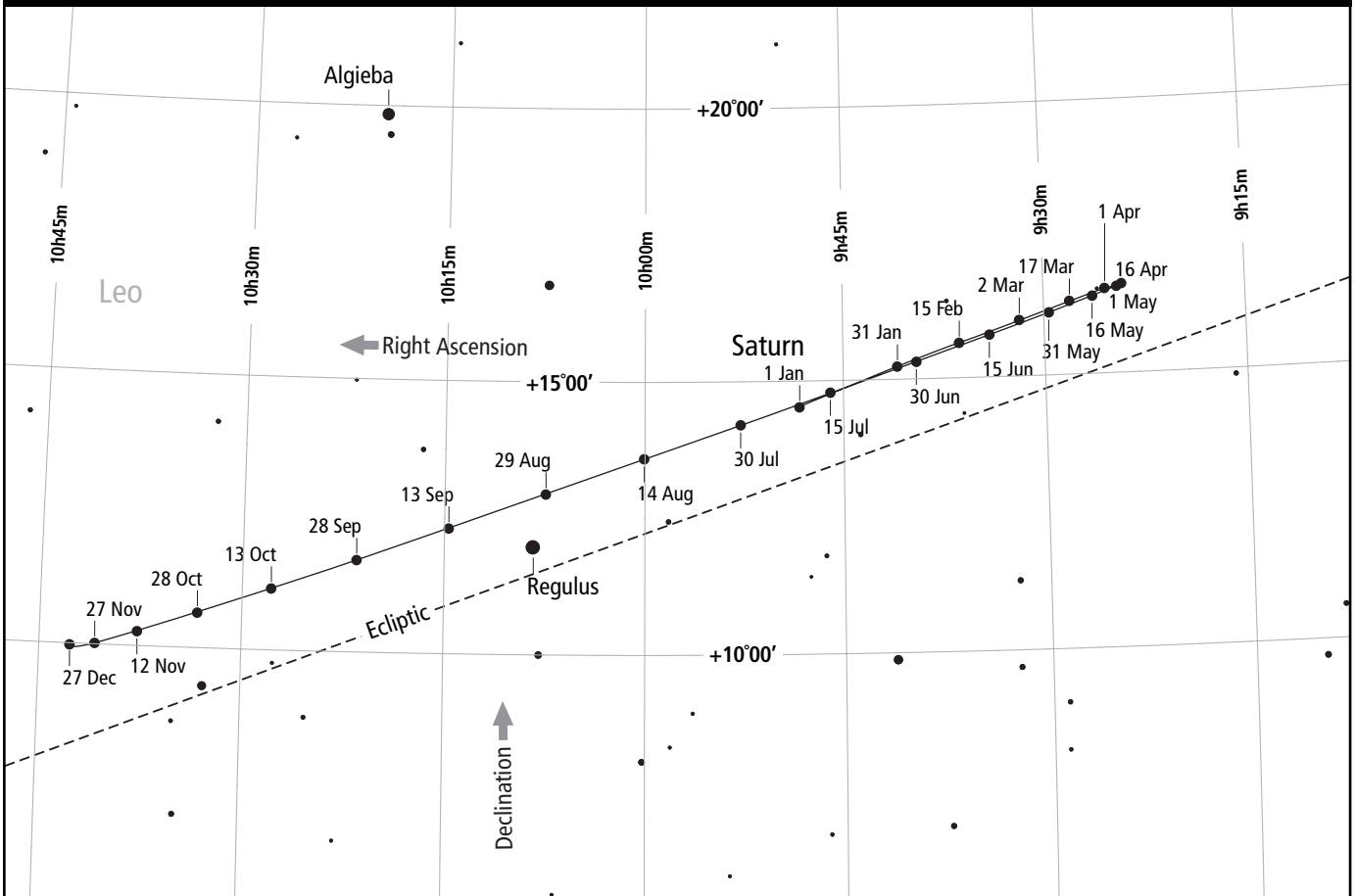




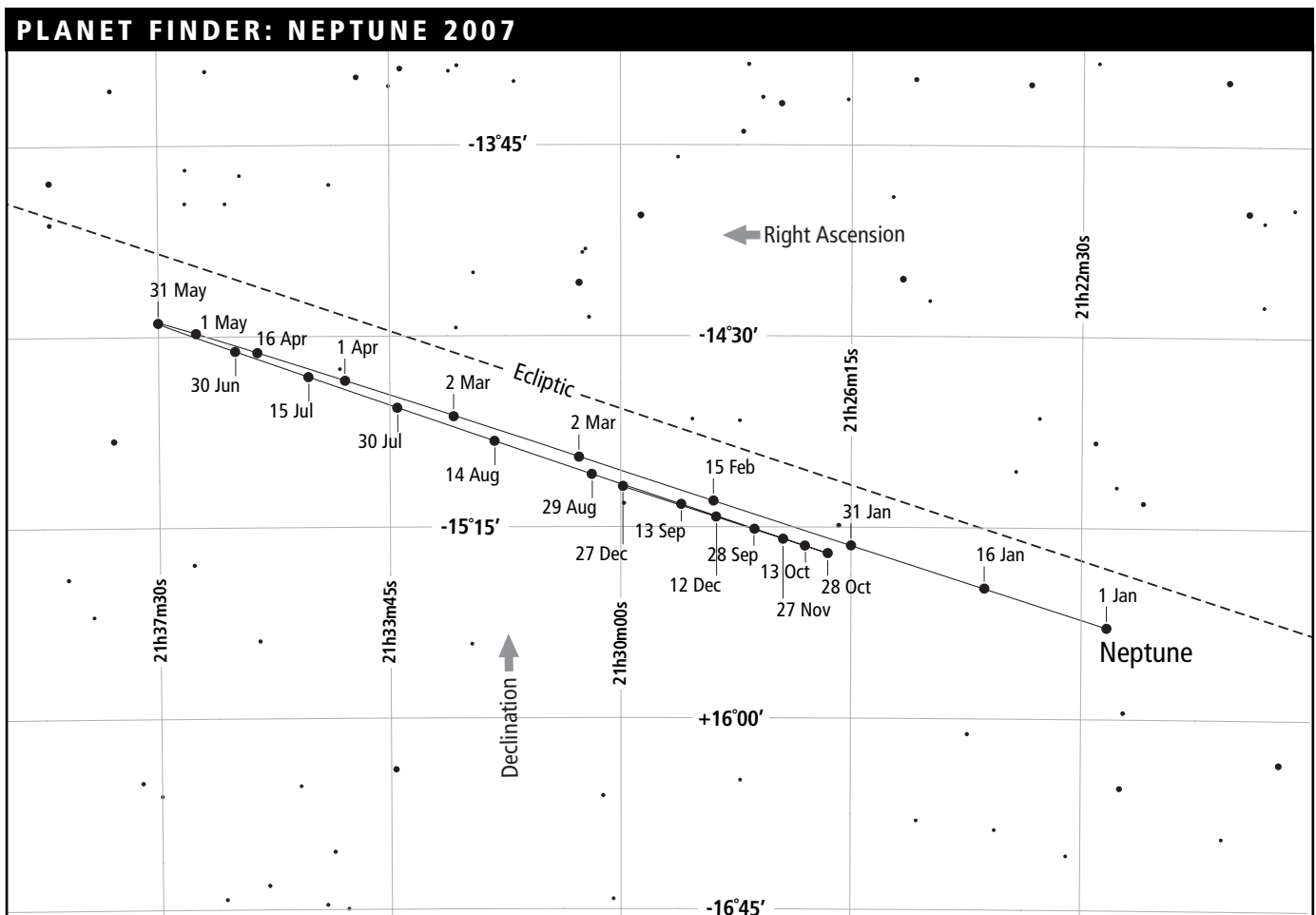
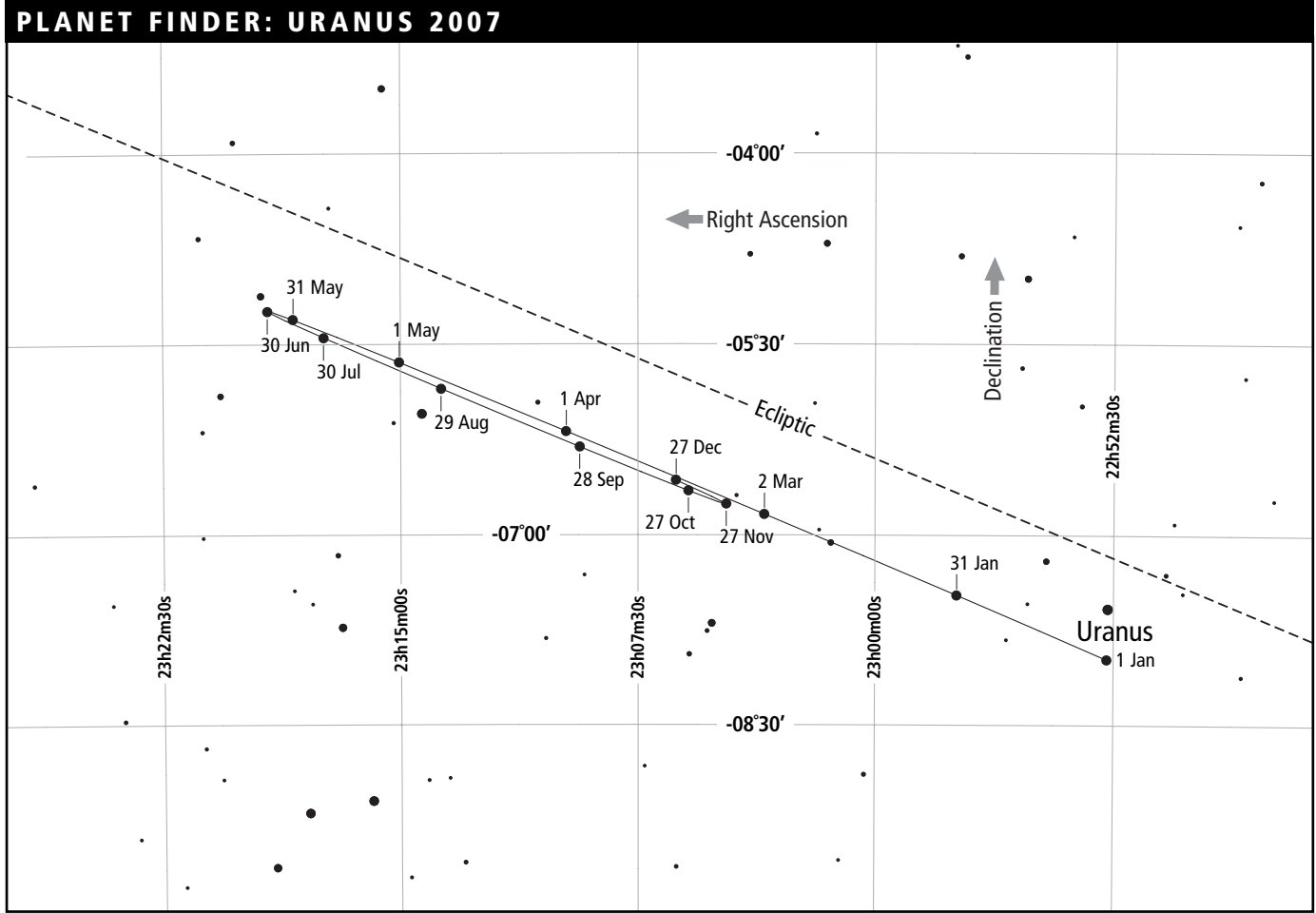
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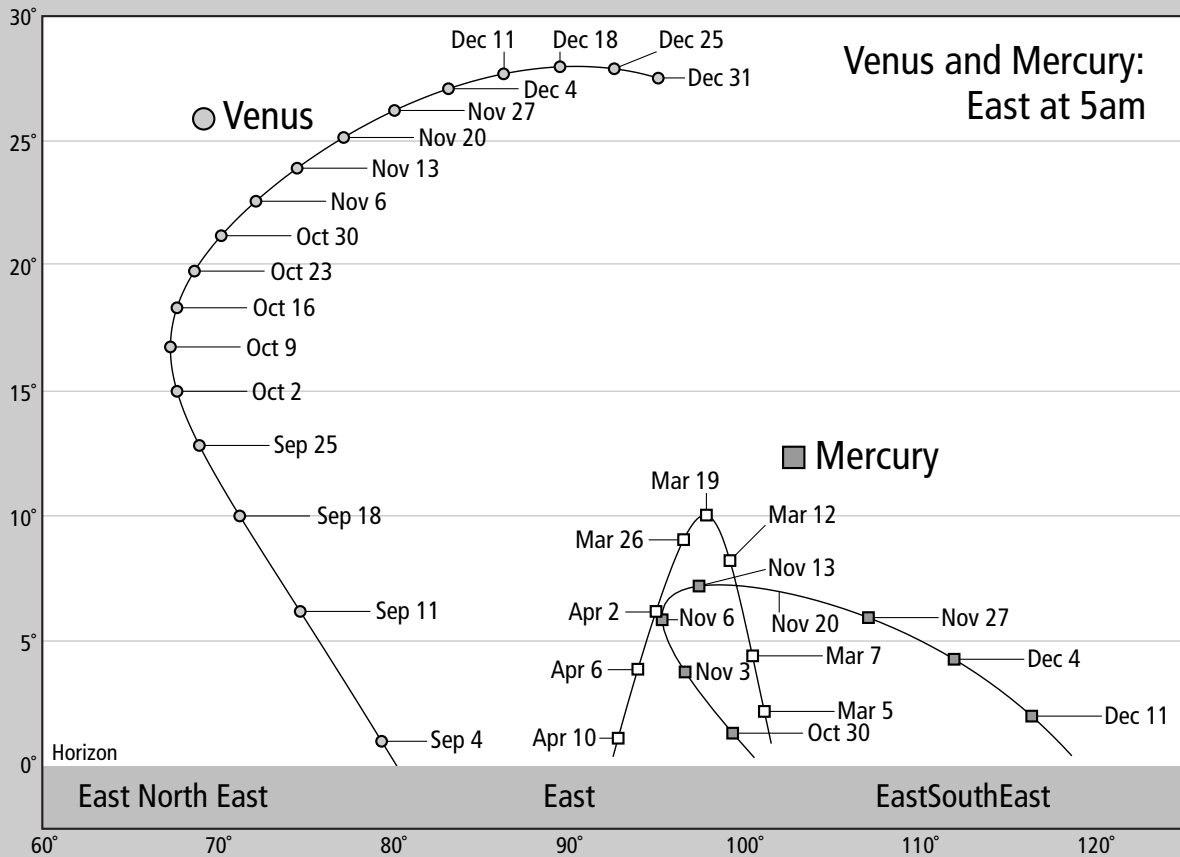
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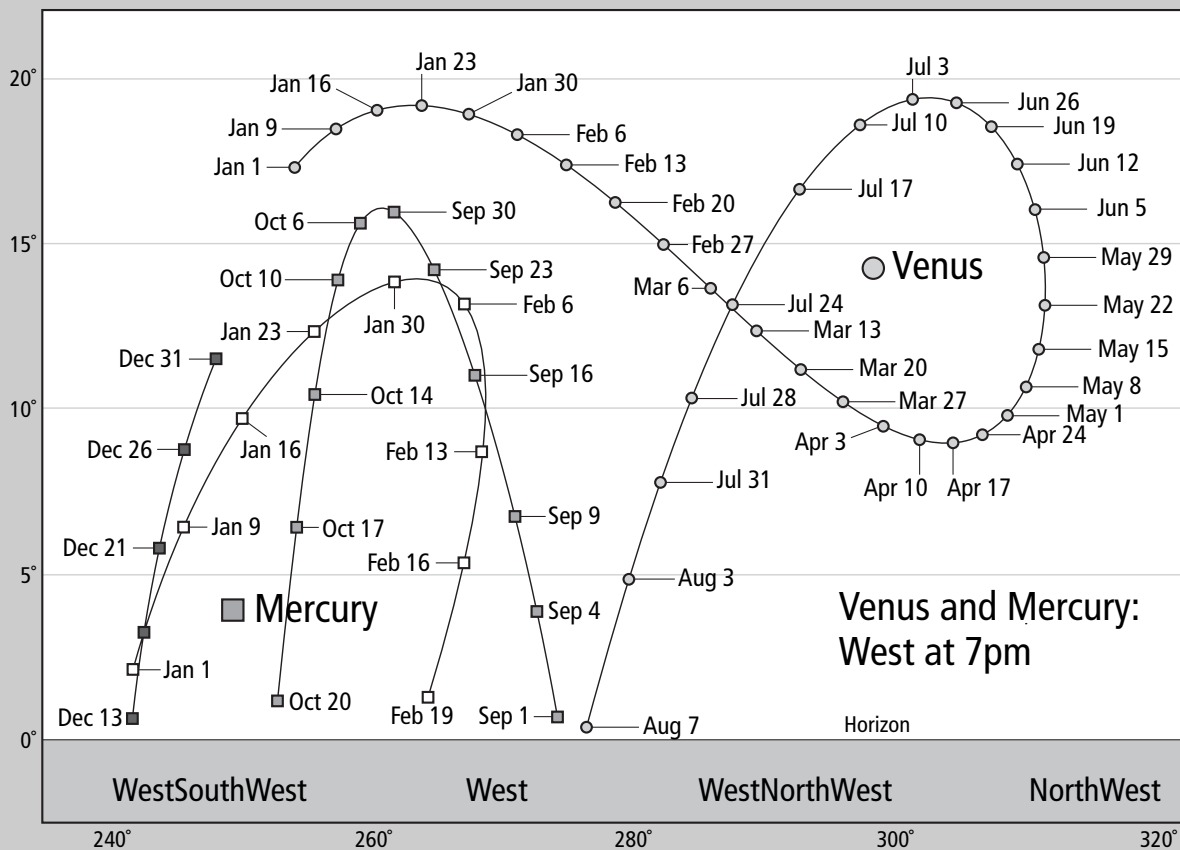




**VENUS AND MERCURY 2007: EAST 5am**



**VENUS AND MERCURY 2007: WEST 7pm**















**GEOCENTRIC PLANET POSITIONS (continued)** Note: positions refer to 0000 WAST

MTH	DAY	MERCURY					VENUS					MARS					JUPITER				
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Dec	4	16 05 00.3	-20 43 26	1.407	Sco	13 46 02.0	-08 34 40	0.958	Vir	06 44 07.7	+25 34 27	0.61	Gem	17 44 32.0	-23 10 36	6.20	Sgr				
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Dec	31	19 10 32.1	-24 34 27	1.385	Sgr	15 52 15.1	-18 04 42	1.142	Lib	06 01 06.7	+26 55 04	0.60	Gem	18 11 19.7	-23 14 30	6.23	Sgr				

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Jun	13	09 33 10.5	+15 51 40	9.69	Leo	23 19 03.8	-05 14 47	20.0	Aqr	21 37 10.2	-14 28 38	29.5	Cap						



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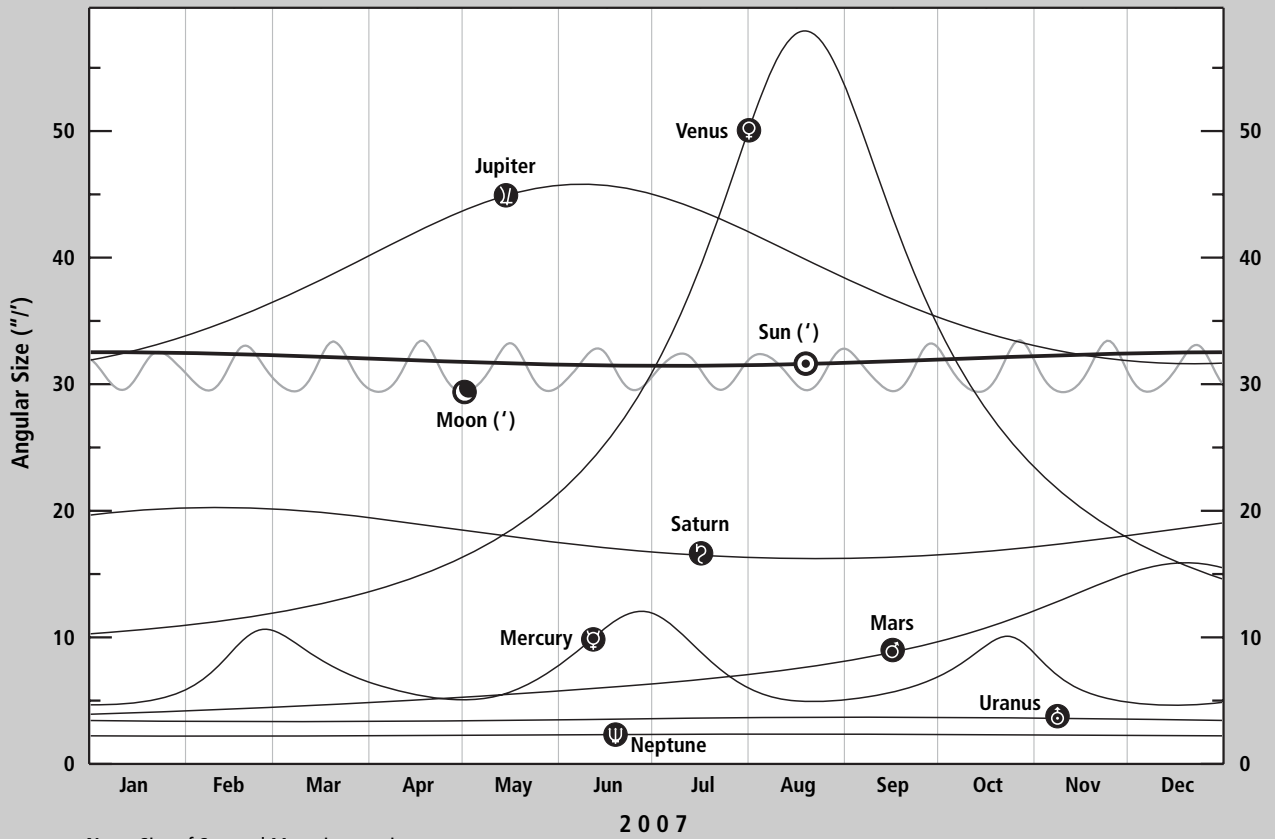
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Aug	19	10 02 31.4	+13 21 52	10.24	Leo	23 15 05.9	-05 42 11	19.2	Aqr	21 31 30.8	-14 57 27	29.0	Cap			

**GEOCENTRIC PLANET POSITIONS (EPOCH J2000.0)** Note: positions refer to 0000 WAST

MTH	DAY	SATURN					URANUS					NEPTUNE				
		RA h m s	Declination ° ' ''	Dist. (AU)	Cnst.	RA h m s	Declination ° ' ''	Dist. (AU)	Cnst.	RA h m s	Declination ° ' ''	Dist. (AU)	Cnst.			
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Aug	22	10 03 59.9	+13 14 06	10.24	Leo	23 14 41.6	-05 44 48	19.1	Aqr	21 31 11.7	-14 59 01	29.0	Cap			
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Sep	1	10 08 53.9	+12 48 11	10.23	Leo	23 13 16.7	-05 53 51	19.1	Aqr	21 30 09.6	-15 04 07	29.1	Cap			
Sep	2	10 09 23.1	+12 45 36	10.23	Leo	23 13 07.9	-05 54 46	19.1	Aqr	21 30 03.6	-15 04 36	29.1	Cap			
Sep	3	10 09 52.3	+12 43 01	10.23	Leo	23 12 59.1	-05 55 42	19.1	Aqr	21 29 57.7	-15 05 05	29.1	Cap			
Sep	4	10 10 21.4	+12 40 26	10.22	Leo	23 12 50.3	-05 56 38	19.1	Aqr	21 29 51.7	-15 05 34	29.1	Cap			
Sep	5	10 10 50.5	+12 37 52	10.22	Leo	23 12 41.5	-05 57 34	19.1	Aqr	21 29 45.9	-15 06 03	29.1	Cap			
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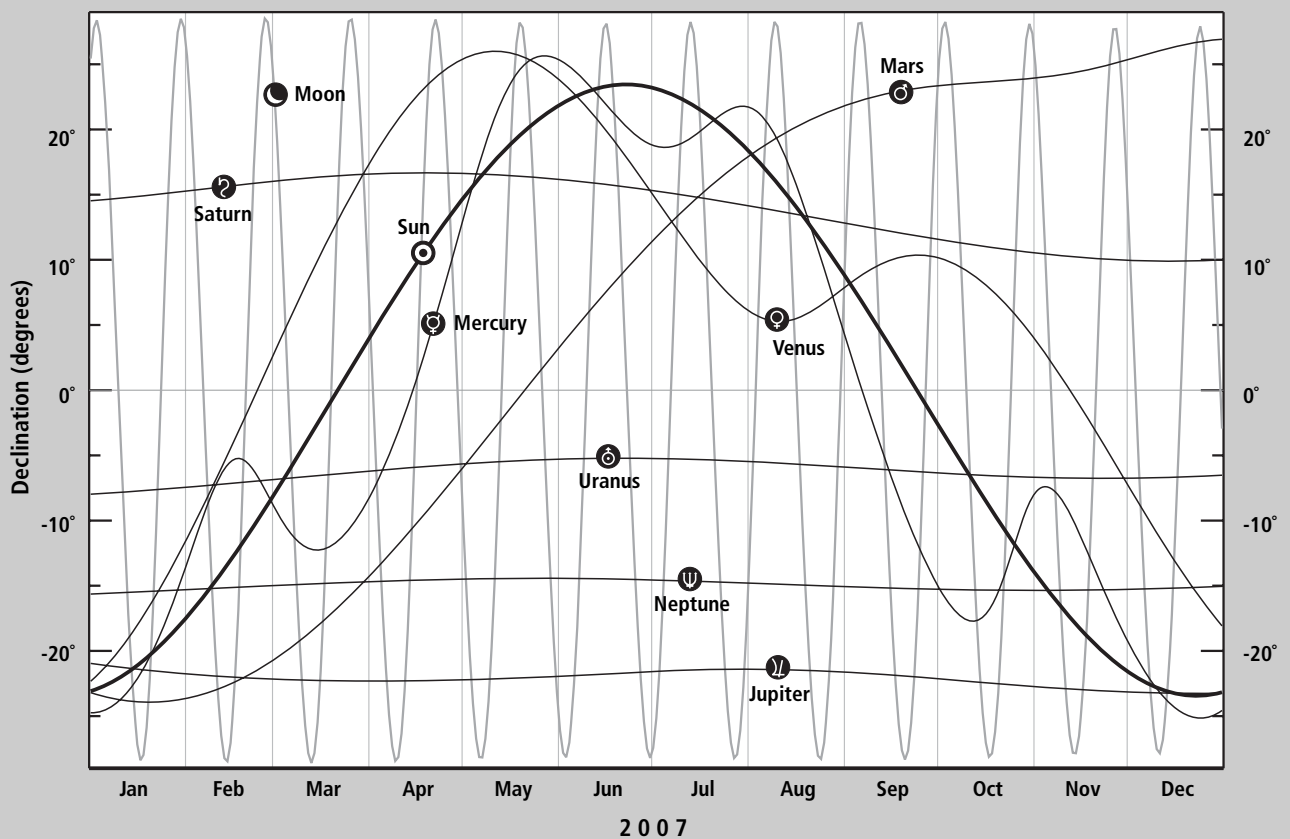


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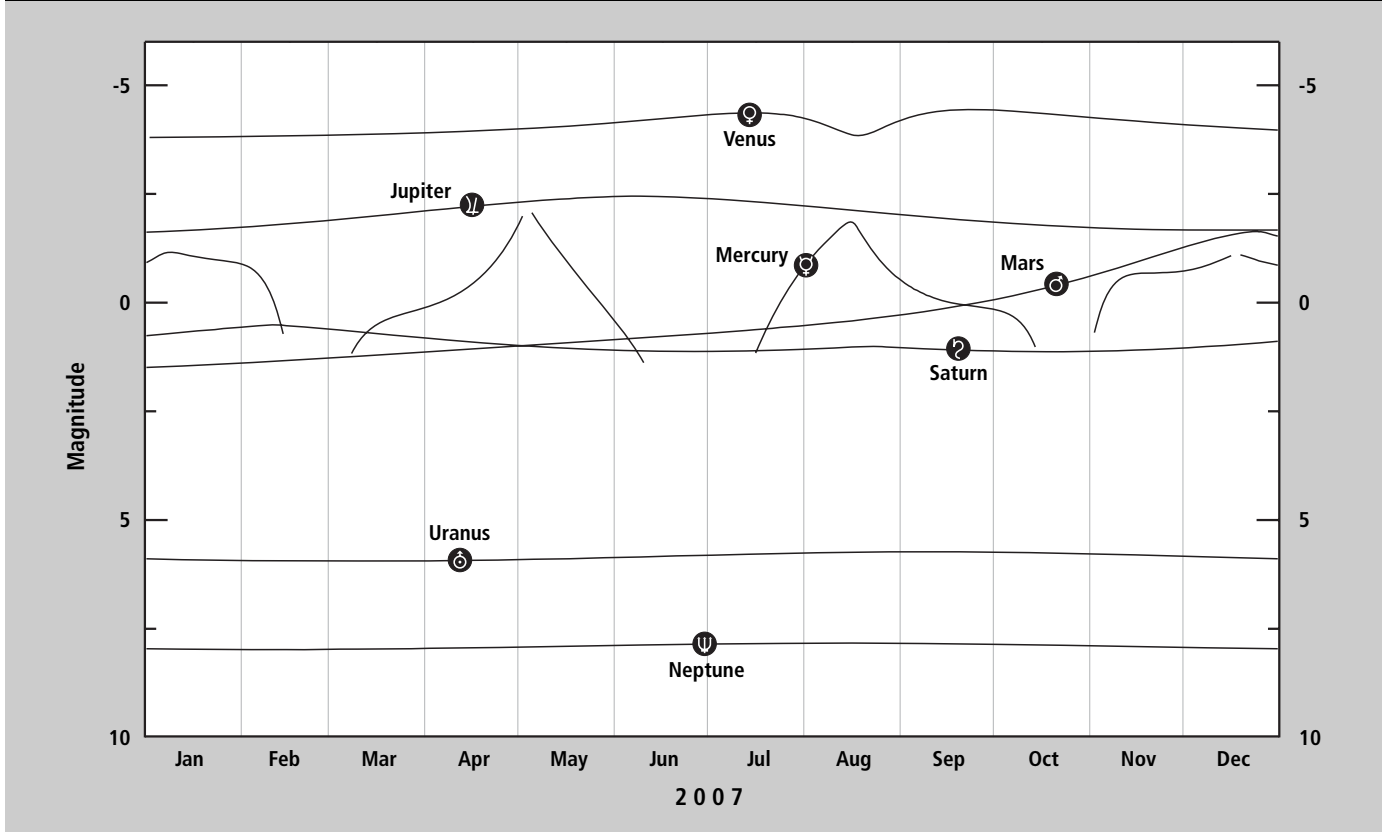


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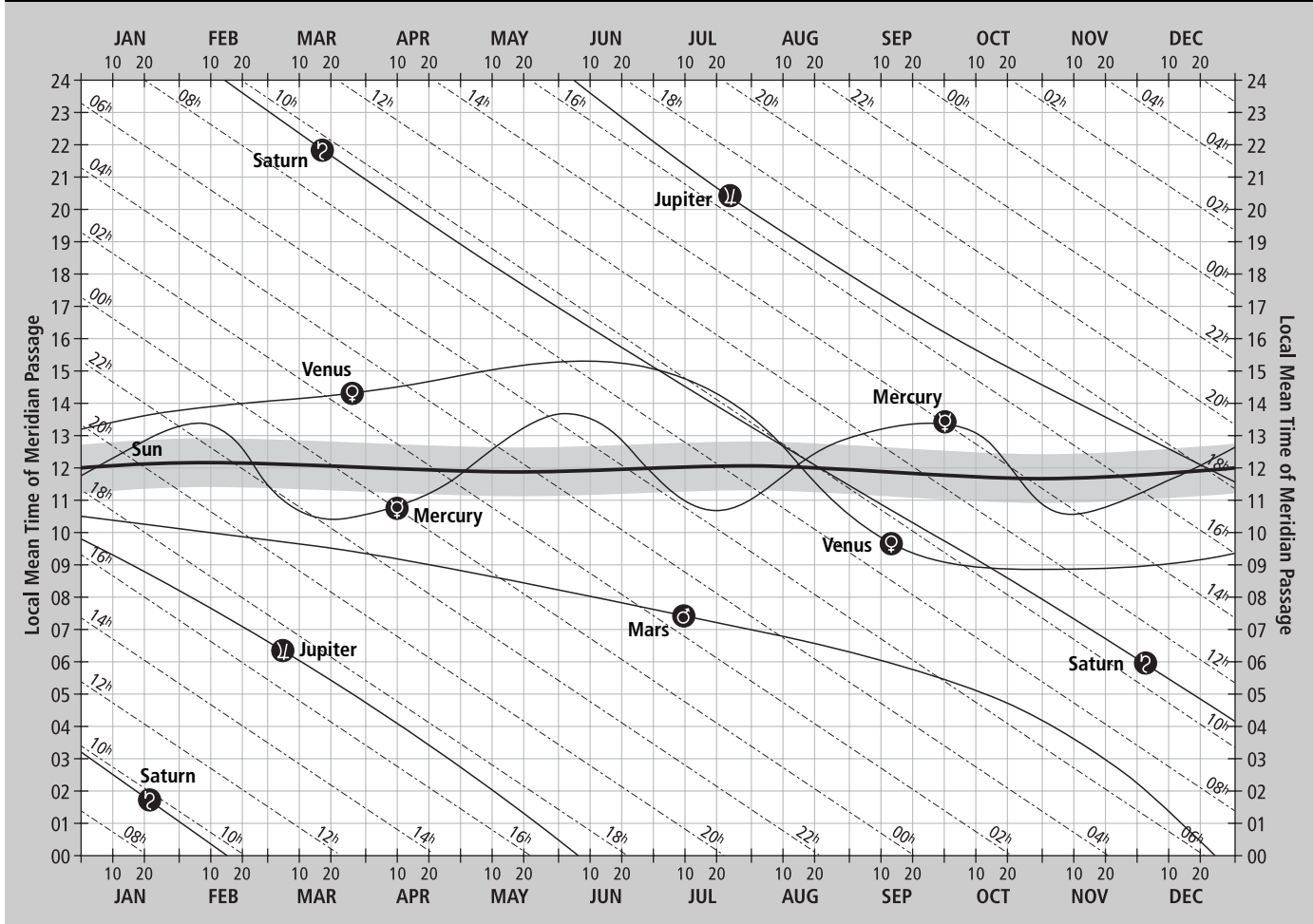
DECLINATIONS OF THE PLANETS 2007



**MAGNITUDES OF THE PLANETS 2007**



**MERIDIAN TRANSIT OF PLANETS 2007**



## Geocentric positions of comets

Ephemerides are provided for known comets with V brighter than 10 and Declination less than +30°. Please note that comet brightness is notoriously unpredictable!

GEOCENTRIC POSITIONS OF COMETS 2006								Note: positions refer to 0000 WAST										
DATE	RA		DECLINATION		V	r	Δ	CONST.	DATE	RA		DECLINATION		V	r	Δ	CONST.	
Mnth Day	h	m	°	'		(AU)	(AU)		Mnth Day	h	m	°	'		(AU)	(AU)		
<b>Comet C/2006 P1 (McNaught)</b>																		
Jan 1	18	39.6	-07	51	7.4	0.47	1.34	Sct	Apr 9	02	35.6	+18	31	5.9	0.41	1.08	Ari	
Jan 2	18	43.8	-07	44	7.0	0.44	1.31	Sct	Apr 10	02	39.2	+18	29	5.6	0.40	1.05	Ari	
Jan 3	18	48.1	-07	38	6.7	0.41	1.27	Sct	Apr 11	02	42.7	+18	25	5.3	0.38	1.02	Ari	
Jan 4	18	52.8	-07	35	6.3	0.38	1.23	Sct	Apr 12	02	46.0	+18	17	5.0	0.37	0.99	Ari	
Jan 5	18	57.7	-07	35	5.9	0.35	1.19	Sct	Apr 13	02	49.0	+18	06	4.8	0.36	0.96	Ari	
Jan 6	19	03.0	-07	40	5.4	0.33	1.15	Sct	Apr 14	02	51.6	+17	51	4.6	0.35	0.93	Ari	
Jan 7	19	08.7	-07	51	4.9	0.30	1.11	Aql	Apr 15	02	53.9	+17	32	4.4	0.35	0.90	Ari	
Jan 8	19	14.9	-08	12	4.4	0.27	1.07	Aql	Apr 16	02	55.8	+17	08	4.2	0.34	0.87	Ari	
Jan 9	19	21.6	-08	47	3.8	0.24	1.02	Aql	Apr 17	02	57.1	+16	39	4.1	0.34	0.84	Ari	
Jan 10	19	28.8	-09	42	3.3	0.21	0.98	Aql	Apr 18	02	57.9	+16	06	4.0	0.34	0.81	Ari	
Jan 11	19	36.5	-11	04	2.7	0.19	0.94	Aql	Apr 19	02	58.0	+15	28	3.9	0.34	0.78	Ari	
Jan 12	19	44.7	-13	03	2.2	0.18	0.89	Aql	Apr 20	02	57.5	+14	45	3.9	0.35	0.75	Ari	
Jan 13	19	52.9	-15	42	2.0	0.17	0.86	Sgr	Apr 21	02	56.5	+13	57	4.0	0.35	0.72	Ari	
Jan 14	20	00.8	-18	55	2.0	0.17	0.83	Sgr	Apr 22	02	54.8	+13	05	4.0	0.36	0.70	Ari	
Jan 15	20	08.0	-22	28	2.3	0.19	0.82	Sgr	Apr 23	02	52.5	+12	08	4.1	0.37	0.67	Ari	
Jan 16	20	14.3	-26	01	2.7	0.21	0.82	Cap	Apr 24	02	49.7	+11	09	4.3	0.38	0.65	Ari	
Jan 17	20	19.9	-29	21	3.2	0.23	0.82	Cap	Apr 25	02	46.4	+10	06	4.4	0.39	0.63	Ari	
Jan 18	20	24.9	-32	23	3.7	0.26	0.83	Sgr	Apr 26	02	42.8	+09	02	4.6	0.41	0.62	Cet	
Jan 19	20	29.4	-35	06	4.2	0.29	0.85	Sgr	Apr 27	02	38.7	+07	55	4.7	0.42	0.60	Cet	
Jan 20	20	33.5	-37	29	4.7	0.32	0.87	Mic	Apr 28	02	34.4	+06	47	4.9	0.44	0.59	Cet	
Jan 21	20	37.3	-39	36	5.1	0.34	0.89	Mic	Apr 29	02	29.8	+05	39	5.1	0.45	0.57	Cet	
Jan 22	20	40.9	-41	27	5.5	0.37	0.91	Mic	May 30	02	25.1	+04	30	5.3	0.47	0.56	Cet	
Jan 23	20	44.3	-43	06	5.9	0.40	0.93	Mic	May 1	02	20.3	+03	21	5.5	0.49	0.55	Cet	
Jan 24	20	47.6	-44	35	6.3	0.43	0.95	Mic	May 2	02	15.3	+02	14	5.7	0.50	0.54	Cet	
Jan 25	20	50.7	-45	53	6.6	0.46	0.98	Mic	May 3	02	10.4	+01	07	5.9	0.52	0.54	Cet	
Jan 26	20	53.7	-47	04	6.9	0.49	1.00	Ind	May 4	02	05.4	+00	02	6.1	0.54	0.53	Cet	
Jan 27	20	56.7	-48	08	7.2	0.52	1.02	Ind	May 5	02	00.5	-01	02	6.3	0.56	0.53	Cet	
Jan 28	20	59.6	-49	06	7.5	0.54	1.04	Ind	May 6	01	55.5	-02	04	6.5	0.58	0.52	Cet	
Jan 29	21	02.4	-49	59	7.7	0.57	1.07	Ind	May 7	01	50.7	-03	04	6.7	0.59	0.52	Cet	
Jan 30	21	05.2	-50	48	8.0	0.60	1.09	Ind	May 8	01	45.9	-04	02	6.9	0.61	0.51	Cet	
Jan 31	21	08.0	-51	32	8.2	0.63	1.11	Ind	May 9	01	41.3	-04	59	7.0	0.63	0.51	Cet	
Jan 1	21	10.7	-52	14	8.4	0.65	1.13	Ind	May 10	01	36.7	-05	53	7.2	0.65	0.51	Cet	
Feb 2	21	13.3	-52	52	8.6	0.68	1.15	Ind	May 11	01	32.2	-06	45	7.4	0.67	0.51	Cet	
Feb 3	21	16.0	-53	27	8.8	0.70	1.17	Ind	May 12	01	27.8	-07	35	7.6	0.69	0.51	Cet	
Feb 4	21	18.6	-54	01	9.0	0.73	1.19	Ind	May 13	01	23.5	-08	24	7.7	0.70	0.51	Cet	
Feb 5	21	21.1	-54	32	9.2	0.75	1.21	Ind	May 14	01	19.4	-09	11	7.9	0.72	0.51	Cet	
Feb 6	21	23.7	-55	01	9.3	0.78	1.23	Ind	May 15	01	15.3	-09	56	8.1	0.74	0.51	Cet	
Feb 7	21	26.2	-55	29	9.5	0.80	1.25	Ind	May 16	01	11.3	-10	39	8.2	0.76	0.51	Cet	
Feb 8	21	28.8	-55	55	9.7	0.82	1.27	Ind	May 17	01	07.4	-11	21	8.4	0.78	0.51	Cet	
Feb 9	21	31.3	-56	20	9.8	0.85	1.28	Ind	May 18	01	03.5	-12	02	8.5	0.79	0.51	Cet	
Feb 10	21	33.7	-56	44	10.0	0.87	1.30	Ind	May 19	00	59.8	-12	41	8.7	0.81	0.51	Cet	
Feb 11	21	36.2	-57	06	10.1	0.90	1.32	Ind	May 20	00	56.1	-13	19	8.8	0.83	0.51	Cet	
<b>Comet 2P/Encke</b>																		
Mar 23	01	33.8	+15	48	10.1	0.71	1.48	Psc	May 21	00	52.5	-13	57	9.0	0.85	0.51	Cet	
Mar 24	01	37.0	+16	02	9.9	0.69	1.46	Psc	May 22	00	48.9	-14	33	9.1	0.86	0.51	Cet	
Mar 25	01	40.3	+16	15	9.7	0.67	1.44	Psc	May 23	00	45.4	-15	08	9.2	0.88	0.51	Cet	
Mar 26	01	43.7	+16	29	9.5	0.65	1.42	Psc	May 24	00	41.9	-15	43	9.3	0.90	0.51	Cet	
Mar 27	01	47.1	+16	42	9.3	0.64	1.40	Psc	May 25	00	38.4	-16	17	9.5	0.92	0.51	Cet	
Mar 28	01	50.6	+16	55	9.1	0.62	1.38	Ari	May 26	00	35.0	-16	50	9.6	0.93	0.51	Cet	
Mar 29	01	54.2	+17	07	8.8	0.60	1.36	Ari	May 27	00	31.5	-17	22	9.7	0.95	0.51	Cet	
Mar 30	01	57.8	+17	19	8.6	0.58	1.34	Ari	May 28	00	28.1	-17	54	9.8	0.97	0.51	Cet	
Apr 31	02	01.5	+17	31	8.3	0.56	1.32	Ari	May 29	00	24.7	-18	26	9.9	0.98	0.51	Cet	
Apr 1	02	05.2	+17	42	8.1	0.54	1.29	Ari	May 30	00	21.3	-18	57	10.1	1.00	0.52	Cet	
Apr 2	02	08.9	+17	52	7.8	0.53	1.27	Ari										
Apr 3	02	12.7	+18	02	7.6	0.51	1.25	Ari										
Apr 4	02	16.6	+18	10	7.3	0.49	1.22	Ari										
Apr 5	02	20.4	+18	17	7.0	0.47	1.19	Ari										
Apr 6	02	24.3	+18	23	6.7	0.46	1.17	Ari										
Apr 7	02	28.1	+18	28	6.4	0.44	1.14	Ari										
Apr 8	02	31.9	+18	30	6.2	0.43	1.11	Ari										

**Legend:**  
**RA and DECLINATION** Astrometric right ascension and declination of target (J2000.0). Corrected for light-time. These positions refer to the geocentre.  
**V** Comet's approximate apparent visual total magnitude  
**r** Apparent heliocentric range (distance between comet and Sun)  
**Δ** Apparent range (distance between comet and Earth)



FUTURE KNOWN CLOSEST ENCOUNTERS							
DESIGNATION		Year	DATE		DISTANCE		
Permanent	Provisional		Month	Day (UT)	(AU)	(LD)	(R <sub>⊕</sub> )
<b>EXPECTED CLOSE ENCOUNTERS 2007 (time order)</b>							
	2001 YE4	2007	Jan	02.96	0.0377	14.66	
	2006 QQ56	2007	Jan	10.36	0.0521	20.27	
(7341)	1991 VK	2007	Jan	21.50	0.0679	26.44	
	2006 CJ	2007	Jan	31.81	0.0264	10.27	
	2006 AM4	2007	Feb	01.30	0.0134	5.20	
	2004 RN251	2007	Feb	04.37	0.0617	24.00	
	1998 VO	2007	May	07.20	0.0631	24.56	
(1862) Apollo		2007	May	08.64	0.0714	27.79	
	2003 YN107	2007	May	22.70	0.0617	24.00	
	2005 NW44	2007	June	18.22	0.0593	23.07	
	2003 WE	2007	June	25.33	0.0672	26.15	
	2004 NF3	2007	July	03.99	0.0693	26.97	
	2006 BZ147	2007	July	10.03	0.0713	27.76	
	2002 CB19	2007	Aug	08.71	0.0438	17.06	
	2005 CN61	2007	Aug	16.61	0.0484	18.85	
(2340) Hathor		2007	Oct	22.24	0.0600	23.34	
	2005 GL	2007	Nov	08.30	0.0188	7.32	
(11500)	1989 UR	2007	Nov	24.94	0.0710	27.64	
	2005 WX	2007	Dec	15.52	0.0555	21.60	
	2005 YO3	2007	Dec	31.07	0.0585	22.78	
<b>EXPECTED CLOSE ENCOUNTERS 2008 (time order)</b>							
	2005 WJ56	2008	Jan	10.43	0.0279	10.87	
(4450) Pan		2008	Feb	19.93	0.0408	15.89	
	2002 TD66	2008	Feb	26.10	0.0421	16.38	
	2003 FY6	2008	Mar	21.84	0.0161	6.28	
	2005 NB7	2008	Apr	17.12	0.0422	16.43	
	2002 AZ1	2008	July	08.29	0.0231	9.01	
(90403)	2003 YE45	2008	July	13.39	0.0424	16.52	
	2005 RC34	2008	July	21.43	0.0373	14.52	
(35107)	1991 VH	2008	Aug	15.54	0.0458	17.81	
	2006 BJ55	2008	Aug	15.69	0.0437	16.99	
	1998 SD9	2008	Sept	01.67	0.0236	9.17	
	2003 WT153	2008	Sept	07.81	0.0145	5.62	
	2000 DP107	2008	Sept	10.99	0.0579	22.52	
	2001 SQ3	2008	Sept	17.61	0.0560	21.81	
	2003 SW130	2008	Sept	19.18	0.0236	9.18	
	2005 GN59	2008	Oct	06.79	0.0516	20.07	
	2005 TQ45	2008	Oct	07.09	0.0443	17.22	
	2005 VN	2008	Oct	31.06	0.0106	4.11	
(4179) Toutatis		2008	Nov	09.51	0.0503	19.56	
	2004 XK3	2008	Nov	21.22	0.0323	12.56	
<b>TWENTY FUTURE KNOWN CLOSEST ENCOUNTERS (ranked by distance)</b>							
(99942) Apophis		2029	Apr	13.91	0.0002	0.09	5.4
	2005 YU55	2011	Nov	08.98	0.0011	0.41	25.0
	2000 WO107	2140	Dec	01.82	0.0016	0.63	38.1
	2001 WN5	2028	June	26.23	0.0017	0.65	39.2
(85640)	1998 OX4	2148	Jan	22.14	0.0020	0.78	47.1
	1999 AN10	2027	Aug	07.29	0.0027	1.03	62.3
	1998 MZ	2116	Nov	26.98	0.0028	1.07	64.6
(35396)	1997 XF11	2136	Oct	28.49	0.0028	1.07	64.9
	2004 XP14	2006	July	03.18	0.0029	1.13	67.9
	2003 QC10	2066	Sept	24.86	0.0034	1.32	79.7
	2001 GQ2	2100	Apr	27.71	0.0034	1.32	79.9
	2005 WK4	2130	Aug	11.53	0.0039	1.52	91.4
	2002 CU11	2080	Aug	31.02	0.0043	1.66	100.0
	2004 HD2	2093	Apr	08.62	0.0049	1.90	114.6
	2006 GC1	2095	Apr	01.96	0.0050	1.95	117.4
	2004 VD17	2148	May	05.05	0.0050	1.95	117.5
	2002 AW	2103	Oct	06.90	0.0052	2.01	121.3
	2006 FX	2059	Mar	22.81	0.0053	2.08	125.3
	2005 GC120	2122	Nov	30.76	0.0054	2.09	126.3
	1999 MN	2137	June	04.26	0.0055	2.13	128.7

**CLOSE APPROACHES BY ASTEROIDS** (Known closest approaches to the Earth)

DISTANCE			DATE (TT)			DESIGNATION		DISTANCE			DATE (TT)			DESIGNATION	
(AU)	(LD)	(R <sub>⊕</sub> )	Year	Mnth	Day	(Permanent)	Provisional	(AU)	(LD)	(R <sub>⊕</sub> )	Year	Mnth	Day	(Permanent)	Provisional
0.000086*	0.03	2.02	2004	Mar	31.65	2004	FU162	0.00321	1.25	75.37	2002	Feb	08.80	2002	CB26
0.000226	0.09	5.31	2004	Dec	19.86	2004	YD5	0.00326	1.27	76.55	2004	Feb	24.30	2004	DA53
0.000328	0.13	7.70	2004	Mar	18.92	2004	FH	0.00331	1.29	77.72	2003	June	01.22	2003	LW2
0.00056	0.22	13.15	2005	Nov	26.02	2005	WN3	0.00332	1.29	77.96	2000	June	02.90	2000	LG6
0.000564	0.22	13.24	2003	Sept	27.96	2003	SQ222	0.0034	1.32	79.84	2006	Jan	22.14	2006	BA
0.00072	0.28	16.91	1994	Dec	09.79	1994	XM1	0.00346	1.35	81.24	2005	Nov	12.15	2005	VN5
0.000785	0.31	18.43	2006	Feb	23.29	2006	DD1	0.00353	1.37	82.89	2002	Aug	18.33	2002	NY40
0.000788	0.31	18.50	2002	Dec	11.35	2002	XV90	0.00362	1.41	85.00	2003	Mar	03.26	2003	DW10
0.000802	0.31	18.83	2002	June	14.09	2002	MN	0.00367	1.43	86.18	2003	Mar	05.85	2003	DY15
0.00082	0.32	19.25	2005	Oct	10.18	2005	TK50	0.00376	1.46	88.29	2005	Oct	14.85	2005	TC51
0.000963	0.37	22.61	2005	Mar	18.91	2005	FN	0.00378	1.47	88.76	2004	June	21.86	2004	WMR1
0.000991	0.39	23.27	2003	Dec	06.79	2003	XJ7	0.0038	1.48	89.23	1999	May	06.14	2000	SG344
0.00099	0.39	23.25	1993	May	20.86	1993	KA2	0.00411	1.60	96.51	2004	Aug	11.84	2004	PZ19
0.00107	0.42	25.12	2006	Aug	31.90	2006	QM111	0.00423	1.65	99.32	2003	Dec	27.00	2003	YS70
0.00108	0.42	25.36	2003	Sept	19.24	2003	SW130	0.00445	1.73	104.49	2004	Feb	01.99	2004	BK86
0.00111	0.43	26.06	2004	July	16.21	2004	OD4	0.00448	1.74	105.20	2006	June	28.31	2006	MB14
0.00113	0.44	26.53	1994	Mar	15.72	1994	ES1	0.00454	1.77	106.60	2003	Nov	30.80	2003	WT153
0.00114	0.44	26.77	1991	Jan	18.72	1991	BA	0.00457	1.78	107.31	1989	Mar	22.90	(4581)	Asclepius 1989 FC
0.00125	0.49	29.35	2005	Oct	30.01	2005	UW5	0.00464	1.81	108.95	2004	Mar	25.79	2004	FM32
0.00137	0.53	32.17	2006	Jan	29.44	2006	BF56	0.00466	1.81	109.42	2004	May	31.88	2004	KF17
0.00146	0.57	34.28	2005	Dec	05.47	2005	XA8	0.00474	1.84	111.30	1994	Nov	24.85	1994	WR12
0.00155	0.60	36.40	2006	Feb	24.17	2006	DM63	0.00484	1.88	113.65	2001	Nov	29.33	2001	WM15
0.0016	0.62	37.57	2004	Mar	27.85	2004	FY15	0.00486	1.89	114.12	2005	June	21.48	2005	MA
0.00177	0.69	41.56	2005	Jan	13.43	2005	BS1	0.0049	1.91	115.06	2006	Apr	18.35	2006	HF6
0.00181	0.70	42.50	2006	Mar	08.64	2006	EC	0.00495	1.93	116.23	2000	Dec	22.29	2000	YA
0.00185	0.72	43.44	2004	Apr	18.01	2004	HE	0.00495	1.93	116.23	1937	Oct	30.71	(69230)	Hermes 1937 UB
0.00188	0.73	44.14	2003	Oct	12.07	2003	UM3	0.005	1.95	117.41	1995	Oct	17.20	1995	UB
0.00188	0.73	44.14	2006	July	23.45	2006	OK3	0.00501	1.95	117.64	2006	Jan	25.62	2006	B07
0.00198	0.77	46.49	2004	Oct	24.73	2004	UH1	0.00503	1.96	118.11	2006	Mar	07.50	2006	EH1
0.00205++	0.80	48.14	2001	Jan	15.85	2001	BA16	0.00509	1.98	119.52	2005	Nov	27.92	2005	WY
0.00217	0.84	50.95	2004	Dec	16.80	2004	XB45	0.00509	1.98	119.52	2005	Oct	03.73	2005	TA
0.00221	0.86	51.89	2003	Apr	29.27	2003	HW10	0.0051	1.98	119.75	2002	Oct	02.08	2002	TY59
0.00225	0.88	52.83	2006	Jan	28.31	2006	BV39	0.00511	1.99	119.99	2005	Oct	26.22	2005	UE1
0.00246	0.96	57.76	2004	Sept	21.98	2004	ST26	0.00512	1.99	120.22	2005	July	10.06	2005	ND63
0.00246	0.96	57.76	2004	Sept	13.65	2004	RU109	0.00519	2.02	121.87	2006	Sept	13.64	2006	SC
0.00282	1.10	66.22	2002	Mar	31.15	2002	GQ								
0.00289+	1.12	67.86	1995	Mar	27.15	1995	FF								
0.00289	1.12	67.86	2006	July	03.18	2004	XP14								
0.0029	1.13	68.10	2006	May	10.01	2006	JY26								
0.00303	1.18	71.15	1996	May	19.69	1996	JA1								
0.00303	1.18	71.15	2006	Jan	31.52	2006	BH99								
0.00306	1.19	71.85	2003	Dec	06.95	2003	XV								
0.00306**	1.19	71.85	1991	Dec	05.39	1991	VG								
0.00311	1.21	73.03	2002	Mar	08.04	2002	EM7								

**Notes:**

- \* This approach is to about 12,900 km from the centre of the earth!
- \*\* 1991 VG may be a returning piece of man-made space debris.
- + Closest approach to the moon was 0.0013 AU (0.51 LD) on 1995 Mar. 27.0.
- ++ Closest approach to the moon was 0.00053 AU (0.21 LD) on 2001 Jan. 15.80.
- AU Astronomical distance Unit: 1.0 AU is roughly the average distance between the Earth and the Sun (= 149,597,870 km).
- LD Lunar Distance unit: 1.0 LD is the average distance from the Earth to the Moon (about 0.00257 AU = 384,400 km).
- R<sub>⊕</sub> Radius of the Earth (see Sun & Planet Data table)

**CLOSE APPROACHES BY HISTORIC COMETS**

COMET NAME	Designation	DATE			DISTANCE		COMET NAME	Designation	DATE			DISTANCE			
		Year	Mnth	Day	(AU)	(LD)			Year	Mnth	Day	(AU)	(LD)		
Comet of 1491	C/1491 B1	1491	Feb	20.0	0.0094	3.7*	Comet of 400	C/ 400 F1	400	Mar	31.1	0.0767	29.8*		
Lexell	D/1770 L1	1770	Jul	01.7	0.0151	5.9	LINEAR	P/2000 G1	1921	Mar	09.9	0.0775	30.1		
Tempel-Tuttle	55P/1366 U1	1366	Oct	26.4	0.0229	8.9	Comet of 1556	C/1556 D1	1556	Mar	13.0	0.0835	32.5*		
IRAS-Araki-Alcock	C/1983 H1	1983	May	11.5	0.0313	12.2	Schweizer	C/1853 G1	1853	Apr	29.1	0.0839	32.7		
Halley	1P/ 837 F1	837	Apr	10.5	0.0334	13.0	Bouvard-Herschel	C/1797 P1	1797	Aug	16.5	0.0879	34.2		
Biela	3D/1805 V1	1805	Dec	09.9	0.0366	14.2	Halley	1P/ 374 E1	374	Apr	01.9	0.0884	34.4		
Comet of 1743	C/1743 C1	1743	Feb	08.9	0.0390	15.2	Halley	1P/ 607 H1	607	Apr	19.2	0.0898	34.9		
Pons-Winnecke	7P/	1927	Jun	26.8	0.0394	15.3	Comet of 568	C/ 568 O1	568	Sept	25.7	0.0918	35.7*		
Comet of 1014	C/1014 C1	1014	Feb	24.9	0.0407	15.8*	Messier	C/1763 S1	1763	Sept	23.7	0.0934	36.3		
Comet of 1702	C/1702 H1	1702	Apr	20.2	0.0437	17.0	Tempel	C/1864 N1	1864	Aug	08.4	0.0964	37.5		
Comet of 1132	C/1132 T1	1132	Oct	07.2	0.0447	17.4*	Machholz 2-A	141P-A	1905	Jan	05.2	0.0968	37.7		
Comet of 1351	C/1351 W1	1351	Nov	29.4	0.0479	18.6*	LINEAR	P/2000 G1	2000	Mar	04.7	0.0974	37.9		
Comet of 1345	C/1345 O1	1345	Jul	31.9	0.0485	18.9*	Schmidt	C/1862 N1	1862	Jul	04.6	0.0982	38.2		
Comet of 1499	C/1499 Q1	1499	Aug	17.1	0.0588	22.9*	Comet of 390	C/ 390 Q1	390	Aug	18.9	0.1002	39.0*		
Schwassmann-Wachmann 3	73P/1930 J1	1930	May	31.7	0.0617	24.0	Hyakutake	C/1996 B2	1996	Mar	25.3	0.1018	39.6		
Sugano-Saigusa-Fujikawa	C/1983 J1	1983	Jun	12.8	0.0628	24.4	Seki	C/1961 T1	1961	Nov	15.2	0.1019	39.7		
Comet of 1080	C/1080 P1	1080	Aug	05.7	0.0641	24.9*									
Great comet	C/1760 A1	1760	Jan	08.2	0.0681	26.5									
Comet of 1472	C/1471 Y1	1472	Jan	22.9	0.0690	26.9*									

**Notes:**

- \* Distance is uncertain because comet's orbit is relatively poorly determined.

## Near-Earth Objects

**Near-Earth objects (NEOs)** are comets and asteroids that have been nudged by the gravitational attraction of nearby planets into orbits that allow them to enter the Earth's neighbourhood. Composed mostly of water ice with embedded dust particles, comets originally formed in the cold outer planetary system while most of the rocky asteroids formed in the warmer inner solar system between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. The scientific interest in comets and asteroids is due largely to their status as the relatively unchanged remnant debris from the solar system formation process some 4.6 billion years ago. The giant outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune) formed from an agglomeration of billions of comets and the leftovers from this formation process are the comets we see today. Likewise, today's asteroids are the leftovers from the initial agglomeration of the inner planets that include Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. As the primitive, leftover building blocks of the solar system formation process, comets and asteroids offer clues to the chemical mixture from which the planets formed some 4.6 billion years ago. If we wish to know the composition of the primordial mixture from which the planets formed, then we must determine the chemical constituents of the debris from this formation process – the comets and asteroids.

**NEO Groups:** In terms of orbital elements, NEOs are asteroids and comets with perihelion distance  $q$  less than 1.3 AU. Near-Earth Comets (NECs) are further restricted to include only short-period comets (i.e. orbital period  $P$  less than 200 years). The vast majority of NEOs are asteroids, referred to as Near-Earth Asteroids (NEAs). NEAs are divided into groups (Aten, Apollo, Amor) according to their perihelion distance ( $q$ ), aphelion distance ( $Q$ ) and their semi-major axes ( $a$ ).

**Potentially hazardous asteroids (PHAs)** are currently defined based on parameters that measure the asteroid's potential to make threatening close approaches to the Earth. Specifically, all asteroids with an Earth Minimum Orbit Intersection Distance (MOID) of 0.05 AU or less and an absolute magnitude ( $H$ ) of 22.0 or less are considered PHAs. In other words, asteroids that can't get any closer to the Earth (i.e. MOID) than 0.05 AU (roughly 7,480,000 km or 4,650,000 mi) or are smaller than about 150 m in diameter are not considered PHAs. There are currently more than 800 known PHAs. This "potential" to make close Earth approaches does **not** mean a PHA **will** impact the Earth. It only means there is a possibility for such a threat. By monitoring these PHAs and updating their orbits as new observations become available, we can better predict the close-approach statistics and thus their Earth-impact threat.

(Adapted from <http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/neo/>)

NEO GROUPS	
Group Description Definition:	
<b>NECs</b>	Near-Earth Comets. $q < 1.3$ AU, $P < 200$ yrs
<b>NEAs</b>	Near-Earth Asteroids. $q < 1.3$ AU
<b>Atens</b>	Earth-crossing NEAs with semi-major axes smaller than Earth's (named after asteroid 2062 Aten). $a < 1.0$ AU, $Q > 0.983$ AU
<b>Apollos</b>	Earth-crossing NEAs with semi-major axes larger than Earth's (named after asteroid 1862 Apollo). $a > 1.0$ AU, $q < 1.017$ AU
<b>Amors</b>	Earth-approaching NEAs with orbits exterior to Earth's but interior to Mars' (named after asteroid 1221 Amor). $a > 1.0$ AU, $1.017 < q < 1.3$ AU
<b>PHAs</b>	Potentially Hazardous Asteroids: NEAs whose Minimum Orbit Intersection Distance (MOID) with the Earth is 0.05 AU or less and whose absolute magnitude ( $H$ ) is 22.0 or brighter. $MOID \leq 0.05$ AU, $H \leq 22.0$

## METEOR SHOWERS visible from the Southern Hemisphere

SHOWER NAME	DURATION	MAX. ACTIVITY DATE	MAX COUNT PER HOUR	RADIANT		
				RA. (h m)	Dec. (°)	Size (°)
delta-Cancriids	Jan 01 - Jan 24	Jan 08	4	08 40	+20	5 - 10
alpha-Centaurids	Jan 28 - Feb 21	Feb 09	20	14 00	-59	4
delta-Leonids	Feb 15 - Mar 10	Feb 26	2	11 12	+16	5
gamma-Normids	Feb 25 - Mar 22	Mar 14	8	16 36	-51	5
Virginids	Jan 25 - Apr 15	Mar 24	5	13 00	-04	10 - 15
pi-Puppids	Apr 15 - Apr 28	Apr 23	periodic, <40	07 20	-45	5
eta-Aquarids	Apr 19 - May 28	May 05	60	22 32	-01	4
Sagittarids	Apr 15 - Jul 15	May 19	5	16 28	-22	10 - 15
Pegasids	Jul 07 - Jul 13	Jul 09	variable	22 40	+15	5
July Phoenicids	Jul 10 - Jul 16	Jul 13	variable, 3-10	02 08	-48	2
Pisces Austrinids	Jul 15 - Aug 10	Jul 27	5	22 44	-30	10 - 15
Southern delta-Aquarids	Jul 12 - Aug 19	Jul 27	20	22 36	-16	5
alpha-Capricornids	Jul 03 - Aug 15	Jul 29	4	20 28	-10	8
Southern iota-Aquarids	Jul 25 - Aug 15	Aug 04	2	22 16	-15	2
Northern delta-Aquarids	Jul 15 - Aug 25	Aug 08	4	22 20	-05	5
Northern iota-Aquarids	Aug 11 - Aug 31	Aug 19	3	21 48	-06	5
Piscids	Sep 01 - Sep 30	Sep 19	3	00 20	-01	5
epsilon-Geminids	Oct 14 - Oct 27	Oct 18	2	06 48	+27	5
Orionids	Oct 02 - Nov 07	Oct 21	23	06 20	+16	20
Southern Taurids	Oct 01 - Nov 25	Nov 05	5	03 28	+13	5 - 10
Northern Taurids	Oct 01 - Nov 25	Nov 12	5	03 52	+22	5 - 10
Leonids	Nov 14 - Nov 21	Nov 17	varies to 1000+	10 12	+22	5
alpha-Monocerotids	Nov 15 - Nov 25	Nov 22	variable	07 48	+01	5
chi-Orionids	Nov 26 - Dec 15	Dec 02	3	05 28	+23	8
Phoenicids	Nov 28 - Dec 09	Dec 06	variable	01 12	-53	5
Puppids-Velids	Dec 01 - Dec 15	Dec 06	10	08 12	-45	10
Monocerotids	Nov 27 - Dec 17	Dec 08	3	06 40	+08	5
sigma-Hydrids	Dec 03 - Dec 15	Dec 11	2	08 28	+02	5
Geminids	Dec 07 - Dec 17	Dec 14	120	07 28	+33	5
Coma Berenicids	Dec 12 - Jan 23	Dec 19	5	11 40	+25	5

# STARS & NON-STELLAR OBJECTS

## BRIGHT STARS (EPOCH J2000.0)

DESIGNATION	NAME	CONSTELLATION	RA			DECLINATION			APP. MAG*	ABS. MAG**	SPECTRAL TYPE	PARALLAX''	DIST. ly	DIST. pc	
			h	m	s	°	'	''							
1	Sun								-26.7	+4.8	G2V				
2	α CMa	Sirius	Canis Major	06	45	08.9	-16	42	58	-1.47	1.4	A1V	0.379	8.6	2.6
3	α Car	Canopus	Carina	06	24	20.1	-52	41	44	-0.72	-5.7	F0II	0.010	330	100
4	α Cen	Rigel Kent	Centaurus	14	39	36.2	-60	50	08	-0.27	4.1	G2V+K1V	0.742	4.4	1.3
5	α Boo	Arcturus	Bootes	14	15	39.7	+19	10	57	-0.04	-0.3	K1.5III	0.089	36.0	11.0
6	α Lyr	Vega	Lyra	18	36	56.3	+38	47	01	0.03	0.6	A0V	0.129	25.3	7.8
7	α Aur	Capella	Auriga	05	16	41.4	+45	59	53	0.08	-0.5	G5IIIe+G0III	0.077	42.3	13.0
8	β Ori	Rigel	Orion	05	14	32.3	-08	12	06	0.15	-6.9	B8Ia	0.004	820	250
9	α CMi	Procyon	Canis Minor	07	39	18.1	+05	13	30	0.34	2.6	F5 IV-V	0.286	11.4	3.5
10	α Eri	Achernar	Eridanus	01	37	42.8	-57	14	12	0.50	-2.7	B3Vpe	0.023	143	44
11	α Ori	Betelgeuse	Orion	05	55	10.3	+07	24	25	0.58	-4.9	M2Ib	0.008	550	125
12	β Cen	Hadar	Centaurus	14	03	49.4	-60	22	23	0.60	-5.5	B1III	0.006	550	170
13	α Cru	Acrux	Crux	12	26	35.9	-63	05	56	0.75	-4.2	B0.5IV+B1V	0.010	330	100
14	α Aql	Altair	Aquila	19	50	47.0	+08	52	06	0.77	2.2	A7V	0.194	16.8	5.2
15	α Tau	Aldebaran	Taurus	04	35	55.2	+16	30	33	0.85	-0.7	K5III	0.050	65.0	20.0
16	α Vir	Spica	Virgo	13	25	11.6	-11	09	41	1.04	-3.6	B1III-IV+B2V	0.012	270	83
17	α Sco	Antares	Scorpius	16	29	24.5	-26	25	55	1.09	-5.4	M1.5Ib+B4V	0.005	490	150
18	β Gem	Pollux	Gemini	07	45	19.0	+28	01	34	1.15	1.1	K0IIIb	0.097	33.6	10.3
19	α PsA	Formalhaut	Piscis Austrinus	22	57	39.0	-29	37	20	1.16	1.7	A3V	0.130	25.1	7.7
20	α Cyg	Deneb	Cygnus	20	41	25.9	+45	16	49	1.25	-8.8	A2Iae	0.001	3300	1000
21	β Cru	Mimosa	Crux	12	47	43.3	-59	41	20	1.30	-3.9	B0.5IV	0.009	360	110
22	α Leo	Regulus	Leo	10	08	22.3	+11	58	02	1.35	-0.5	B7V	0.042	78.0	24.0
23	ε CMa	Adhara	Canis Major	06	58	37.5	-28	58	20	1.51	-4.0	B2Iab	0.008	410	125
24	α Gem	Castor	Gemini	07	34	35.9	+31	53	18	1.59	0.6	A2Vm	0.063	52.0	15.9
25	λ Sco	Shaula	Scorpius	17	33	36.5	-37	06	14	1.62	-4.9	B2IV	0.005	650	200
26	γ Cru	Gacrux	Crux	12	31	10.0	-57	06	48	1.63	-0.5	M3.5III	0.037	88.0	27.0
27	γ Ori	Bellatrix	Orion	05	25	07.9	+06	20	59	1.64	-2.8	B2III	0.013	250	77
28	β Tau	Alnath	Taurus	05	26	17.5	+28	36	27	1.68	-1.3	B7III	0.025	130	40
29	β Car	Miaplacidus	Carina	09	13	12.0	-69	43	02	1.70	-1.0	A2IV	0.029	110	34
30	ε Ori	Alnilam	Orion	05	36	12.8	-01	12	07	1.70	-6.8	B0Iab	0.002	1600	500

\* Apparent Magnitude

\*\* Absolute Magnitude

## The brightness of stars

How bright a star appears is called **apparent magnitude** by astronomers. This depends on three factors:

1. distance from Earth,
2. size and
3. how much light it emits per square metre from its outer layers.

The brightest star in the sky is our Sun. It is not a particularly big or bright star, but it is by far the nearest star to us.

Astronomers measure the brightness of the stars on a scale called the **magnitude** scale. This scale has descended to us from ancient times when Hipparchus, a Greek astronomer, classified the stars by their brightness and used the word magnitude to describe their relative brightness. In Hipparchus' system a very bright star would have a magnitude of 1 and a very faint star a magnitude of 6.

**The smaller the number, the brighter the star.**

Accurate measurements of the brightness of stars have showed that a magnitude 1 star emits 100 times more energy than a magnitude 6 star. Apparently, the human eye responds in a logarithmic way to differing light levels. So a difference in magnitude of 1 corresponds to about a factor of 2.5 in energy. A magnitude system roughly consistent with that of Hipparchus has been established by modern astronomers, but now each star can have its magnitude accurately measured.

The very brightest planets have a magnitude of -1 to -4. Under very clear, dark skies, stars with a magnitude of about 6 are detectable by the unaided eye. A very powerful telescope can detect very faint stars beyond magnitude 20. Nearly 3,000 stars are visible to the unaided eye in good conditions. Unfortunately, light pollution from household lighting and street lamps reduces the number of stars visible in urban areas compared to a dark site.

## CLOSE STARS (EPOCH J2000.0)

DESIGNATION	NAME	CONSTELLATION	RA h m s	DEC. ° ' "	APP. MAG*	ABS. MAG**	SPECTRAL TYPE	PARALLAX "	PROPER MOTION "/year	DIST. ly	DIST. pc
1	Sun				-27	4.8	G2 V				
2	$\alpha$ Cen C	Proxima Cen	14 29 42.9	-62 40 46	11.05	15.49	M5.5Ve	0.772	3.85	4.22	1.30
	$\alpha$ Cen A	Rigel Kentaurus	14 39 36.5	-60 50 02	-0.01	4.34	G2V	0.742	3.71	4.39	1.35
	$\alpha$ Cen B	Rigel Kentaurus	14 39 35.1	-60 50 14	1.33	5.68	K1V	0.742	3.73	4.39	1.35
3	Barnard's Star	Ophiuchus	17 57 48.5	+04 41 36	9.54	13.24	M4Ve	0.549	10.37	5.94	1.82
4	G045-020	Wolf 359	10 56 29.0	+07 00 52	13.54	16.68	M5.5	0.425	4.71	7.67	2.35
5	Lalande 21185	Ursa Major	11 03 20.2	+35 58 12	7.49	10.46	M2V	0.392	4.81	8.32	2.55
6	$\alpha$ CMa A	Sirius A	06 45 08.9	-16 42 58	-1.47	1.42	A1V	0.379	1.34	8.60	2.64
	$\alpha$ CMa B	Sirius B	06 45 08.9	-16 43 06	8.44	11.33	DA	0.379	1.33	8.60	2.64
7	L 726-8 A	BL Cet	01 39 01.5	-17 57 02	12.57	15.43	M5.5V:e	0.374	3.37	8.72	2.67
	L 726-8 B	UV Cet	01 39 01.5	-17 57 04	12.52	15.42	M5.5e	0.381	3.37	8.56	2.62
8	Ross 154	Sagittarius	18 49 49.4	-23 50 10	10.95	13.58	M3.5	0.336	0.67	9.70	2.98
9	Ross 248	Andromeda	23 41 55.2	+44 10 38	12.28	14.77	M5	0.315	1.62	10.3	3.17
10	$\epsilon$ Eri	Epsilon Eridani	03 32 55.8	-09 27 30	3.73	6.19	K2 V	0.311	0.98	10.5	3.22
11	Gl 887	Lacaille 9352	23 05 52.0	-35 51 11	7.34	9.75	M0.5	0.304	6.90	10.7	3.29
12	G010-050	Ross 128	11 47 44.4	+00 48 16	11.08	13.47	M4	0.300	1.36	10.9	3.33
13	G156-031 A	L 789-6 A	22 38 33.8	-15 18 03	13.3	15.69	M5.5	0.300	3.24	10.9	3.33
	G156-031 B	L 789-6 B	22 38 33.8	-15 18 03	13.3	15.69	M5	0.300	3.24	10.9	3.33
	G156-031 C	L 789-6 C	22 38 37.3	-15 17 07	14.0	16.34	M7	0.294	3.25	11.1	3.40
14	$\alpha$ CMi A	Procyon A	07 39 18.1	+05 13 30	0.34	2.62	F5IV-V	0.286	1.26	11.4	3.50
	$\alpha$ CMi B	Procyon B	07 39 19.7	+05 15 25	10.7	12.98	-	0.286	1.25	11.4	3.50
15	Gl 820 A	61 Cygni A	21 06 53.9	+38 44 58	5.21	7.50	K5V	0.287	5.28	11.4	3.48
	Gl 820 B	61 Cygni B	21 06 55.3	+38 44 31	6.03	8.30	K7V	0.285	5.17	11.4	3.51
16	Gl 725 A	Struve 2398 A	18 42 46.7	+59 37 49	8.91	11.15	M3V	0.280	2.24	11.6	3.57
	Gl 725 B	Struve 2398 B	18 42 46.9	+59 37 37	9.69	11.96	M3.5	0.284	2.31	11.5	3.52
17	BD +43°44	Groombridge 34 A	00 18 22.9	+44 01 23	8.09	10.33	M1.5V	0.280	2.92	11.6	3.57
		Groombridge 34 B	00 18 25.8	+44 01 38	11.04	13.28	M3.5	0.280	2.93	11.6	3.57
18	$\epsilon$ Ind A	Gl 845 A	22 03 21.6	-56 47 10	4.69	6.89	K4V	0.276	4.70	11.8	3.62
	$\epsilon$ Ind B	Gl 845 B	22 03 21.6	-56 47 10	-	-	T2.5	0.276	4.70	11.8	3.62
19	G51-15	GJ 1111	08 29 49.5	+26 46 32	14.81	17.01	M6	0.276	1.27	11.8	3.62
20	$\tau$ Cet	Gl 71	01 44 04.1	-15 56 15	3.50	5.69	G8V	0.274	1.92	11.9	3.65
21	L 725-32	YZ Ceti	01 12 30.6	-16 59 56	11.6	13.75	M4.5	0.269	1.37	12.1	3.72
22	BD +5°1668	Luyten's Star	07 27 24.5	+05 13 33	9.89	11.99	M3.5	0.263	3.74	12.4	3.80
23	Gl 191	Kapteyn's Star	05 11 40.6	-45 01 06	8.89	10.92	M1	0.255	8.66	12.8	3.92
24	Gl 825	Lacaille 8760	21 17 15.3	-38 52 02	6.68	8.70	K7	0.253	3.45	12.9	3.95
25	L 372-58	GJ 1061	03 35 59.6	-44 30 46	13.03	14.87	M5.5	0.233	0.83	14.0	4.29

\* Apparent Magnitude

\*\* Absolute Magnitude

## Star names

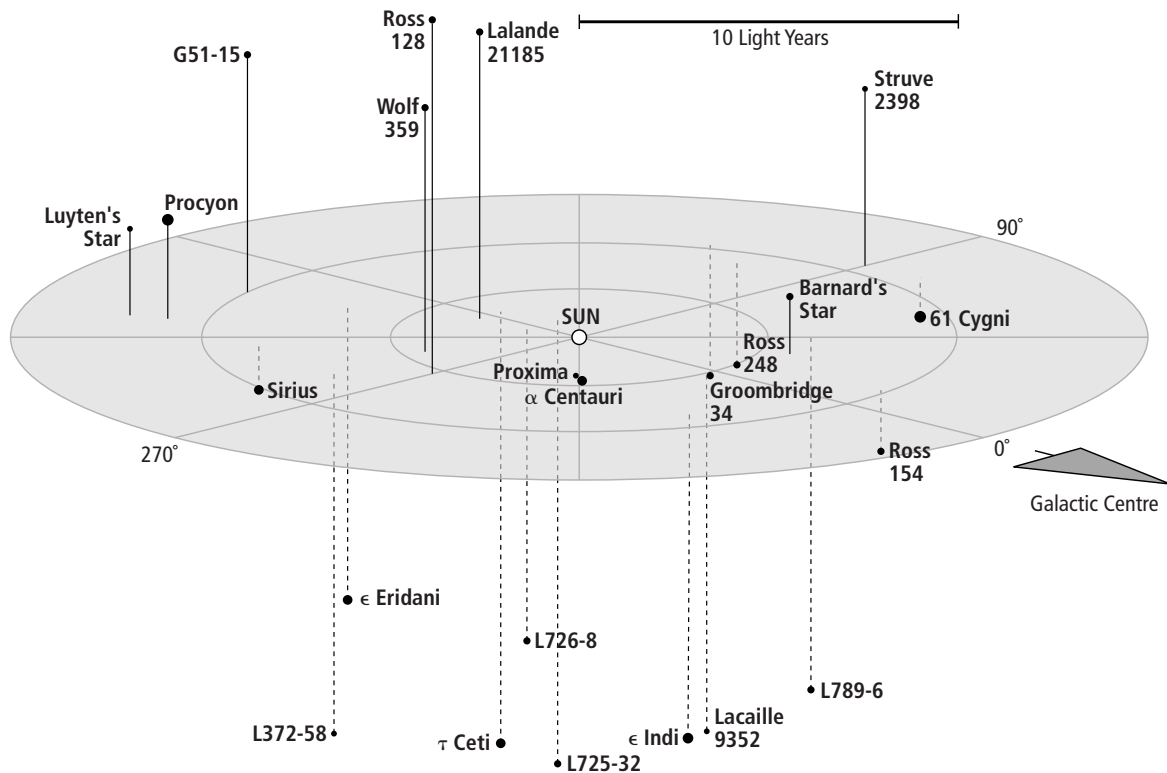
Many of the brighter stars were named in ancient times. Usually, the name referred to its place or association in its constellation. About 1,000 years ago Arab scholars kept the science of astronomy progressing and many star names are derived from their work.

In 1603, Johannes Bayer published an accurate atlas of the stars and constellations. He utilised a new system to name the stars within a constellation. The brightest star in a constellation was generally designated  $\alpha$  (alpha), and the next brightest was  $\beta$  (beta), and so on through the Greek alphabet (see section: **Background & General Information**). Unfortunately, Bayer was not rigorous in the application of this system and so there are anomalies such as  $\alpha$  Orionis (Betelgeuse) being fainter than  $\beta$  Orionis (Rigel).

Some of the fainter stars (but still visible to the unaided eye) are often referred to by their Flamsteed number. John Flamsteed (1646-1719) compiled a star catalogue which was published in 1725, six years after his death. In this catalogue, called the *Historia Coelestis Britannica*, Flamsteed assigned numbers to the stars within each constellation according to the stars' right ascensions. For example, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus is Aldebaran (*the follower* – in 'corrupted' Arabic), also designated  $\alpha$  Tauri in Bayer's system and 87 Tauri according to Flamsteed's work.

Many stars have been catalogued and named in a variety of astronomical research programmes. Most names are now based on the position (right ascension and declination) of the star in the sky. Other naming systems are derived from the details of the observing equipment and how it has mapped the sky. Other names are based solely on the star's sequence in a published catalogue. For example, Aldebaran is also BD +16 629 in the Bonner Durchmusterung (Bonn Survey), BS 1457 in the Yale Bright Star Catalog, HD 29139 in the Henry Draper Catalog of stellar spectra, SAO 94027 in the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Catalog, and HIP 21421 in the Hipparcos Catalogue of accurate star positions.

Diagram showing stars closest to the Solar System.



### Spectral classes of main sequence stars

Stars are classified according to the temperature of their photosphere (the observable “surface” of the star). Most stars are powered by thermonuclear reactions in their interiors. Middle aged stars produce energy (light) by converting hydrogen to helium. Such stars are said to be on the Main Sequence.

Class	Colour	Representative Temperature	Representative Mass	Representative Radius	Representative density	Some Stars of this Colour
O	Blue	50,000K	20	10	0.01	Mintaka
B	Blue	30,000K	7	4	0.2	Achernar, Rigel, Acrux
A	White	10,000K	2	2	0.6	Sirius, Fomalhaut
F	White-Yellow	7,000K	1.5	1.2	1.1	Procyon, Canopus
G	Yellow	6,000K	1	1	1.6	Sun, Capella, α Centauri
K	Orange	5,000K	0.7	0.7	2.4	Arcturus, Aldebaran, Pollux
M	Red	3,500K	0.2	0.3	10.0	Betelgeuse, Antares

**Note:** At these temperatures, degrees Kelvin (K) is approximately equal to the same number of degrees Celsius. Typical star masses and typical star radii are given for each spectral class. These two figures are expressed relative to the Sun’s mass ( $1.99 \times 10^{30}$  kg) and the Sun’s radius ( $6.96 \times 10^5$  km), respectively. Average density is given in grams/cm<sup>3</sup>; for comparison, water has a density of 1 gram/cm<sup>3</sup>.

NON-STELLAR OBJECTS (EPOCH J2000.0)							
NAME	RA h m	DEC. ° ' "	SIZE ' "	CONST.	TYPE	MAG.	DESCRIPTION
NGC 55	00 15.1	-39 13	30 x 63	Scl	Spiral galaxy	8.2	A bright galaxy in the Sculptor Group
NGC 104	00 24.1	-72 05	31	Tuc	Globular cluster	4.0	47 Tucanae, one of the finest globular clusters
NGC 224	00 42.8	+41 16	186 x70	And	Spiral galaxy	4.5	M31, The ‘Andromeda Galaxy’
NGC 253	00 47.5	-25 17	26 x 6	Scl	Spiral galaxy	7.1	‘Silver Coin’ galaxy. Large, bright edge-on spiral
SMC	00 52.7	-72 49	300	Tuc	Galaxy	2.2	Small Magellanic Cloud. Visible to unaided eye from dark sky
Pleiades	03 47.0	+24 07	110	Tau	Open cluster	1.5	M45 or ‘Seven Sisters’. Naked eye cluster, the brighter stars mag. 2
Hyades	04 26.9	+15 52	330	Tau	Open cluster	0.8	A naked eye, ‘V’ shaped cluster. 28 stars, the brighter mag. 3 and 4



NON-STELLAR OBJECTS (continued)							
NAME	RA hh mm	DEC. ° ' "	SIZE	CONST.	TYPE	MAG.	DESCRIPTION
LMC	05 23.6	-69 45	600	Dor	Galaxy	0.1	Large Magellanic Cloud. Visible to unaided eye from dark sky
NGC 1976	05 35.3	-05 23	90 x 60	Ori	Gaseous nebula	5.0	M42, 'Orion Nebula', emission and reflection nebula
NGC 2070	05 38.7	-69 06	30 x 20	Dor	Emission nebula	7.2	30 Doradus, 'Tarantula Nebula', bright complex looped structure
NGC 2169	06 08.5	+13 58	7	Ori	Open cluster	5.9	Rich loose cluster, 30 stars magnitude 7 and fainter
NGC 2168	06 08.9	+24 20	28	Gem	Open cluster	5.1	M35, 200 stars, magnitude range 9 to 16, no central concentration
NGC 2244	06 32.3	+04 52	24	Men	Open cluster	4.8	Rich cluster of 100 stars, with nebulosity (Rosette Nebula)
NGC 2264	06 41.1	+09 53	20	Men	Open cluster	3.9	40 stars, large brightness range, involved in nebulosity (Cone Nebula)
NGC 2287	06 46.9	-20 44	38	CMa	Open cluster	4.5	M41, 80 stars 7th magnitude and fainter with 6.9 mag. red star near centre
NGC 2301	06 51.8	+00 28	12	Mon	Open cluster	6.0	Rich cluster, 80 stars, large magnitude range, central concentration
NGC 2362	07 18.8	-24 57	8	CMa	Open cluster	4.1	60 stars, large brightness range (4th mag. down), concentrated centre
NGC 2422	07 36.6	-14 30	30	Pup	Open cluster	4.4	M47, large coarse cluster with 30 bright and faint stars
NGC 2437	07 41.8	-14 49	27	Pup	Open cluster	6.1	M46, rich open cluster, 100 stars, planetary nebula NGC2438 in same field
NGC 2447	07 44.6	-23 52	22	Pup	Open cluster	6.2	M93, 80 stars magnitude 8 to 13 with strong central concentration
NGC 2451	07 45.4	-37 58	45	Pup	Open cluster	3.5	Rich in stars with slight central concentration
NGC 2477	07 52.3	-38 33	27	Pup	Open cluster	5.8	~160 stars around 10 - 12th magnitude, strong central concentration
NGC 2516	07 58.3	-60 52	29	Car	Open cluster	3.8	80 stars 6th magnitude and fainter, strong central concentration
NGC 2547	08 10.4	-49 10	74	Vel	Open cluster	4.7	Rich in stars with strong central concentration. Brightest stars mag. 6
NGC 2548	08 13.8	-05 48	54	Hya	Open cluster	5.8	M48, Large cluster of 80 stars 8 to 13th magnitude, central concentration
NGC 2632	08 40.4	+19 40	95	Cnc	Open cluster	3.1	M44, 'Praesepe' or 'Beehive Cluster', very large cluster, 50 stars
IC 2391	08 40.2	-53 04	50	Vel	Open cluster	2.5	Moderately rich in bright (about mag. 3) and faint stars
IC 2395	08 42.6	-48 07	7	Vel	Open cluster	4.6	40 stars 6th magnitude and fainter
NGC 2808	09 12.0	-64 52	15	Car	Globular cluster	6.2	Large and rich, compressed centre, stars 13 to 15th magnitude
NGC 3114	10 02.7	-60 07	35	Car	Open cluster	4.2	Rich cluster, stars 9 to 14th magnitude, slight central concentration
NGC 3132	10 07.0	-40 26	0.5	Vel	Planetary nebula	9.9	The 'Eight Burst Nebula', ring and disk, 10th magnitude central star
IC 2602	10 43.3	-64 20	50	Car	Open cluster	1.6	Rich in stars, strong central concentration, brightest stars mag. 3
NGC 3372	10 44.3	-59 53		Car	Emission nebula	varies	The 'Eta Carinae Nebula', very bright, prominent dark lanes
NGC 3532	11 06.6	-58 44	55	Car	Open cluster	3.0	Rich and large, slight central concentration, 150 stars 7 to 12th magnitude
NGC 3766	11 36.2	-61 38	12	Cen	Open cluster	5.3	Rich cluster, 100 stars magnitude range 7 to 12th
NGC 4755	12 53.8	-60 22	10	Cru	Open cluster	5.2	The 'Jewel Box', rich in stars, large brightness range
NGC 4945	13 05.4	-49 28	23 x 6	Cen	Spiral galaxy	8.2	Large edge on spiral, good field, another small galaxy in same field
NGC 5128	13 25.5	-43 01	31 x 23	Cen	Galaxy	7.0	'Centaurus A', bright sphere crossed by dark lane, radio source
NGC 5139	13 26.8	-47 29	36	Cen	Globular cluster	3.7	Omega Centauri, one of the finest globular clusters
NGC 5272	13 42.2	+28 23	16	CVn	Globular cluster	6.2	M3, large bright globular cluster, brightens rapidly towards the middle
NGC 5281	13 46.5	-62 55	4	Cen	Open cluster	5.9	40 stars, moderately rich in bright and faint stars, magnitudes 6 to 12
NGC 5617	14 29.8	-60 43	10	Cen	Open cluster	6.3	80 stars, large brightness range, strong central concentration
NGC 5904	15 18.6	+02 05	20	Ser	Globular cluster	5.6	M5, bright, large very compressed in middle, slightly oval in shape
NGC 6025	16 03.7	-60 30	12	TrA	Open cluster	5.1	60 stars, large brightness range, slight central concentration
NGC 6067	16 13.2	-54 13	12	Nor	Open cluster	5.6	100 stars, large brightness range, strong central concentration
NGC 6087	16 18.9	-57 54	12	Nor	Open cluster	5.4	40 stars, moderate brightness range, slight central concentration
NGC 6121	16 23.6	-26 32	26	Sco	Globular cluster	5.6	M4, conspicuous globular near Antares, one of the nearest
NGC 6124	16 25.6	-40 40	29	Sco	Open cluster	5.8	100 stars, large brightness range, strong central concentration
NGC 6193	16 41.3	-48 46	14	Ara	Open cluster	5.2	Few stars, large brightness range, slight central concentration
<b>NGC 6205</b>	<b>16 41.7</b>	<b>+36 28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Her</b>	<b>Globular cluster</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>M13, the 'Great Hercules Cluster', showpiece of northern skies</b>
NGC 6231	16 54.2	-41 50	14	Sco	Open cluster	2.6	A few stars with strong central concentration. Brightest stars mag. 5
NGC 6405	17 40.1	-32 13	20	Sco	Open cluster	4.2	M6, the 'Butterfly Cluster', 80 stars, large brightness range
NGC 6397	17 40.7	-53 40	26	Ara	Globular cluster	5.7	Loose, scattered structure, one of the nearest of the globulars
NGC 6475	17 53.9	-34 49	80	Sco	Open cluster	4.5	M7, 80 stars brighter than 1 10th magnitude, large brightness range
NGC 6494	17 56.8	-19 01	27	Sgr	Open cluster	5.5	M23, 150 stars, moderate brightness range, lies in good star field
NGC 6514	18 02.4	-23 02	28	Sgr	Gaseous nebula	6.3	M20, 'Trifid Nebula', emission and reflection nebulosity cut by dark lanes
NGC 6523	18 03.6	-24 23	45 x 30	Sgr	Emission nebula	5.8	M8, 'Lagoon', densest section known as the 'Hourglass', dark lane
NGC 6611	18 18.8	-13 47	7	Ser	Open cluster	6.0	M16, 100 bright and faint stars in the 'Eagle Nebula'
IC 4725	18 31.9	-19 15	29	Sgr	Open cluster	6.2	M25, 30 stars loosely scattered
NGC 6656	18 36.4	-23 54	24	Sgr	Globular cluster	5.1	M22. Fine globular, only Omega Centauri and 47 Tucanae are brighter
NGC 6705	18 51.1	-06 16	14	Set	Open cluster	5.8	M11, the 'Wild Duck Cluster', rich and compact open cluster
NGC 7009	21 04.2	-11 22	0.5	Aqr	Planetary nebula	12.8	The 'Saturn Nebula', ring structure in a larger and fainter halo
NGC 7078	21 30.0	+12 10	12	Peg	Globular cluster	6.2	M15, bright, irregularly shaped, well resolved into faint stars
NGC 7293	22 29.6	-20 50	13	Aqr	Planetary nebula	13.5	The 'Helix Nebula', ring structure in a larger and fainter disk

The data in **bold** denotes objects that are difficult to view from southern parts of WA.

# BACKGROUND & GENERAL INFORMATION

## Astronomy on the Internet

There are many Internet sites available for those interested in astronomy, most of which are very user friendly, and full of information. The following list of sites has been found by Observatory staff to be quite useful. Please note that the Internet is a dynamic medium so access to sites can change without notice, while new sites are becoming available all the time. This is a small list – each of the sites mentioned will have links to more related sites.

### Perth Observatory

<http://www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au>

- **Astronomy News:** Updated regularly, this section contains a weekly night sky column, plus notification of current phenomena and topical events.
- **Information:** This gives information (small images) of planets, comets, stars etc. All of this information is taken from the Perth Observatory Project Kit. Also Sun and Moon rise/set times for Perth.

Rise and set times for Perth and Moon phases for WA:

[http://www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au/information/rise\\_set\\_times\\_phases.html](http://www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au/information/rise_set_times_phases.html)



- **Education and Outreach:** Details of services for the public. For availability, contact Perth Observatory. Daytime guided tours and evening star viewing available.
- **Astronomy Links:** This section links the user to many areas of astronomical interest.

### NASA Homepage

<http://www.nasa.gov/>

This is a good starting place for many NASA projects – especially current missions. When a shuttle mission is in orbit, this will give a link to the current shuttle home page, with associated projects and experiments.

### Hubble Space Telescope

<http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/>

The Hubble Space Telescope is managed through the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. Many HST images are available, even those several years old.

### Sky and Telescope Magazine

<http://www.skypub.com/>

This magazine is the premier astronomy magazine for amateur astronomers. Sky Publishing put out a weekly update of all astronomical events in non-technical language along with summaries of press releases. The site can also provide some basic astronomical information.

### Sun

<http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/>

Current real time Sun images, including animated GIFs of solar flares. Also information about auroras.

### Sunrise/set times

<http://www.auslig.gov.au/geodesy/astro>

Type in your latitude, longitude and Time Zone for astronomical phenomena at any place – interactive.

### Moon Phases

<http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/phase/phase2001.html>

Dates and times for moon phases (in UT: WAST = UT + 8hrs).

### Eclipses

<http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/eclipse.html>

Provides a wealth of information concerning both solar and lunar eclipses.

### Current Almanac

<http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/almanac>

Can be set for your location. Sun and Moon, rise and set times, planet visibility, plus Space Station viewing times are available at this site.

### Planets

<http://www.nineplanets.org>

Latest Information on all the planets – an excellent site.

### Solar System Conditions

<http://www.spaceweather.com>

Current state of the solar winds, plus aurora predictions and asteroid approaches.

### ISS, Iridium Satellites, Satellites

<http://www.heavens-above.com>

Input your specific site, and bookmark for your location. This gives passages of all satellites, or ISS (International Space Station), or the Iridium satellite flashes visible from your site, with specific times.

### Weather

<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/wa>

Weather maps and predictions, wind forecasts, charts and current conditions.

## Constellations

Constellations are a relatively arbitrary grouping of stars in the sky. They are arbitrary in the sense that the stars are not necessarily related in any way, or even close to one another, they just lie in the same area on the celestial sphere. Also, in ancient times some stars were grouped together in a constellation because they were reminiscent of the outline, or rough shape, of an animal, object, or a mythological being. Different cultures most times defined different constellations for the same grouping of stars, but sometimes they were quite similar. Identifying a constellation by eye is sometimes just a matter of ‘joining the dots’ defined by the stars and using some imagination. Some constellations are not easily identified in this way as the relationship of stars to object is abstract or obscure.

Some of the constellations are descended from catalogues created by the ancient Greeks around 2,000 years ago. The most influential of these catalogues is the *Almagest* by Ptolemy of Alexandria (AD 73 - AD 151) in which he mentions 48 constellations that were visible from the Northern Hemisphere. Naturally, these constellations descended from earlier Egyptian and Mesopotamian cultures. This catalogue had an influence lasting nearly 1,200 years and was the foundation of the astronomy accomplished by Arabic and Medieval scholars. In fact, the title *Almagest* is a corruption of the Arabic, Al-mijisti, which roughly translates to *the Magnificent* – such was this culture’s appreciation of its scholarly importance.

A little more than half of the constellations in use today originated from ancient times. The others were defined by European astronomers and cartographers as the Southern Hemisphere began to be explored in the 16th Century.

The most notable of these astronomers was Nicolas Louis de Lacaille (1713-1762). After an observing expedition to South Africa, he named 14 new constellations in the uncharted parts of southern sky. The constellations he defined represented equipment (mostly scientific) in use at that time.

In 1930 the International Astronomical Union (the organisation of professional astronomers) fixed the names and boundaries of the constellations. They defined 88 constellations in all, covering the entire sky (see table below). They generally follow the patterns of the most common constellations defined in earlier times. Strict definitions were required because prior to that date mapmakers and astronomers could define constellations as they pleased. Sometimes this was undertaken in order to obtain favour from a patron.

The table also provides the Latin ‘genitive’ case of the constellation names. This case is often referred to as the possessive case, as that is the most similar English language case comparison. It expresses possession, origin, source, etc. and in Latin grammar is shown by inflection of nouns, pronouns, and adjectives. With respect to the constellations, this case is used to show that the location of a star, or other object, lies within the boundaries of a constellation. For example, the brightest star in Taurus, Aldebaran, becomes  $\alpha$  Tauri.

Culmination occurs when the mid point of a constellation is highest in the sky around midnight.

CONSTELLATIONS				
DESIGNATION	GENITIVE	ABBREV.	CULMINATION	MEANING
Andromeda	Andromedae	And	Nov 23	The Chained Maiden
Antlia	Antliae	Ant	Apr 10	The Air Pump
Apus	Apodis	Aps	Jul 05	The Bird of Paradise
Aquarius	Aquarii	Aqr	Oct 09	The Water Bearer
Aquila	Aquilae	Aql	Aug 30	The Eagle
Ara	Arae	Ara	Jul 25	The Altar
Aries	Arietis	Ari	Dec 14	The Ram
Auriga	Aurigae	Aur	Feb 04	The Charioteer
Bootes	Bootis	Boo	Jun 16	The Bear Driver
Caelum	Caeli	Cae	Jan 15	The Sculptor’s Chisel
Camelopardus	Camelopardi	Cam	Feb 06	The Giraffe
Cancer	Cancri	Cnc	Mar 16	The Crab
Canes Venatici	Canum Venaticorum	CVn	May 22	The Hunting Dogs
Canis Major	Canis Majoris	CMa	Feb 16	The Greater Dog
Canis Minor	Canis Minoris	CMi	Feb 28	The Lesser Dog
Capricornus	Capricorni	Cap	Sep 22	The Sea Goat
Carina	Carinae	Car	Mar 17	The Keel (of Argo Navis)
Cassiopeia	Cassiopeiae	Cas	Nov 23	The Queen of Ethiopia
Centaurus	Centauri	Cen	May 14	The Centaur
Cepheus	Cephei	Cep	Nov 13	The King of Ethiopia
Cetus	Ceti	Cet	Nov 29	The Sea Monster (Whale)
Chamaeleon	Chamaeleontis	Cha	Apr 15	The Chameleon
Circinus	Circini	Cir	Jun 14	The Compasses
Columba	Columbae	Col	Feb 01	Noah’s Dove
Coma Berenices	Cornae Berenices	Corn	May 17	The Hair of Berenice
Corona Australis	Coronae Australis	CrA	Aug 14	The Southern Crown

**CONSTELLATIONS (continued)**

DESIGNATION	GENITIVE	ABBREV.	CULMINATION	MEANING
Corona Borealis	Coronae Borealis	CrB	Jul 03	The Northern Crown
Corvus	Corvi	Crv	May 12	The Crow
Crater	Crateris	Crt	Apr 26	The Cup
CruX	Crucis	Cru	May 12	The (Southern) Cross
Cygnus	Cygni	Cyg	Sep 13	The Swan
Delphinus	Delphini	Del	Sep 14	The Dolphin (Porpoise)
Dorado	Doradus	Dor	Jan 31	The Swordfish
Draco	Draconis	Dra	Jul 08	The Dragon
Equuleus	Equulei	Equ	Sep 22	The Foal
Eridanus	Eridani	Eri	Dec 25	The River
Fornax	Fornacis	For	Dec 17	The Laboratory Furnace
Gemini	Gemorum	Gem	Feb 19	The Twins
Grus	Gruis	Gru	Oct 12	The Crane
Hercules	Herculis	Her	Jul 28	Hercules (the hero)
Horologium	Horologii	Hor	Dec 25	The Pendulum Clock
Hydra	Hydrae	Hya	Apr 29	The Water Snake
Hydrus	Hydri	Hyi	Dec 10	The Southern Water Snake
Indus	Indi	Ind	Sep 26	The American Indian
Lacerta	Lacertae	Lac	Oct 12	The Lizard
Leo	Leonis	Leo	Apr 15	The Lion
Leo Minor	Leonis Minoris	LMi	Apr 09	The Lion Cub
Lepus	Leporis	Lep	Jan 28	The Hare
Libra	Librae	Lib	Jun 23	The Scales
Lupus	Lupi	Lup	Jun 23	The Wolf
Lynx	Lyncis	Lyn	Mar 05	The Lynx
Lyra	Lyrae	Lyr	Aug 18	The Harp
Mensa	Mensae	Men	Jan 28	The Table Mountain
Microscopium	Microscopii	Mic	Sep, 18	The Microscope
Monoceros	Monocerotis	Mon	Feb 19	The Unicorn
Musca	Muscae	Mus	May 14	The Fly
Norma	Normae	Nor	Jul 03	The Carpenter's Square
Octans	Octantis	Oct	Circum	The Octant
Ophiuchus	Ophiuchi	Oph	Jul 26	The Serpent Bearer
Orion	Orionis	Ori	Jan 27	The Hunter
Pavo	Pavonis	Pav	Aug 29	The Peacock
Pegasus	Pegasi	Peg	Oct 16	The Winged Horse
Perseus	Persei	Per	Dec 22	Perseus (the hero)
Phoenix	Phoenicis	Phe	Nov 18	The Phoenix
Pictor	Pictoris	Pic	Jan 30	The Painter's Easel
Pisces	Piscium	Psc	Nov 11	The Fishes
Piscis Austrinus	Piscis Austrini	PsA	Oct 09	The Southern Fish
Puppis	Puppis	Pup	Feb 22	The Stern (of Argo Navis)
Pyxis	Pyxidis	Pyx	Mar 21	The Mariner's Compass
Reticulum	Reticuli	Ret	Jan 03	The Eyepiece Reticle
Sagitta	Sagittae	Sge	Aug 30	The Arrow
Sagittarius	Sagittarii	Sgr	Aug 21	The Archer
Scorpius	Scorpii	Sco	Jul 18	The Scorpion
Sculptor	Sculptoris	Scl	Nov 10	The Sculptor's Workshop
Scutum	Scuti	Sct	Aug 15	The Shield
Serpens	Serpentis	Ser	Jul 21	The Serpent
Sextans	Sextantis	Sex	Apr 08	The Sextant
Taurus	Tauri	Tau	Jan 14	The Bull
Telescopium	Telescopii	Tel	Aug 24	The Telescope
Triangulum	Trianguli	Tri	Dec 07	The Triangle
Triangulum Australe	Trianguli Australis	TrA	Jul 07	The The Southern Triangle
Tucana	Tucanae	Tuc	Nov 01	The Toucan
Ursa Major	Ursae Majoris	UMa	Apr 25	The Great Bear
Ursa Minor	Ursae Minoris	Umi	Jun 27	The Bear Cub
Vela	Velorum	Vel	Mar 30	The Sail (of Argo Navis)
Virgo	Virginis	Vir	May 26	The Virgin
Volans	Volantis	Vol	Mar 04	The Flying Fish
Vulpecula	Vulpeculae	Vul	Sep 08	The Fox

**GREEK ALPHABET**

A α Alpha

B β Beta

Γ γ Gamma

Δ δ Delta

E ε Epsilon

Z ζ Zeta

H η Eta

Θ θ Theta

I ι Iota

K κ Kappa

Λ λ Lambda

M μ Mu

N ν Nu

Ξ ξ Xi

O ο Omicron

Π π Pi

P ρ Rho

Σ σ Sigma

T τ Tau

Y υ Upsilon

Φ φ Phi

X χ Chi

Ψ ψ Psi

Ω ω Omega

**CALENDAR WITH JULIAN DATE AND DAY NUMBERS**

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1	Mon	1	101.5	Thu	32	132.5	Thu	60	160.5	Sun	91	191.5	Tue	121	221.5	Fri	152	252.5
2	Tue	2	102.5	Fri	33	133.5	Fri	61	161.5	Mon	92	192.5	Wed	122	222.5	Sat	153	253.5
3	Wed	3	103.5	Sat	34	134.5	Sat	62	162.5	Tue	93	193.5	Thu	123	223.5	Sun	154	254.5
4	Thu	4	104.5	Sun	35	135.5	Sun	63	163.5	Wed	94	194.5	Fri	124	224.5	Mon	155	255.5
5	Fri	5	105.5	Mon	36	136.5	Mon	64	164.5	Thu	95	195.5	Sat	125	225.5	Tue	156	256.5
6	Sat	6	106.5	Tue	37	137.5	Tue	65	165.5	Fri	96	196.5	Sun	126	226.5	Wed	157	257.5
7	Sun	7	107.5	Wed	38	138.5	Wed	66	166.5	Sat	97	197.5	Mon	127	227.5	Thu	158	258.5
8	Mon	8	108.5	Thu	39	139.5	Thu	67	167.5	Sun	98	198.5	Tue	128	228.5	Fri	159	259.5
9	Tue	9	109.5	Fri	40	140.5	Fri	68	168.5	Mon	99	199.5	Wed	129	229.5	Sat	160	260.5
10	Wed	10	110.5	Sat	41	141.5	Sat	69	169.5	Tue	100	200.5	Thu	130	230.5	Sun	161	261.5
11	Thu	11	111.5	Sun	42	142.5	Sun	70	170.5	Wed	101	201.5	Fri	131	231.5	Mon	162	262.5
12	Fri	12	112.5	Mon	43	143.5	Mon	71	171.5	Thu	102	202.5	Sat	132	232.5	Tue	163	263.5
13	Sat	13	113.5	Tue	44	144.5	Tue	72	172.5	Fri	103	203.5	Sun	133	233.5	Wed	164	264.5
14	Sun	14	114.5	Wed	45	145.5	Wed	73	173.5	Sat	104	204.5	Mon	134	234.5	Thu	165	265.5
15	Mon	15	115.5	Thu	46	146.5	Thu	74	174.5	Sun	105	205.5	Tue	135	235.5	Fri	166	266.5
16	Tue	16	116.5	Fri	47	147.5	Fri	75	175.5	Mon	106	206.5	Wed	136	236.5	Sat	167	267.5
17	Wed	17	117.5	Sat	48	148.5	Sat	76	176.5	Tue	107	207.5	Thu	137	237.5	Sun	168	268.5
18	Thu	18	118.5	Sun	49	149.5	Sun	77	177.5	Wed	108	208.5	Fri	138	238.5	Mon	169	269.5
19	Fri	19	119.5	Mon	50	150.5	Mon	78	178.5	Thu	109	209.5	Sat	139	239.5	Tue	170	270.5
20	Sat	20	120.5	Tue	51	151.5	Tue	79	179.5	Fri	110	210.5	Sun	140	240.5	Wed	171	271.5
21	Sun	21	121.5	Wed	52	152.5	Wed	80	180.5	Sat	111	211.5	Mon	141	241.5	Thu	172	272.5
22	Mon	22	122.5	Thu	53	153.5	Thu	81	181.5	Sun	112	212.5	Tue	142	242.5	Fri	173	273.5
23	Tue	23	123.5	Fri	54	154.5	Fri	82	182.5	Mon	113	213.5	Wed	143	243.5	Sat	174	274.5
24	Wed	24	124.5	Sat	55	155.5	Sat	83	183.5	Tue	114	214.5	Thu	144	244.5	Sun	175	275.5
25	Thu	25	125.5	Sun	56	156.5	Sun	84	184.5	Wed	115	215.5	Fri	145	245.5	Mon	176	276.5
26	Fri	26	126.5	Mon	57	157.5	Mon	85	185.5	Thu	116	216.5	Sat	146	246.5	Tue	177	277.5
27	Sat	27	127.5	Tue	58	158.5	Tue	86	186.5	Fri	117	217.5	Sun	147	247.5	Wed	178	278.5
28	Sun	28	128.5	Wed	59	159.5	Wed	87	187.5	Sat	118	218.5	Mon	148	248.5	Thu	179	279.5
29	Mon	29	129.5				Thu	88	188.5	Sun	119	219.5	Tue	149	249.5	Fri	180	280.5
30	Tue	30	130.5				Fri	89	189.5	Mon	120	220.5	Wed	150	250.5	Sat	181	281.5
31	Wed	31	131.5				Sat	90	190.5				Thu	151	251.5			

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1	Sun	182	282.5	Wed	213	313.5	Sat	244	344.5	Mon	274	374.5	Thu	305	405.5	Sat	335	435.5
2	Mon	183	283.5	Thu	214	314.5	Sun	245	345.5	Tue	275	375.5	Fri	306	406.5	Sun	336	436.5
3	Tue	184	284.5	Fri	215	315.5	Mon	246	346.5	Wed	276	376.5	Sat	307	407.5	Mon	337	437.5
4	Wed	185	285.5	Sat	216	316.5	Tue	247	347.5	Thu	277	377.5	Sun	308	408.5	Tue	338	438.5
5	Thu	186	286.5	Sun	217	317.5	Wed	248	348.5	Fri	278	378.5	Mon	309	409.5	Wed	339	439.5
6	Fri	187	287.5	Mon	218	318.5	Thu	249	349.5	Sat	279	379.5	Tue	310	410.5	Thu	340	440.5
7	Sat	188	288.5	Tue	219	319.5	Fri	250	350.5	Sun	280	380.5	Wed	311	411.5	Fri	341	441.5
8	Sun	189	289.5	Wed	220	320.5	Sat	251	351.5	Mon	281	381.5	Thu	312	412.5	Sat	342	442.5
9	Mon	190	290.5	Thu	221	321.5	Sun	252	352.5	Tue	282	382.5	Fri	313	413.5	Sun	343	443.5
10	Tue	191	291.5	Fri	222	322.5	Mon	253	353.5	Wed	283	383.5	Sat	314	414.5	Mon	344	444.5
11	Wed	192	292.5	Sat	223	323.5	Tue	254	354.5	Thu	284	384.5	Sun	315	415.5	Tue	345	445.5
12	Thu	193	293.5	Sun	224	324.5	Wed	255	355.5	Fri	285	385.5	Mon	316	416.5	Wed	346	446.5
13	Fri	194	294.5	Mon	225	325.5	Thu	256	356.5	Sat	286	386.5	Tue	317	417.5	Thu	347	447.5
14	Sat	195	295.5	Tue	226	326.5	Fri	257	357.5	Sun	287	387.5	Wed	318	418.5	Fri	348	448.5
15	Sun	196	296.5	Wed	227	327.5	Sat	258	358.5	Mon	288	388.5	Thu	319	419.5	Sat	349	449.5
16	Mon	197	297.5	Thu	228	328.5	Sun	259	359.5	Tue	289	389.5	Fri	320	420.5	Sun	350	450.5
17	Tue	198	298.5	Fri	229	329.5	Mon	260	360.5	Wed	290	390.5	Sat	321	421.5	Mon	351	451.5
18	Wed	199	299.5	Sat	230	330.5	Tue	261	361.5	Thu	291	391.5	Sun	322	422.5	Tue	352	452.5
19	Thu	200	300.5	Sun	231	331.5	Wed	262	362.5	Fri	292	392.5	Mon	323	423.5	Wed	353	453.5
20	Fri	201	301.5	Mon	232	332.5	Thu	263	363.5	Sat	293	393.5	Tue	324	424.5	Thu	354	454.5
21	Sat	202	302.5	Tue	233	333.5	Fri	264	364.5	Sun	294	394.5	Wed	325	425.5	Fri	355	455.5
22	Sun	203	303.5	Wed	234	334.5	Sat	265	365.5	Mon	295	395.5	Thu	326	426.5	Sat	356	456.5
23	Mon	204	304.5	Thu	235	335.5	Sun	266	366.5	Tue	296	396.5	Fri	327	427.5	Sun	357	457.5
24	Tue	205	305.5	Fri	236	336.5	Mon	267	367.5	Wed	297	397.5	Sat	328	428.5	Mon	358	458.5
25	Wed	206	306.5	Sat	237	337.5	Tue	268	368.5	Thu	298	398.5	Sun	329	429.5	Tue	359	459.5
26	Thu	207	307.5	Sun	238	338.5	Wed	269	369.5	Fri	299	399.5	Mon	330	430.5	Wed	360	460.5
27	Fri	208	308.5	Mon	239	339.5	Thu	270	370.5	Sat	300	400.5	Tue	331	431.5	Thu	361	461.5
28	Sat	209	309.5	Tue	240	340.5	Fri	271	371.5	Sun	301	401.5	Wed	332	432.5	Fri	362	462.5
29	Sun	210	310.5	Wed	241	341.5	Sat	272	372.5	Mon	302	402.5	Thu	333	433.5	Sat	363	463.5
30	Mon	211	311.5	Thu	242	342.5	Sun	273	373.5	Mon	303	403.5	Fri	334	434.5	Sun	364	464.5
31	Tue	212	312.5	Fri	243	343.5				Wed	304	404.5				Mon	365	465.5

## What’s an Era?

*An era is a start point for chronological calculations and those in the accompanying table relate to different calendar systems. A calendar is a system of time reckoning over long durations and different cultures start their calendars at an era that has significance to them. Currently, there are about 40 calendars in use around the world.*

The calendar in common use in Australia (and all developed countries) is associated with the Christian Church and its starting epoch is the estimated first year of the life of Christ. However, its correct name is the Gregorian calendar because in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII reformed the rule of Leap Years in order to better keep the months in synchronism with the seasons. Therefore this calendar is a solar calendar – it is based on the orbital motion of the Earth about the Sun. The Gregorian calendar is an improvement of the earlier Julian calendar (initiated by Julius Caesar around BC46). Most countries use the Gregorian calendar for the conduct of trade.

In Byzantium, their era started from the Biblical Creation and not from Christ’s birth. The number of elapsed years between the events was deemed to be 5508 years.

The Chinese calendar is a combined lunar and solar (lunisolar) calendar and is mainly used to determine the dates of traditional Chinese holidays. Its start epoch is that for the birth of Emporor Huang Di.

The Coptic calendar, also called the Diocletian calendar, is used by the Coptic Orthodox Church. This calendar is based on the ancient Egyptian (solar) calendar. Coptic years are counted from AD 284, the year the notorious persecutor of christians Diocletian became Roman Emperor.

The Buddhist calendar used in Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar is a lunisolar calendar. Thailand uses the Buddhasakarat era, Cambodia uses the Mahasakarat era (that happens to be the same as the Saka Era in the Indian Saka calendar) and Myanmar uses the Chulasakarat era.

The Islamic (Hegira) calendar is a lunar calendar (based on the orbit of the Moon about the Earth) and its starting year is that for the birth of the Prophet Muhammad.

The Japanese calendar is based on the mythical founding of Japan by Emperor Jimmu in 660BCE.

The Jewish calendar is a lunisolar calendar and starts at the date of Creation as outlined in the Old Testament.

The Greek astronomer Claudius Ptolemaeus defined an era that started from the first year of the reign of Nabonassar the founder of a kingdom in Babylon. This system was used by Ptolemy and later astronomers, but not by the Babylonians themselves.

In the later Roman Republic, historians and scholars began to count years from the founding of the city of Rome. Different scholars used different dates for this event. The date most widely used today is that calculated by Varro, 753 BC, but other systems varied by up to several decades. Dates given by this method are numbered ab urbe condita (meaning after the founding of the city, and abbreviated AUC).

ERAS (2007)		
ERA NAME	YEAR	BEGINS
Byzantine	7516	Sep 14
Chinese (Ding-Hai)	(4644)	Feb 18
Diocletian	1724	Sep 12
Grecian (Seleucidae)	2319	Sep 14 (or Oct 14)
<b>GREGORIAN</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>
Indian (Saka)	1929	Mar 22
Islamic (Hegira)*	1428	Jan 19
Japanese	2667	Jan 1
Jewish (A.M)*	5768	Sep 12
Nabonassar	2756	Apr 22
Roman (A.U.C.)	2760	Jan 14

\* Year begins at sunset.

All dates are given in terms of the Gregorian calendar in which 2007 January 14 corresponds to 2007 January 1 of the Julian Calendar.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR (2007)	
EVENT	DATE
Epiphany	Jan 6
Islamic New Year (tabular)	Jan 20
Ash Wednesday	Feb 21
Palm Sunday	Apr 1
First Day of Passover (Pesach)	Apr 3
Good Friday	Apr 6
Easter Day	Apr 8
Ascension Day	May 17
Feast of Weeks (Shavuot)	May 23
Whit Sunday - Pentecost	May 27
Trinity Sunday	Jun 3
First Day of Ramadan (tabular)	Sep 13
Jewish New Year (tabular) (Rosh Hashanah)	Sep 13
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	Sep 22
First Day of Tabernacles (Succoth)	Sep 27
First Sunday in Advent	Dec 2
Christmas Day (Sunday)	Dec 25

The Jewish and Islamic dates above are tabular dates, which begin at sunset on the previous evening and end at sunset on the date tabulated. In practice, the dates of Islamic fasts and festivals are determined by an actual sighting of the appropriate New Moon.



CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES (2007)		
Dominical Letter	G	A "letter" that corresponds to the day upon which the first Sunday (and every subsequent Sunday) of the year falls. For example, A=Sunday Jan 1st, B=Sunday Jan 2nd, C= Sunday Jan 3rd etc. This system was developed in Roman times and is used in constructing the ecclesiastical calendar (and determining Easter) for any year.
Epact	11	The 'age' of the Moon: the number of days since new moon, diminished by one day, on January 1 in the Gregorian ecclesiastical lunar cycles. It is used in constructing the ecclesiastical calendar for any year.
Golden Number (Lunar Cycle)	XIII	Year within a 19-year cycle after which moon phases repeat (approximately) on the same calendar day in the Julian Calendar. It used to be used in constructing the ecclesiastical calendar for any year.
Julian Period (year of)	6720	Number of Julian years from Julian Day 0.
Roman Indiction	15	Year within a 15-year cycle based on a Roman taxation cycle. (This, in turn, was based on the maximum length of military service, at the end of which taxation had to be finalised.)
Solar Cycle	28	Year within a 28-year cycle after which weekdays and calendar dates repeat in the Julian Calendar. It used to be used in constructing the ecclesiastical calendar for any year..

### Calculation of Easter

*The calculation of the Easter date has the ecclesiastical name of the comput. It is somewhat complicated because it is linked to the Hebrew calendar.*

Jesus was crucified immediately before the Jewish Passover, which is a celebration of the Exodus from Egypt under Moses. Celebration of Passover started on the 15th day of the (spring) month of Nisan. Jewish months start when the Moon is new, therefore the 15th day of the month must be immediately after a Full Moon.

It was therefore decided to make Easter Sunday the first Sunday after the first Full Moon after March equinox. Or more precisely: Easter Sunday is determined using the *ecclesiastical Moon*, the fictitious average Moon, as the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical Full Moon on or after the ecclesiastical March equinox.

The ecclesiastical March equinox is always 21 March. The ecclesiastical Full Moon may differ from the astronomical Full Moon by one or two days.

The Full Moon that precedes Easter is called the Paschal Full Moon. Two constructs play an important role when calculating the Paschal Full Moon: The Golden Number and the Epact.

The following table shows the date for the Paschal Full Moon for a given Epact: Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the above Full Moon date. If the Full Moon falls on a Sunday, Easter Sunday is the following Sunday. An Epact of 25 requires special

Epact	Paschal Full Moon	Epact	Paschal Full Moon
1	12 April	16	28 March
2	11 April	17	27 March
3	10 April	18	26 March
4	9 April	19	25 March
5	8 April	20	24 March
6	7 April	21	23 March
7	6 April	22	22 March
8	5 April	23	21 March
9	4 April	24	18 April
10	3 April	25	18 or 17 April
11	2 April	26	17 April
12	1 April	27	16 April
13	31 March	28	15 April
14	30 March	29	14 April
15	29 March	30	13 April

treatment, as it has two dates in the above table. There are two equivalent methods for choosing the correct Paschal Full Moon date, either:

- a) Choose 18 April, unless the current century contains years with an Epact of 24, in which case 17 April should be used.
- b) If the Golden Number is > 11 choose 17 April, otherwise choose 18 April.

*(Adapted from 'Frequently Asked Questions About Calendars' by Claus Tondering, 2005.)*

HOURS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
FRACTION OF A DAY:	0.042	0.083	0.125	0.167	0.208	0.250	0.292	0.333	0.375	0.417	0.458	0.500

HOURS	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
FRACTION OF A DAY:	0.542	0.583	0.625	0.667	0.708	0.750	0.792	0.833	0.875	0.917	0.958	1.000

## Rise Set Corrections

Most of the rise and set times quoted in this Almanac are correct for WA's population centre and state capital, Perth. The maps provided here will assist in the process of making corrections for observations at other locations around the state.

Meteorological and local topography affect the actual time of an object's rise or set. These affects vary from place to place and in general add an uncertainty of about two minutes to these times.

### How to make a correction

1. Find the relevant rise or set time at Perth for the date you require,
2. Find the declination of the object on that date,
3. Find the rise or set map for the object's declination, or the two maps that bracket the declination, and
4. Estimate your location on the maps,
5. Estimate the correction from the map, or maps.
6. If you use two maps you will need to estimate the correction for both maps, then interpolate (estimate an intermediate value given the objects declination as a proportion between the map declinations) between these two values to obtain the overall correction.

### An example:

#### Sunrise time at Leonora on 2007 Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> (the December Solstice of 2007).

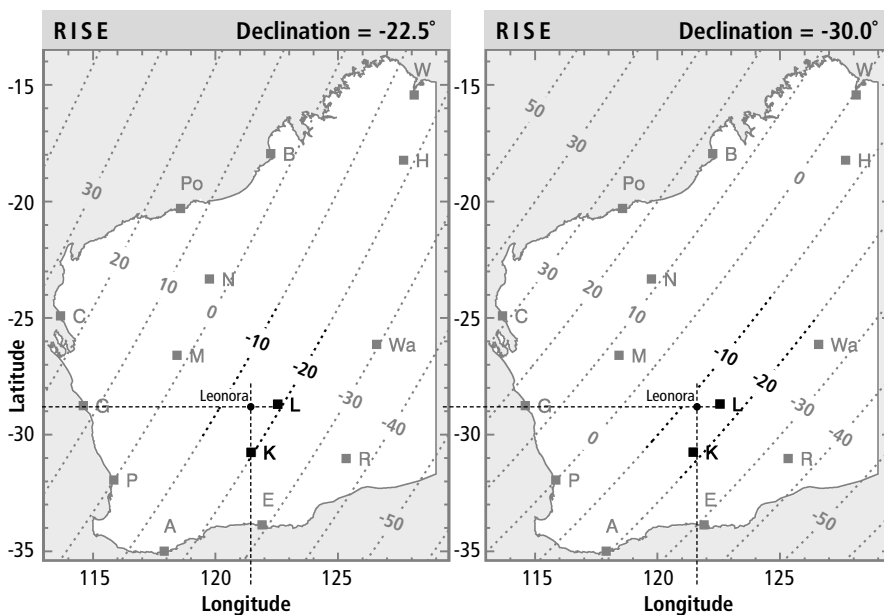
1. The sunrise time at Perth on that date is 0507 WAST (from December Sun and Moon rise and set table, see section: *December*).
2. The declination of the Sun on that date is  $-23^{\circ} 26' 10'' = -(23+26/60+10/3600)^{\circ} = -23.^{\circ}44$  (from Sun position table, section: *Solar System Information*).
3. Leonora is approximately NW of the line joining Kalgoorlie and Laverton, or, latitude =  $-28.9$  degrees and longitude =  $121.33$  degrees E.
4. Use the rise maps, with declinations  $-22.^{\circ}5$  and  $-30.^{\circ}0$ . From the rise correction maps the corrections are  $-16$  minutes and  $-13$  minutes, respectively.
5. Interpolate between maps:  $-23.^{\circ}44$  is  $0.94$  from  $-22.^{\circ}5$  toward  $-30.^{\circ}0$ . So we must add  $0.94/7.5$  of the difference between the estimates, from the estimate at  $-22.^{\circ}5$ .

The interpolation 'correction' =  $0.94/7.5 * (-13+16)$  minutes, is approximately 0 minutes (any fraction of 2 minutes is negligible for these purposes).

Total correction is  $-16$  minutes (at declination =  $-22.^{\circ}5$ ) + interpolation (=0 minutes) =  $-16$  minutes.

#### Sunrise time at Leonora

= Sunrise time at Perth + correction = 0507 WAST  $-16$  minutes = 0451 WAST.



### Notes for maps

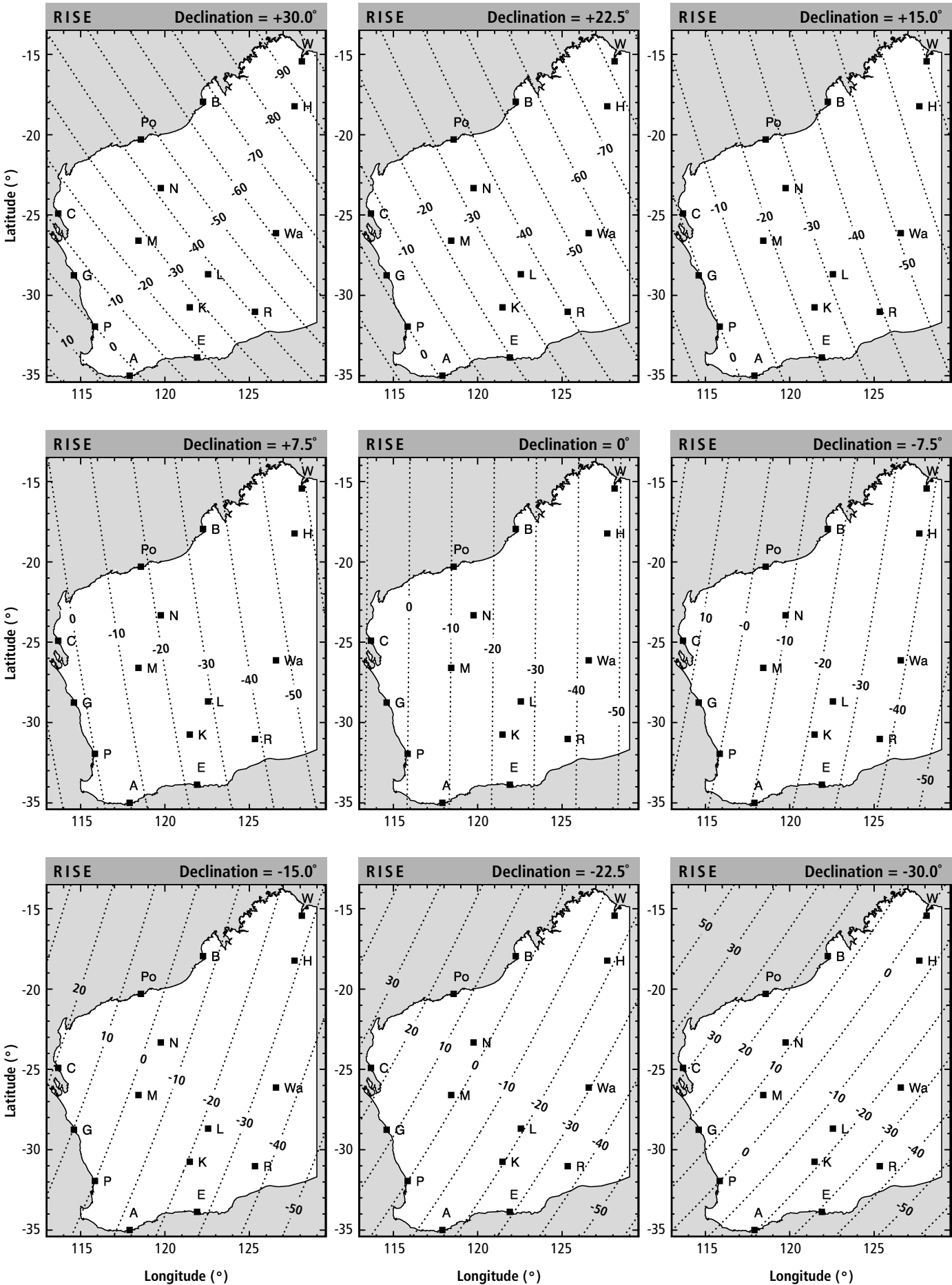
All corrections are the number of minutes to be added to the rise or set time at Perth. The cities and towns indicated are:

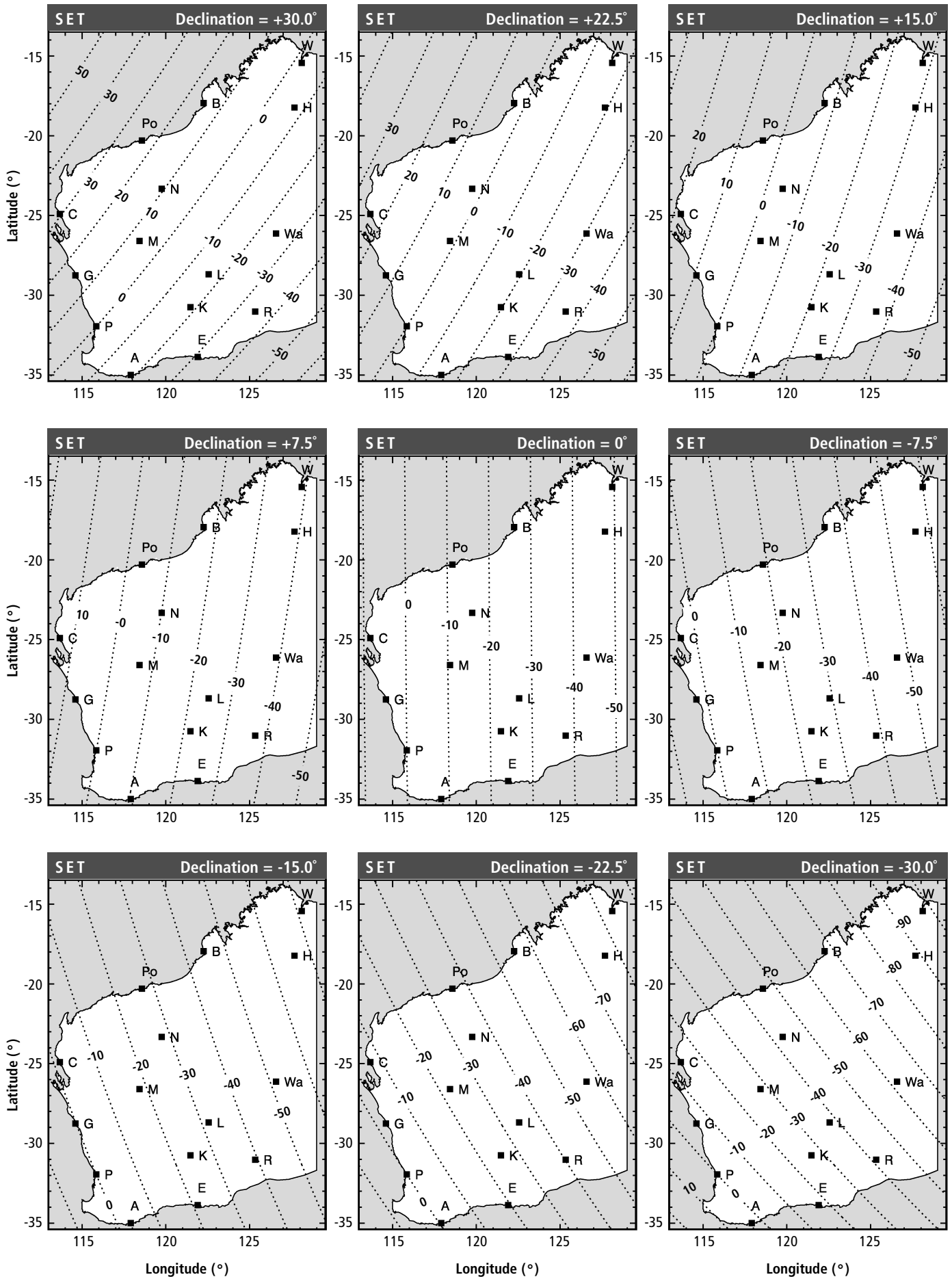
A Albany	B Broome	C Carnarvon	E Esperance
G Geraldton	H Halls Creek	K Kalgoorlie	L Laverton
M Meekatharra	N Newman	P Perth	Po Port Hedland
R Rawlinna	Wa Warburton Community		W Wyndham

## COORDINATES AROUND WA

LOCATION	Latitude (° South)	Longitude (° East)
Albany	35.018	117.884
Augusta	34.312	115.159
Bickley (Perth Observatory)	32.017	116.133
Bridgetown	33.958	116.141
Broome	17.962	122.236
Bunbury	33.340	115.642
Carnarvon	24.890	113.660
Christmas Island	10.483	105.623
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	12.166	96.823
Denmark	34.972	117.357
Derby	17.303	123.629
Esperance	33.866	121.888
Eucla	31.675	128.883
Fitzroy Crossing	18.178	125.591
Fremantle	32.056	115.746
Geraldton	28.779	114.614
Giles Meteorological Station	18.227	127.668
Joondalup	31.745	115.766
Kalgoorlie	30.749	121.466
Karratha	20.731	116.857
Kellerberrin	31.632	117.708
Kojonup	33.838	117.152
Lake Grace	33.089	118.405
Laverton	28.623	122.401
Mandurah	32.529	115.723
Marble Bar	21.172	119.746
Meekatharra	26.591	118.497
Moora	30.638	116.010
Mount Magnet	28.062	117.848
Narrogin	32.936	117.178
Newman	23.358	119.730
Norseman	32.196	121.778
Northam	31.647	116.669
Onslow	21.688	115.135
Pemberton	34.446	116.036
Perth	31.952	115.859
Port Hedland	20.310	118.601
Rawlinna	30.776	125.440
Rockingham	32.281	115.727
Southern Cross	31.227	119.327
Tom Price	22.694	117.793
Warburton Community	26.132	126.571
Wiluna	26.595	120.225
Wyndham	15.486	128.120
Yampi Sound	16.129	123.656

**RISE/SET CORRECTION DIAGRAMS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA**





- |          |             |               |              |               |                 |            |                        |
|----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|
| A Albany | C Carnarvon | G Geraldton   | K Kalgoorlie | M Meekatharra | P Perth         | R Rawlinna | Wa Warburton Community |
| B Broome | E Esperance | H Halls Creek | L Laverton   | N Newman      | Po Port Hedland | W Wyndham  |                        |

## Astrophotography

Astrophotography can be a rewarding and challenging hobby. You will need a camera that is firmly mounted on a tripod or the like. You can also eliminate vibration with a remote switch, which is also handy to control the long time exposures sometimes required.

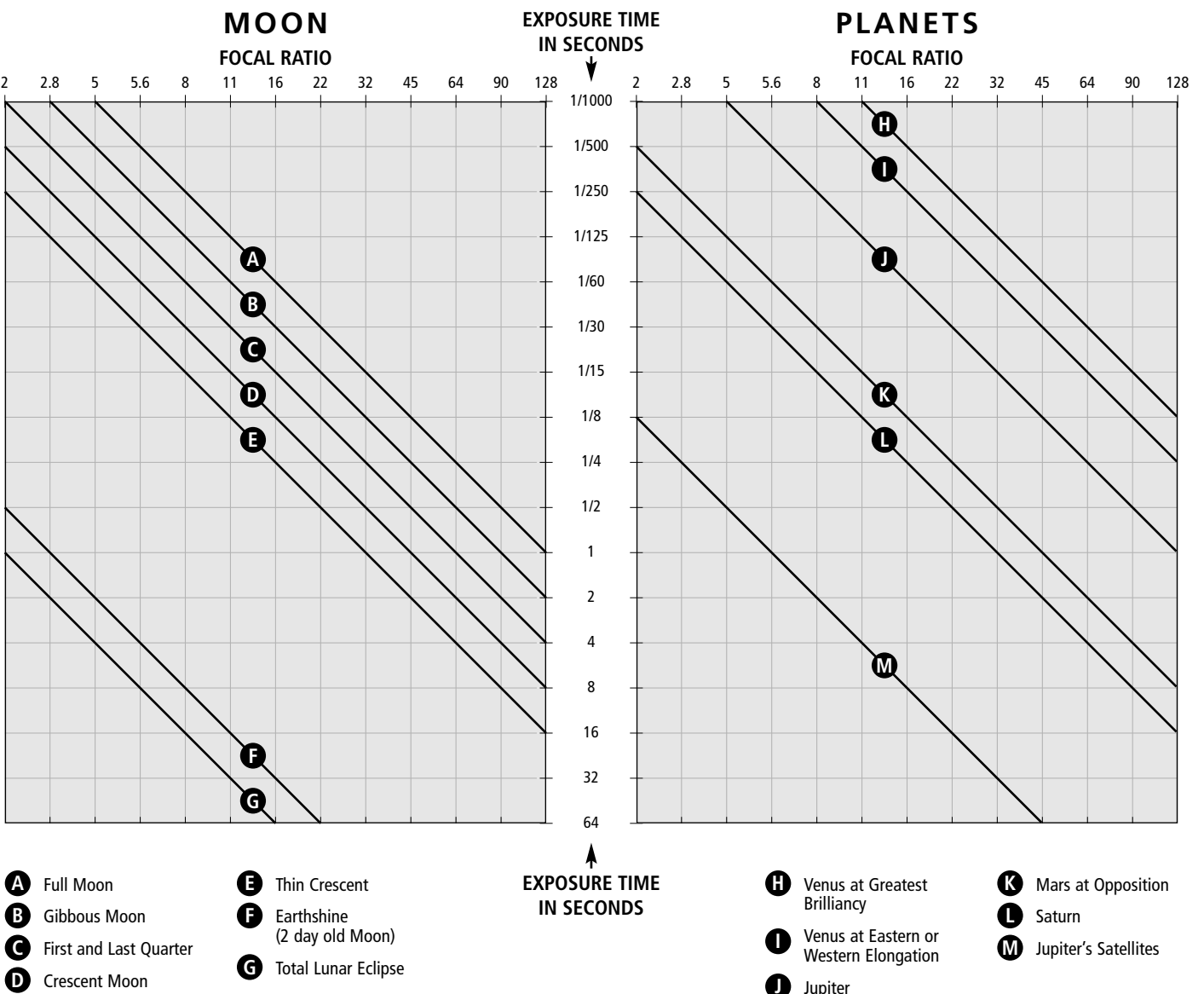
The graphs show the recommended exposure times for the Moon and planets using 100 ISO film. They should only be used as a guide because many factors influence the exposure time.

To select the correct exposure time:

1. Select your system's focal ratio along the horizontal axis,
2. Find the intersection with the exposure line of the Moon or planet required,
3. Follow a horizontal line across to find the intersection with the vertical axis for the exposure time, and
4. Correct the exposure time for the speed of your film.

FILM SPEED	MULTIPLY BY	FILM SPEED	DIVIDE BY	FILM SPEED	DIVIDE BY
32 ISO	4	200 ISO	2	800 ISO	8
64 ISO	2	400 ISO	4	1600 ISO	16

For best results you should take at least three exposures, one at the recommended exposure time, the next at one half the exposure, and the last at twice the exposure time.



## ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS DEFINITIONS

### A

**aberration:** the apparent angular displacement of the observed position of a celestial object from its geometric position, caused by the finite velocity of light in combination with the motions of the observer and of the observed object.

**aberration, annual:** the component of stellar aberration resulting from the motion of the Earth about the Sun.

**aberration, diurnal:** the component of stellar aberration resulting from the observer's diurnal motion about the centre of the Earth.

**aberration, planetary:** the apparent angular displacement of the observed position of a celestial body produced by motion of the observer and the actual motion of the observed object.

**aberration, secular:** the component of stellar aberration resulting from the essentially uniform and rectilinear motion of the entire Solar System in space. Secular aberration is usually disregarded.

**aberration, stellar:** the apparent angular displacement of the observed position of a celestial body resulting from the motion of the observer. Stellar aberration is divided into diurnal, annual, and secular components.

**accretion, accretion disk:** Astronomical objects as diverse as protostars and active galaxies may derive their energy from the gravitational power released by the infall, or accretion, of material onto a central object. The combined effects of gravity, friction and rotation often force the accreting material into an orbiting accretion disk.

**active galaxy:** Certain galaxies emit far more energy than can be accounted for by their stars alone. The central regions of these galaxies harbour a compact, solar-system-sized object capable of outshining the rest of the galaxy by a factor of 100. The ultimate energy source for active galaxies may be the accretion of matter onto a supermassive black hole. Active galaxies can emit strongly across the entire electromagnetic spectrum, from radio waves to gamma rays. See quasar.

**active optics:** A technique to reduce the effects of slowly varying forces, such as gravitational deflections and temperature drifts, that can distort a mirror on time scales of minutes to hours, resulting in imperfect images.

**adaptive optics:** A set of techniques to adjust the mirrors of telescopes on time scales of hundredths of a second to correct for distortions in astronomical images due to turbulence in Earth's atmosphere.

**arcminute:** A unit of angle corresponding to 1/60th of a degree. The full moon is 30 arcminutes in diameter.

**arcsecond:** A unit of angle corresponding to 1/3600th of a degree; 1/60th of an arcminute. An arcsecond is approximately the size of a five cent coin viewed from a distance of 1 kilometre.

**altitude:** the angular distance of a celestial body above or below the horizon, measured along the great circle passing through the body and the zenith. Altitude is 90° minus zenith distance.

**anomaly:** angular measurement of a body in its orbit from its perihelion.

**aphelion:** the point in a planetary orbit that is at the greatest distance from the Sun.

**apogee:** the point at which a body in orbit around the Earth reaches its farthest distance from the Earth. Apogee is sometimes used with reference to the apparent orbit of the Sun around the Earth.

**apparent place:** the position on a celestial sphere, centred at the Earth, determined by removing from the directly observed position of a celestial body the effects that depend on the topocentric location of the observer; i.e., refraction, diurnal aberration and geocentric (diurnal) parallax. Thus, the position at which the object would actually be seen from the centre of the Earth, displaced by planetary aberration (except the diurnal part and referred to the true equator and equinox).

**apparent solar time:** the measure of time based on the diurnal motion of the true Sun. The rate of diurnal motion undergoes seasonal variation because of the obliquity of the ecliptic and because of the eccentricity of the Earth's orbit. Additional small variations result from irregularities in the rotation of the Earth on its axis.

**array:** There are two examples of arrays in common use in astronomy:

- (1) A group, or array, of telescopes can be combined to simulate a single large telescope, kilometres or even thousands of kilometres across.
- (2) Astronomical instruments have recently been fabricated using new electronic

components called detector arrays or charge-coupled devices (CCDs) that consist of thousands of individual detectors constructed on centimetre-sized wafers of silicon, or other materials.

**aspect:** the apparent position of any of the planets or the Moon relative to the Sun, as seen from Earth.

**astrometric ephemeris:** an ephemeris of a solar system body in which the tabulated positions are essentially comparable to catalogue mean places of stars at a standard epoch.

**astrometry:** The branch of astronomy concerned with measuring the positions of celestial objects. Advances in technology may soon permit a 1,000-fold improvement in the measurement of positions, and thus in astronomers' ability to determine distances to stars and galaxies. See parallax.

**astronomical co-ordinates:** the longitude and latitude of a point on Earth relative to the geoid. These co-ordinates are influenced by local gravity anomalies.

**astronomical unit (a.u.):** the radius of a circular orbit in which a body of negligible mass, and free of perturbations, would revolve around the Sun in  $2\pi/k$  days, where  $k$  is the Gaussian gravitational constant. This is slightly less than the semimajor axis of the Earth's orbit. Its value is approximately  $1.496 \times 10^8$  km.

**azimuth:** the angular distance measured clockwise along the horizon from a specified reference point (usually north) to the intersection with the great circle drawn from the zenith through a body on the celestial sphere. Similar to compass bearing.

### B

**baseline:** The separation between telescopes in an interferometer. The largest baseline determines the finest detail that can be discerned with an interferometer.

**Big Bang:** Most astronomers believe that the universe began in a giant explosion called the Big Bang about 14 billion years ago. Starting from an initial state of extremely high density, the universe has been expanding and cooling ever since. Some of the most fundamental observed properties of the universe, including the abundance of light elements such as helium and lithium and the recession of galaxies, can be accounted for by modern theories of the Big Bang.

**black hole:** A region in space where the density of matter is so extreme, and the resultant pull of gravity so strong, that not even light can escape. Black holes are probably the end point in the evolution of some types of stars and are probably located at the centres of some active galaxies and quasars.

**blackbody radiation:** A glowing object emits radiation in a quantity and at wavelengths that depend on the temperature of the object. For example, a poker placed in a hot fire first glows red-hot, then yellow-hot, then finally white-hot. This radiation is called thermal or blackbody radiation.

**brown dwarf:** A star-like object that contains less than about 0.08 the mass of the Sun and is thus too small to ignite nuclear fuels and become a normal star. Brown dwarfs emit small amounts of infrared radiation due to the slow release of gravitational energy and may be a component of dark matter.

### C

**calendar:** a system of reckoning time in which days are enumerated according to their position in cyclic patterns.

**Catalogue Equinox:** the intersection of the hour circle of zero right ascension of a star catalogue with the celestial equator.

**Celestial Equator:** the projection onto the celestial sphere of the Earth's equator.

**Celestial Pole:** either of the two points projected onto the celestial sphere by the extension of the Earth's axis of rotation to infinity.

**celestial sphere:** an imaginary sphere of arbitrary radius upon which celestial bodies may be considered to be located. As circumstances require, the celestial sphere may be centred at the observer, at the Earth's centre, or at any other location.

**charge-coupled device, or CCD:** An electronic detector used for lowlight-level imaging and astronomical observations. CCDs were developed by NASA for use in the Hubble Space Telescope and the Galileo probe to Jupiter and are now widely used on ground-based telescopes. See also array.



**conjunction:** the phenomenon in which two bodies have the same apparent celestial longitude or right ascension as viewed from a third body. Conjunctions are usually tabulated as geocentric phenomena. For Mercury and Venus, geocentric inferior conjunction occurs when the planet is between the Earth and Sun, and superior conjunction occurs when the Sun is between the planet and Earth.

**constellation:** a grouping of stars, usually with pictorial or mythical associations, that serves to identify an area of the celestial sphere. Also, one of the precisely defined areas of the celestial sphere, associated with a grouping of stars, that the International Astronomical Union has designated as a constellation.

**co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC):** the time scale available from broadcast time signals. UTC differs from TAI (see International Atomic Time) by an integral number of seconds; it is maintained within  $\pm 0.90$  second of UT1 (see Universal Time) by the introduction of one second steps (leap seconds).

**cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation:** The radiation left over from the Big Bang explosion at the beginning of the universe. As the universe expanded, the temperature of the fireball cooled to its present level of 2.7 degrees above absolute zero (2.7 K). Blackbody radiation from the cosmic background is observed at radio, millimetre, and submillimetre wavelengths.

**cosmic rays:** Protons and nuclei of heavy atoms that are accelerated to high energies in the magnetic field of our galaxy and that can be studied directly from Earth or from satellites.

**culmination:** passage of a celestial object across the observer's meridian; also called meridian passage. More precisely, culmination is the passage through the point of greatest altitude in the diurnal path. Upper culmination (also called "culmination above pole" for circumpolar stars and the Moon) or transit is the crossing closer to the observer's zenith. Lower culmination (also called "culmination below pole" for circumpolar stars and the Moon) is the crossing farther from the zenith.

## D

**dark energy:** An as yet unknown form of energy that pervades the universe. Its presence was inferred from the discovery that the expansion of the universe is accelerating, and these observations suggest that about 70 percent of the total density of matter plus energy is in this form. Such an acceleration is predicted if the cosmological constant that Einstein included in his General Theory of Relativity were non-zero.

**dark matter:** Approximately 80 percent of the matter in the universe may so far have escaped direct detection. The presence of this unseen matter has been inferred from motions of stars and gas in galaxies, and of galaxies in clusters of galaxies. Candidates for the missing mass include brown dwarf stars and exotic subatomic particles. Dark matter was called "missing mass" for many years. However, because it is the light, not the mass, that is missing, astronomers have given up this terminology.

**day:** an interval of 86,400 SI seconds (see second, Systeme International), unless otherwise indicated.

**declination:** angular distance on the celestial sphere north or south of the celestial equator. It is measured along the hour circle passing through the celestial object. Declination is usually given in combination with right ascension or hour angle. It can be considered the celestial analogue of latitude on Earth.

**diffraction limit:** The finest detail that can be discerned with a telescope. The physical principle of diffraction limits this level of detail to a value proportional to the wavelength of the light observed divided by the diameter of the telescope.

**direct motion:** for orbital motion in the solar system, motion that is counter clockwise in the orbit as seen from the north pole of the ecliptic; for an object observed on the celestial sphere, motion that is from west to east, resulting from the relative motion of the object and the Earth.

**diurnal motion:** the apparent daily motion caused by the Earth's rotation, of celestial bodies across the sky from east to west.

**Dynamical Time:** the family of time scales introduced in 1984 to replace ephemeris time as the independent argument of dynamical theories and ephemerides.

## E

**eccentricity:** a parameter (usually for orbits) that specifies the extent to which an ellipse departs from circularity. For a circle, eccentricity = 0. Most of the planets and their satellites have low eccentricity. Many comets, and some asteroids and planetary satellites have very eccentric orbits, with eccentricity approaching 1.

**eclipse:** the obscuration of a celestial body caused by its passage through the shadow cast by another body.

**eclipse, annular:** a solar eclipse (see eclipse, solar) in which the solar disk is never completely covered but is seen as an annulus or ring at maximum eclipse. An annular eclipse occurs when the apparent disk of the Moon is smaller than that of the Sun.

**eclipse, lunar:** an eclipse in which the Moon passes through the shadow cast by the Earth. The eclipse may be total (the Moon passing completely through the Earth's umbra), partial (the Moon passing partially through the Earth's umbra at maximum eclipse), or intersecting penumbral (the Moon passing only through the Earth's penumbra).

**eclipse, solar:** an eclipse in which the Earth passes through the shadow cast by the Moon. It may be total (observer in the Moon's umbra), partial (observer in the Moon's penumbra), or annular.

**ecliptic:** the mean plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. It is also the path of the Sun against the background stars.

**elements, orbital:** parameters that specify the position and motion of a body in orbit.

**electromagnetic spectrum:** Radiation can be represented as electric and magnetic fields vibrating with a characteristic wavelength or frequency. Long wavelengths (low frequencies) correspond to radio radiation; intermediate wavelengths, to millimetre and infra-red radiation; short wavelengths (high frequencies), to visible and ultraviolet light; and extremely short wavelengths, to x-rays and gamma rays. Most astronomical observations measure some form of electromagnetic radiation.

**elongation, greatest:** the instants when the geocentric angular distances of Mercury and Venus from the Sun are at a maximum.

**elongation (planetary):** the geocentric angle between a planet and the Sun, measured in the plane of the planet, Earth and Sun. Planetary elongations are measured from 0° to 180° east or west of the Sun.

**elongation (satellite):** the geocentric angle between a satellite and its primary, measured in the plane of the satellite, planet and Earth. Satellite elongations are measured from 0° east or west of the planet.

**ephemeris:** a tabulation of the positions of a celestial object in an orderly sequence for a number of dates.

**Ephemeris Time (ET):** the time scale used prior to 1984 as the independent variable in gravitational theories of the solar system. In 1984, ET was replaced by dynamical time.

**epoch:** an arbitrary fixed instant of time or date used as a chronological reference point for calendars (see calendar), celestial reference systems, star catalogues, or orbital motions.

**equation of time:** the hour angle of the true Sun minus the hour angle of the fictitious mean sun; alternatively, apparent solar time minus mean solar time.

**equator:** the great circle on the surface of a body formed by the intersection of the surface with the plane passing through the centre of the body perpendicular to the axis of rotation. (See celestial equator.)

**equinox:** either of the two points on the celestial sphere at which the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator; also, the time at which the Sun passes through either of these intersection points; i.e., when the apparent longitude of the Sun is 0° or 180°.

**era:** a system of chronological notation reckoned from a given date.

**expansion of the universe:** The tendency of every part of the universe to move away from every other part due to the initial impetus of the Big Bang; also known as the Hubble expansion, after the American astronomer Edwin Hubble, whose observations of receding galaxies led to scientists' current understanding of the expanding universe. See redshift.

**extragalactic:** Objects outside our galaxy, more than about 50,000 light-years away, are referred to as extragalactic.

## F

**fictitious mean sun:** an imaginary body introduced to define mean solar time; essentially the name of a mathematical formula that defined mean solar time. This concept is no longer used in high precision work.

**G**

**galaxy:** An isolated grouping of tens to hundreds of billions of stars ranging in size from 5,000 to 150,000 light-years across. Spiral galaxies like our own Milky Way are flattened disks of stars and often contain large amounts of gas out of which new stars can form. Elliptical galaxies are shaped more like footballs and are usually devoid of significant quantities of gas.

**gamma-ray astronomy:** The study of astronomical objects using the most energetic form of electromagnetic radiation.

**gegenschein:** faint nebulous light about 20° across near the ecliptic and opposite the Sun, best seen in September and October. Also called counter glow.

**General Relativity:** Einstein's theory of gravity in which the gravity is the curved geometry of space and time.

**geocentric:** with reference to, or pertaining to, the centre of the Earth.

**geocentric co-ordinates:** the latitude and longitude of a point on the Earth's surface relative to the centre of the Earth; also, celestial co-ordinates given with respect to the centre of the Earth.

**geoid:** an equipotential surface that coincides with mean sea level in the open ocean. On land it is the level surface that would be assumed by water in an imaginary network of frictionless channels connected to the ocean.

**geometric position:** the geocentric position of an object on the celestial sphere referred to the true equator and equinox, but without the displacement due to planetary aberration.

**gravitational lens:** A consequence of Einstein's General Relativity Theory is that the path of light rays can be bent by the presence of matter. Astronomers have observed that the light from a distant galaxy or quasar can be 'lensed' by the matter in an intervening galaxy to form multiple and often distorted images of the background object.

**Gregorian calendar:** the calendar introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 to replace the Julian calendar; the calendar now used as the civil calendar in most countries. Every year when the end year is exactly divisible by four is a leap year, except for centennial years, which must be exactly divisible by 400 to be leap years. Thus, 2000 is a leap year, but 1900 and 2100 are not leap years.

**H**

**halo (of a galaxy):** The roughly spherical distribution of dark matter and thinly scattered stars, star clusters, and gas that surround a spiral galaxy.

**height:** elevation above ground or distance upwards from a given level (especially sea level) to a fixed point. (See altitude.)

**heliocentric:** with reference to, or pertaining to, the centre of the Sun.

**helioseismology:** The study of the internal vibrations of the Sun. In a manner analogous to terrestrial seismology, helioseismology can reveal important information about the Sun's internal condition.

**horizon:** a plane perpendicular to the line from an observer to the zenith. The great circle formed by the intersection of the celestial sphere with a plane perpendicular to the line from an observer to the zenith is called the astronomical horizon.

**horizontal parallax:** the difference between the topocentric and geocentric positions of an object, when the object is on the astronomical horizon.

**hour angle:** angular distance on the celestial sphere measured westward along the celestial equator from the meridian to the hour circle that passes through a celestial object.

**hour circle:** a great circle on the celestial sphere that passes through the celestial poles and is therefore perpendicular to the celestial equator.

**Hubble Space Telescope (HST):** A 2.4-m-diameter space telescope designed to study visible, ultraviolet, and infrared radiation; the first of NASA's Great Observatories.

**hydrogen:** The most abundant element in the universe. It can be observed at a variety of wavelengths, including 21-cm radio, infrared, visible, and ultraviolet wavelengths, and in a variety of forms, including atoms (HI) and molecular (H<sub>2</sub>) and ionised (HII) forms.

**I**

**inclination:** the angle between two planes or their poles; usually the angle between an orbital plane and a reference plane; one of the standard orbital elements that specifies the orientation of an orbit.

**infra-red astronomy:** The study of astronomical objects using intermediate-wavelength radiation to which the atmosphere is mostly opaque and the human eye insensitive. Humans sense infra-red energy as heat. The infra-red part of the electromagnetic spectrum generally corresponds to radiation with wavelengths from 1 mm to 1,000 mm. Objects with temperatures around room temperature emit most of their radiation in the infrared.

**interferometer, interferometry:** A spatial interferometer combines beams of light from different telescopes to synthesise the aperture of a single large telescope; see array. Spatial interferometry is the main technique used by astronomers to map sources at high resolution and to measure their positions with high precision. A different form of interferometer can be used on a single telescope to break up the light into its constituent colours; see spectroscopy.

**International Atomic Time (TAI):** the continuous scale resulting from analyses by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures of atomic time standards in many countries. The fundamental unit of TAI is the SI second, and the epoch is 1958 January 1.

**invariable plane:** the plane through the centre of mass of the Solar System perpendicular to the angular momentum vector of the Solar System.

**irradiation:** an optical effect of contrast that makes bright objects viewed against a dark background appear to be larger than they really are.

**J**

**Julian calendar:** the calendar introduced by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. to replace the Roman calendar. In the Julian calendar a common year is defined to comprise 365 days, and every fourth year is a leap year comprising 366 days. The Julian calendar was superseded by the Gregorian calendar.

**Julian date (JD):** the interval of time in days and fraction of a day since 4713 B.C. January 1, Greenwich noon, Julian proleptic calendar. In precise work the timescale, e.g., dynamical time or Universal Time, should be specified. This system facilitates easy calculation of the time interval between two events.

**Julian date, modified (MJD):** the Julian date minus 2400000.5.

**Julian day number:** the integral part of the Julian date.

**L**

**latitude, celestial:** angular distance on the celestial sphere measured north or south of the ecliptic along the great circle passing through the poles of the ecliptic and the celestial object.

**latitude, terrestrial:** angular distance on the Earth measured north or south of the equator along the meridian of a geographic location.

**leap second:** a second added between 60 seconds and 0 seconds at the announced times to keep UTC within 0s.90 of UT1. Generally, leap seconds are added at the end of June or December.

**librations:** variations in the orientation of the Moon's surface with respect to an observer on the Earth. Physical librations are due to variations in the orientation of the Moon's rotational axis in inertial space. The much larger optical librations are due to variations in the rate of the Moon's orbital motion, the obliquity of the Moon's equator to its orbital plane, and the diurnal changes of geometric perspective of an observer on the Earth's surface.

**light-time:** the interval of time required for light to travel from a celestial body to the Earth. During this interval the motion of the body in space causes an angular displacement of its apparent place from its geometric place.

**light pollution:** The emission of stray light or glare from lighting fixtures in manners that counter the purpose of the light (which is to light what is below); also known as the waste of money and energy in the form of electric light, usually meant in the form of outdoor night lighting. Such light trespass can cause severe safety problems for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists at night from lighting that shines onto streets and highways and footpaths from poorly-designed or poorly-mounted lighting. Such glare also imposes on privacy, by shining brightly into private residences at night and into backyards where adults and children are trying to observe the night sky. It also restricts our view of the night sky – a part of our world's natural and cultural heritage. While most people have accepted bad lighting and glare without question and assumed that nothing could be done about it, dedicated groups of volunteers around the world are now showing that effective laws and guidelines can be instated at the local and regional levels of government (and in planning and engineering offices). This can mean that proper outdoor night lighting can be a norm so that everybody benefits – car drivers, sleeping residents, government budgets, and skygazers alike. Laws limiting light pollution are already in existence in the Czech Republic and certain regions of the USA.

**light-year:** A unit of astronomical distance equal to the distance light travels in a year: about 10,000,000,000,000 km. The nearest star is 4 light-years away. The center of our galaxy is about 25,000 light-years away. The closest galaxy is about 18,000 light-years away.

**limb:** the apparent edge of the Sun, Moon, or a planet or any other celestial body with a detectable disk.

**local sidereal time:** the local hour angle of a catalogue equinox.

**longitude, celestial:** angular distance on the celestial sphere measured eastward along the ecliptic from the dynamical equinox to the great circle passing through the poles of the ecliptic and the celestial object.

**longitude, terrestrial:** angular distance measured along the Earth's equator from the Greenwich meridian to the meridian of a geographic location.

**luminosity class:** distinctions among stars of the same spectral class. (See spectral types or classes).

**lunar phases:** cyclically recurring apparent forms of the Moon. New moon, first quarter, full moon and last quarter are defined as the times at which the excess of the apparent celestial longitude of the Moon over that of the Sun is  $0^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$  respectively.

**lunation:** the period of time between two consecutive new moons.

## M

**Magellanic Clouds, Large and Small:** Two galaxies close to our own Milky Way, located about 180,000 light-years away and visible only from the Southern Hemisphere. A bright supernova, SN1987A, was observed in the Large Magellanic Cloud in 1987.

**magnetohydrodynamics:** The study of the motion of gases in the presence of magnetic fields.

**magnitude, stellar:** a measure on a logarithmic scale of the brightness of a celestial object considered as a point source. Fainter stars have numerically larger magnitudes. The brightest stars, excluding the Sun, are about magnitude 0; the faintest star visible to the unaided eye is about magnitude 6. A star of magnitude 15 is one-millionth as bright as the half dozen brightest stars of magnitude 0. Stars as faint as magnitude 28 can be seen with powerful terrestrial or spaceborne telescopes.

**magnitude of a lunar eclipse:** the fraction of the lunar diameter obscured by the shadow of the Earth at the greatest phase of a lunar eclipse, measured along the common diameter.

**magnitude of a solar eclipse:** the fraction of the solar diameter obscured by the Moon at the greatest phase of a solar eclipse, measured along the common diameter.

**massive compact halo object (MACHO):** An hypothetical object of roughly stellar mass in the halo of our galaxy that is too faint to be detected by its own emission. MACHOs are indirectly detected via gravitational microlensing of more distant stars.

**mean anomaly:** in undisturbed elliptic motion, the product of the mean motion of an orbiting body and the interval of time since the body passed pericentre. Thus, the mean anomaly is the angle from pericentre of a hypothetical body moving with a constant angular speed that is equal to the mean motion.

**mean distance:** the semimajor axis of an elliptic orbit.

**mean equator and equinox:** the celestial reference system determined by ignoring small variations of short period in the motions of the celestial equator. Thus, the mean equator and equinox are affected only by precession. Positions in star catalogues are normally referred to the mean catalogue equator and equinox of a standard epoch.

**mean motion:** in undisturbed elliptic motion, the constant angular speed required for a body to complete one revolution in an orbit of a specified semimajor axis.

**mean place:** the geocentric position, referred to the mean equator and equinox of a standard epoch, of an object on the celestial sphere centred at the Sun. A mean place is determined by removing from the directly observed position the effects of refraction, parallax geocentric and stellar parallax, and stellar aberration, and by referring the co-ordinates to the mean equator and equinox of a standard epoch.

**mean solar time:** a measure of time based conceptually on the diurnal motion of the fictitious mean sun, under the assumption that the Earth's rate of rotation is constant.

**meridian:** a great circle passing through the celestial poles and through the zenith of any location on Earth. For planetary observations a meridian is half the great circle passing through the planet's poles and through any location on the planet.

**microlensing:** Gravitational lensing due to a stellar mass object. This lensing phenomenon is called microlensing because the mass of the lens is so small compared with that of a galaxy. Microlensing of distant stars by intervening faint stars can reveal planets in orbit around the lensing star.

**Milky Way:** Our Sun is located in the Milky Way Galaxy, a spiral galaxy consisting of some 100,000,000,000 stars spread in a disk more than 80,000 light-years across and hundreds of light-years thick. The central disk of the Milky Way is the wide path of faint light that stretches across the night sky.

**month:** the period of one complete synodic or sidereal revolution of the Moon around the Earth; also, a calendrical unit that approximates the period of revolution.

**moonrise, moonset:** the times at which the apparent upper limb of the Moon is on the astronomical horizon; i.e., when the true zenith distance, referred to the centre of the Earth, of the central point of the disk is  $90^\circ 34' + s - \pi$ , where  $s$  is the Moon's semi-diameter,  $\pi$  is the horizontal parallax, and  $34'$  is the adopted value of horizontal refraction.

## N

**nadir:** the point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite to the zenith.

**neutrino:** One of a family of subatomic particles with little or no mass. These particles are generated in nuclear reactions on Earth, in the centers of stars, and during supernova explosions and can give unique information about these energetic processes. Because neutrinos interact only weakly with matter, they are difficult to detect.

**node:** either of the points on the celestial sphere at which the plane of an orbit intersects a reference plane. The position of a node is one of the standard orbital elements used to specify the orientation of an orbit.

**nucleosynthesis:** The process by which heavy elements such as helium, carbon, nitrogen, and iron are formed out of the fusion of lighter elements, such as hydrogen, during the normal evolution of stars, during supernova explosions, and in the Big Bang.

**nutation:** the short-period oscillations in the motion of the pole of rotation of a freely rotating body that is undergoing torque from external gravitational forces. Nutation of the Earth's pole is discussed in terms of components in obliquity and longitude.

## O

**obliquity:** in general, the angle between the equatorial and orbital planes of a body or, equivalently, between the rotational and orbital poles. For the Earth the obliquity of the ecliptic is the angle between the planes of the equator and the ecliptic.

**occultation:** the obscuration of one celestial body by another of greater apparent diameter; especially the passage of the Moon in front of a star or planet, or the disappearance of a satellite behind the disk of its primary. If the primary source of illumination of a reflecting body is cut off by the occultation, the phenomenon is also called an eclipse. The occultation of the Sun by the Moon is a solar eclipse.

**opposition:** a configuration of the Sun, Earth and a planet in which the apparent geocentric longitude of the planet differs by  $180^\circ$  from the apparent geocentric longitude of the Sun.

**optical astronomy:** The study of astronomical objects using light waves with wavelengths from about 1 to 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ . The human eye is sensitive to most of these wavelengths. See electromagnetic spectrum.

**orbit:** the path in space followed by a celestial body.

## P

**parallax:** the difference in apparent direction of an object as seen from two different locations; conversely, the angle at the object that is subtended by the line joining two designated points. Geocentric (diurnal) parallax is the difference in direction between a topocentric observation and a hypothetical geocentric observation. Heliocentric or annual parallax is the difference between hypothetical geocentric and heliocentric observations; it is the angle subtended at the observed object by the semimajor axis of the Earth's orbit.

**parsec:** the distance at which one astronomical unit subtends an angle of one second of arc; equivalently, the distance to an object having an annual parallax of one second of arc. Its value is  $3.086 \times 10^{13}$  km, or 3.27 light years.

**penumbra:** the portion of a shadow in which light from an extended source is partially but not completely cut off by an intervening body; the area of partial shadow surrounding the umbra.

**pericentre:** the point in an orbit that is nearest to the centre of force.

**perigee:** the point at which a body in orbit around the Earth most closely approaches the Earth. Perigee is sometimes used with reference to the apparent orbit of the Sun around the Earth.

**perihelion:** the point at which a body in orbit around the Sun most closely approaches the Sun.

**period:** the interval of time required to complete one revolution in an orbit or one cycle of a periodic phenomenon, such as a cycle of phases.

**phase:** the ratio of the illuminated area of the apparent disk of a celestial body to the area of the entire apparent disk taken as a circle. For the Moon, phase designations (see lunar phases) are defined by specific configurations of the Sun, Earth and Moon. For eclipses, phase designations (total, partial, penumbral, etc.) provide general descriptions of the phenomena. More generally, for use with oddly shaped bodies, phase might be defined as  $0.5(1 + \cos(\text{phase angle}))$ .

**phase angle:** the angle measured at the centre of an illuminated body between the light source and the observer.

**photometry:** a measurement of the intensity of light usually specified for a specific frequency range.

**planetocentric co-ordinates:** co-ordinates for general use, where the z-axis is the mean axis of rotation, the x-axis is the intersection of the planetary equator (normal to the z-axis through the centre of mass) and an arbitrary prime meridian, and the y-axis completes a right-hand co-ordinate system. Longitude of a point is measured positive to the prime meridian as defined by rotational elements. Latitude of a point is the angle between the planetary equator and a line to the centre of mass. The radius is measured from the centre of mass to the surface point.

**planetographic co-ordinates:** co-ordinates for cartographic purposes dependent on an equipotential surface as a reference surface. Longitude of a point is measured in the direction opposite to the rotation (positive to the west for direct rotation) from the cartographic position of the prime meridian defined by a clearly observable surface feature. Latitude of a point is the angle between the planetary equator (normal to the z-axis and through the centre of mass) and normal to the reference surface at the point. The height of a point is specified as the distance above a point with the same longitude and latitude on the reference surface.

**polar motion:** the irregularly varying motion of the Earth's pole of rotation with respect to the Earth's crust.

**precession:** the uniformly progressing motion of the pole of rotation of a freely rotating body undergoing torque from external gravitational forces. In the case of the Earth, the component of precession caused by the Sun and Moon acting on the Earth's equatorial bulge is called lunisolar precession; the component caused by the action of the planets is called planetary precession. The sum of lunisolar and planetary precession is called general precession.

**proper motion:** the projection onto the celestial sphere of the space motion of a star relative to the solar system; thus, the transverse component of the space motion of a star with respect to the solar system. Proper motion is usually tabulated in star catalogues as changes in right ascension and declination per year or century.

**protogalaxy:** Galaxies are thought to have formed fairly early in the history of the universe, by the collapse of giant clouds of gas. During this process, a first generation of stars formed.

**protoplanetary or protostellar disk:** A disk of gas and dust surrounding a young star or protostar out of which planets may form.

**protostar:** The earliest phase in the evolution of a star, in which most of its energy comes from the infall of material, or accretion, onto the growing star. A protostellar disk probably forms around the star at this time.

## Q

**quadrature:** a configuration in which two celestial bodies have apparent longitudes that differ by  $90^\circ$  as viewed from a third body. Quadratures are usually tabulated with respect to the Sun as viewed from the centre of the Earth.

**quasar:** An extremely compact, luminous source of energy found in the cores of certain galaxies. A quasar may outshine its parent galaxy by a factor of 1,000 yet be no larger than our own solar system. The accretion of gas onto a supermassive black hole probably powers the quasar. Active galaxies are probably less luminous and less distant versions of quasars.

## R

**radial velocity:** the rate of change of the distance to an object.

**radio astronomy:** The study of astronomical objects using radio waves with wavelengths generally longer than 0.5 to 1 mm. See electromagnetic spectrum.

**redshift:** Radiation from an approaching object is shifted to higher frequencies (to the blue), while radiation from a receding object is shifted to lower frequencies (to the red). A similar effect raises the pitch of an ambulance siren as it approaches. The expansion of the universe makes objects recede so that the light from distant galaxies is redshifted. The redshift is parameterised by  $z$ , where the wavelength shift is given by the factor  $(1 + z)$  times the wavelength.

**refraction, astronomical:** the change in direction of travel (bending) of a light ray as it passes obliquely through the atmosphere. As a result of refraction the observed altitude of a celestial object is greater than its geometric altitude. The amount of refraction depends on the altitude of the object and on atmospheric conditions.

**resolution:** Spatial resolution describes the ability of an instrument to separate features at small details; see diffraction limit and interferometer.

**retrograde motion:** for orbital motion in the solar system, motion that is clockwise in the orbit as seen from the north pole of the ecliptic; for an object observed on the celestial sphere, motion that is from east to west, resulting from the relative motion of the object and the Earth.

**right ascension:** angular distance on the celestial sphere measured eastward along the celestial equator from the equinox to the hour circle passing through the celestial object. Right ascension is usually given in combination with declination. It can be considered the celestial analogue of longitude on Earth.

## S

**second, Systeme International (SI):** the duration of 9,192,631,770 cycles of radiation corresponding to the transition between two hyperfine levels of the ground state of caesium 133.

**selenocentric:** with reference to, or pertaining to, the centre of the Moon.

**semidiameter:** the angle at the observer subtended by the equatorial radius of the Sun, Moon or a planet.

**semi-major axis:** half the length of the major axis of an ellipse; a standard element used to describe an elliptical orbit.

**sidereal day:** the time interval between two consecutive transits of the catalogue equinox (Right Ascension 0h for a specific catalogue). A slightly inaccurate definition is the time interval between two consecutive transits of a given star.

**sidereal hour angle:** angular distance on the celestial sphere measured westward along the celestial equator from the catalogue equinox to the hour circle passing through the celestial object. It is equal to  $360^\circ$  minus right ascension in degrees.

**sidereal time:** the measure of time defined by the apparent diurnal motion of the catalogue equinox; hence, a measure of the rotation of the Earth with respect to the stars rather than the Sun.

**solstice:** either of the two points on the ecliptic at which the apparent longitude of the Sun is  $90^\circ$  or  $270^\circ$ ; also, the time at which the Sun is at either point.

**spectral resolution:** describes the ability of an instrument to discern small shifts in wavelength; see spectroscopy.

**spectroscopy:** A technique whereby the light from astronomical objects is broken up into its constituent colours. Radiation from the different chemical elements that make up an object can be distinguished, giving information about the abundances of these elements and their physical state.

**spectral types or classes:** categorisation of stars according to their spectra, primarily due to differing temperatures of the stellar atmosphere. From hottest to coolest, the spectral types are O, B, A, F, G, K and M.

**standard epoch:** a date and time that specifies the reference system to which celestial co-ordinates are referred. Prior to 1984 co-ordinates of star catalogues were commonly referred to the mean equator and equinox of the beginning of a Besselian year. Beginning with 1984 the Julian year has been used, as denoted by the prefix J, e.g., J2000.0.

**starburst galaxy:** Certain galaxies, particularly those perturbed by a close encounter or collision with another galaxy, often form stars at a rate hundreds of times greater than that evident in our galaxy. Such galaxies are bright sources of infrared radiation.

**stationary point (of a planet):** the position at which the rate of change of the apparent right ascension of a planet is momentarily zero.

**submillimetre radiation:** Electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths between about 0.1 and 1 mm intermediate between radio and infrared radiation.

**sunrise, sunset:** the times at which the apparent upper limb of the Sun is on the astronomical horizon; i.e., when the true zenith distance, referred to the centre of the Earth, of the central point of the disk is  $90^\circ 50'$ , based on adopted values of  $34'$  for horizontal refraction and  $16'$  for the Sun's semidiameter.

**Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect:** An astrophysical effect whereby the distribution of wavelengths of radiation seen through the gas in a distant cluster of galaxies is subtly modified. Measurement of this effect can be used to determine the distance to the cluster.

**supermassive black hole:** A black hole that is much more massive than the Sun. Supermassive black holes with masses exceeding a million solar masses are found in the nuclei of most galaxies.

**supernova:** A star that, due to accretion of matter from a companion star or exhaustion of its own fuel supply, can no longer support itself against its own weight and thus collapses, throwing off its outer layers in a burst of energy that outshines an entire galaxy. In 1987 a star in the Large Magellanic Cloud was observed as a dramatic supernova called Supernova 1987A.

**surface brightness (of a planet):** the visual magnitude of an average square arc-second area of the illuminated portion of the apparent disk.

**synodic period:** for planets, the mean interval of time between successive conjunctions of a pair of planets, as observed from the Sun; for satellites, the mean interval between successive conjunctions of a satellite with the Sun, as observed from the satellite's primary.

## T

**Terrestrial Time (TT):** the independent argument for apparent geocentric ephemerides, known in this publication 1984 - 2000 as Terrestrial Dynamical Time (TDT). At 1977 January 1d00h00m00s TAI, the value of TT was exactly 1977 January 1d0003725. The unit of TT is 86 400 SI seconds at mean sea level. For practical purposes  $TT = TAI + 32s184$ .

**terminator:** the boundary between the illuminated and dark areas of the apparent disk of the Moon, a planet or a planetary satellite

**topocentric:** with reference to, or pertaining to, a point on the surface of the Earth.

**transit:** the passage of the apparent centre of the disk of a celestial object across a meridian; also, the passage of one celestial body in front of another of greater apparent diameter (e.g., the passage of Mercury or Venus across the Sun or Jupiter's satellites across its disk); however, the passage of the Moon in front of the larger apparent Sun is called an annular eclipse. The passage of a body's shadow across another body is called a shadow transit; however, the passage of the Moon's shadow across the Earth is called a solar eclipse.

**true anomaly:** the angle, measured at the focus nearest the pericentre of an elliptical orbit, between the pericentre and the radius vector from the focus to the orbiting body; one of the standard orbital elements.

**true equator and equinox:** the celestial co-ordinate system determined by the instantaneous positions of the celestial equator and ecliptic. The motion of this system is due to the progressive effect of precession and the short-term, periodic variations of nutation.

**twilight:** the interval of time preceding sunrise and following sunset (see sunrise, sunset) during which the sky is partially illuminated. Civil twilight comprises the interval when the zenith distance, referred to the centre of the Earth, of the central point of the Sun's disk is between  $90^\circ 50'$  and  $96^\circ$ , nautical twilight comprises the interval from  $96^\circ$  to  $102^\circ$ , and astronomical twilight comprises the interval from  $102^\circ$  to  $108^\circ$ .

## U

**ultraviolet astronomy:** The study of astronomical objects using short-wavelength radiation, from 0.3 mm to 0.01 mm (10 nm), to which the atmosphere is opaque and the human eye insensitive. See electromagnetic spectrum.

**umbra:** the portion of a shadow cone in which none of the light from an extended light source (ignoring refraction) can be observed.

**Universal Time (UT):** a measure of time that conforms, within a close approximation, to the mean diurnal motion of the Sun and serves as the basis of all civil timekeeping. UT is formally defined by a mathematical formula as a function of sidereal time. Thus, UT is determined from observations of the diurnal motions of the stars. The time scale is determined directly from such observations is designated UT0; it is slightly dependent on the place of observation. When UT0 is corrected for the shift in longitude of the observing station caused by polar motion, the time scale UT1 is obtained. Whenever the designation UT is used in this volume, UT1 is implied.

## V

**vernal equinox:** the ascending node of the ecliptic on the celestial sphere; also, the time at which the apparent longitude of the Sun is  $0^\circ$ .

**vertical:** the apparent direction of gravity at the point of observation (normal to the plane of a free level surface).

## W

**week:** an arbitrary period of days, usually seven days; approximately equal to the number of days counted between the four phases of the Moon.

## X

**x-ray astronomy:** The study of astronomical objects using x-rays with wavelengths shorter than about 10 nm, to which the atmosphere is opaque. X-rays are emitted by extremely energetic objects that have temperatures of millions of degrees. See electromagnetic spectrum.

## Y

**year:** a period of time based on the orbit of the Earth around the Sun. The calendar year (see Gregorian calendar) is an approximation to the tropical year. The anomalistic year is the mean interval between successive passages of the Earth through perihelion. The sidereal year is the mean period of revolution with respect to the background stars.

**year, tropical:** the period of one complete revolution of the mean longitude of the Sun with respect to the dynamical equinox.

## Z

**zenith:** in general, the point directly overhead on the celestial sphere. The astronomical zenith is the extension to infinity of a plumb line. The geocentric zenith is defined by the line from the centre of the Earth through the observer. The geodetic zenith is the normal to the geodetic ellipsoid at the observer's location.

**zenith distance:** angular distance on the celestial sphere measured along the great circle from the zenith to the celestial object. Zenith distance is  $90^\circ$  minus altitude.

**zodiacal light:** a nebulous light seen in the east before twilight and in the west after twilight. It is triangular in shape along the ecliptic with the base on the horizon and its apex at varying altitudes. It is best seen in middle latitudes on spring evenings and autumn mornings.

## What was that?

### Attention seekers in the night sky

One of the ways Perth Observatory serves the taxpayers of Western Australia is by answering enquiries from the public. A lot of these involve interpreting people's naked-eye observations of something in the sky. Hopefully, reading this section will stimulate an awareness of what is visible in the night sky as well facilitating an increase in observing skills so that anyone can make scientifically meaningful observations. More details concerning some of the objects discussed here, and their visibility, can be found elsewhere in this Almanac.

Most careful and detailed observations of apparently unusual objects are explicable by known phenomena. When given thorough (but time consuming) examination, less than 2% of allegedly unusual observations remain "unidentified". Just because they are unidentified does not mean they are evidence of extraterrestrials, or their technology! The late Professor Carl Sagan once said, "extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence".

The following objects are the subject of most enquiries.

#### Venus

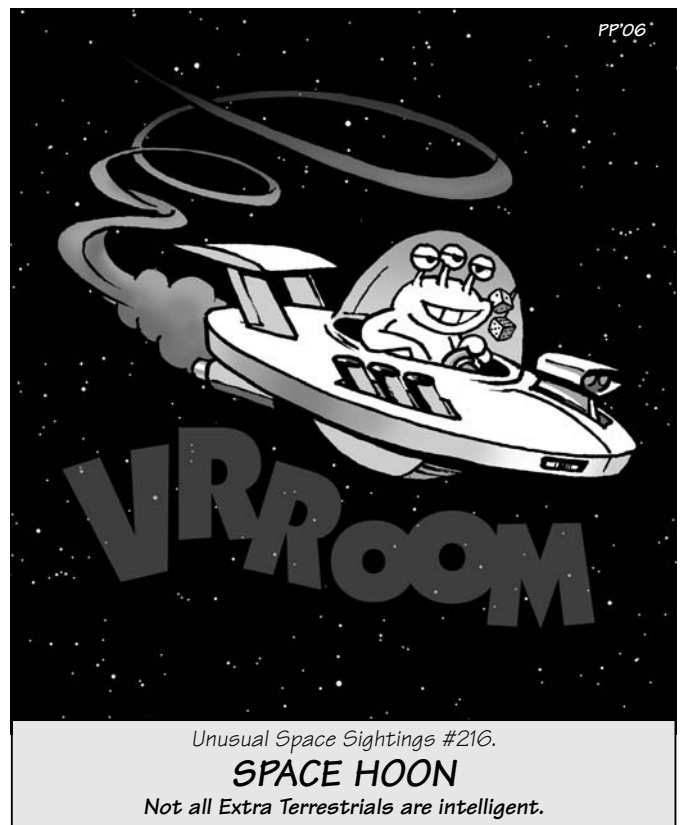
Venus is the brightest star-like object in the sky. It can appear as an 'evening star' as well as a 'morning star' – it just depends on its and Earth's positions in their respective orbits around the Sun. Venus orbits closer to the Sun than Earth, so it is only visible up to about three hours after sunset or before sunrise – it can never be visible around midnight from temperate latitudes. Consult the monthly sections for information on the visibility of this planet (and other planets).

#### Shooting stars or meteors

Shooting stars are the glow of energy released as small particles about the size of a grain of sand "crash" into Earth's upper atmosphere. Very bright meteors are called fireballs or bolides. Sometimes they are so bright they can even be observed in the daytime, and sometimes a sonic boom can be heard as they break the sound barrier when they plough through the atmosphere. At certain times of the year the Earth passes through a cloud of comet debris and the number of meteors substantially increases (see meteor showers in the *Solar System Information* Section). Some meteors are the debris from collisions between asteroids.

#### Artificial Satellites

Artificial satellites are generally visible for a few hours after sunset and a few hours before sunrise as they reflect sunlight off their highly reflective outer surfaces. Around midnight low-Earth orbiting satellites (the majority) are not visible because they are in Earth's shadow. Most satellites are launched in a roughly west to east orbit as this has the lowest fuel requirements. This is also the trajectory of most of the **space junk** that glows on re-entry into the atmosphere. Space junk re-entries have orbits essentially parallel with the ground so they last for a longer duration and can be viewed along a long path across the Earth. Weather and reconnaissance satellites can orbit north to south (or vice versa) in order to get a longer duration view of the Earth. **Iridium communication satellites** have one highly reflecting surface and when the geometry is favourable we can observe a slow flash of light that builds up to a maximum in about 5 seconds, and then fades over a similar time. About one of these flashes is visible from any location on the Earth every night, and about once per month a flash about ten times brighter than Venus provides a spectacular sight. Information about the visibility of satellites can be found in the *Astronomy on the Internet* sub-section.



#### Clouds

Clouds can partially obscure the Moon, planets and aircraft thus giving the impression of changing lights or a halo effect. Beams of light moving through the sky, or circles of light on the under side of clouds result from **searchlights** operated on the ground (usually to promote some entertainment activity). High-altitude aircraft can also leave a trail of water vapour called a contrail.

**Refraction** (the bending of light) through **ice crystals** or **water droplets** high in the atmosphere can create halos and coronae (coloured clouds) near the Sun or Moon.

#### Pranks

Some people make artificial "UFOs". One of the Observatory staff has actually recovered one after tracking it. Such "UFOs" may have the appearance of either a solitary light, or a string of lights moving in unison across the night sky. This prank can be very dangerous because of the fire and aviation hazards involved.



## Recording your observations

A **Sighting Report Form** is provided on the following page, and an explanation of its contents is given in order to assist the recording of scientifically useful observations.

The first thing of note about the Sighting Report Form is its rather non-specific nature. That is, with only minor modification it could be adapted for other uses such as bird watching, rock hunting etc. You are encouraged to modify it for your specific use.

An important point to remember is: **record your own observations as soon as possible after the event**. Try not to be influenced by those who may have accompanied you. Instead, get them to complete their own Sighting Report Forms. We don't all observe things in the same way, so multiple individual reports of a sighting will provide a more accurate description of the event. Also, try to be objective about your observations. This can be difficult because a spectacular or sudden event can evoke a variety of emotions.

The section concerning the Observer Details is rather obvious, but we do need these should we require to contact you.

The Sighting Details section has many parts, but please try to be brief as well accurate with your report.

The **date** and **time** are important details. Don't forget to look at your watch or a clock as soon as possible after the sighting (this is probably inappropriate during the sighting). Local time (appropriate to your time zone) should be recorded to the nearest minute. Try to be fairly precise with your **location**. It is acceptable to record this in relative terms such as "100 metres west of Fremantle Railway Station", "in my backyard", etc. Observatory staff can always determine the location more accurately later if need be. Also, note the **sky conditions** as best you can. Conditions other than clear, dark skies can really limit the quality of the observation or distort an otherwise commonplace event such as the motion of an aeroplane. Next, record your **method of observation**.

Some sightings are over in an instant, but try to determine the **duration**. It's probably inopportune to look at your watch during a sighting, but you could try to count the seconds using some mental (or voiced) counting method like – "One (thousand and), two (thousand and), three (thousand and) ..." Beware, most people are notoriously unreliable at guessing time intervals after a particularly startling event. Some phenomena have **sound** associated with them so report anything that you hear.

The **trajectory**, or path across the sky, or the location of a stationary event, is important data. The altitude above the horizon and the compass bearing where you first detected the object are the first things to note. The horizon has an altitude of 0 degrees (assuming any surrounding hills and valleys are of insignificant size), while straight overhead (the zenith) is at altitude 90 degrees. One way to estimate altitude is by spreading out your hand and holding it out at arm's length. The span between the tips of your thumb and little finger is approximately 20 degrees. Compass bearings start at 0 degrees for due north, and progress to 90 degrees for due east, 180 degrees for due south, 270 degrees for due east, and 360 degrees (reset back to

0 degrees) for the full circle around to due north. A compass will give you an accurate bearing and the difference between true north and magnetic north is generally negligible in this context. If you can't determine the altitude and bearing at the time, then work them out at a later time providing you remember these quantities with respect to the scene around you, eg "above the south-side neighbour's highest tree when I was standing on my front door step". Apply the same principles for the altitude and bearing when the object was last seen. Record if it disappeared below the horizon. Note the requirement for direction to be expressed in angular format. Actual distance measurements are extremely unreliable for objects in the sky because there are few, if any, distance markers on which to base your estimate. **Sketch** the trajectory if you can, and try to indicate altitude and compass bearing..

Try to estimate the **angular size** of the object. For comparison the Moon is 1/2 degree in diameter and a finger width at arm's length from your eye is about 1 to 2 degrees wide. Also note any **colour** (and whether you are colour blind!). Record the structure of the object: was it a star-like point, did it fragment, etc?

Your observation will gain greater credibility if it is **confirmed** by another independent observer (who should complete a separate Sighting Report Form) or by use of another observing method such as photography.

Finally, record anything you think is relevant concerning the sighting or your particular observation.

Please feel free to copy the Sighting Report Form as many times as you need. Take them with you on your holidays, give them to your friends who live on (say) a remote cattle station or to your police officer sister-in-law etc. It is unlikely you will discover a new phenomenon unknown to science, but not impossible! One type of object you may sight quite often is a bright meteor. Your observation may assist in recovering any piece that reaches the ground. This extraterrestrial material is scientifically valuable as it gives clues on such matters as the formation of Solar System.

If you complete a Sighting Report Form please read the first part of this article. You will probably be able to identify what you observed. Then, if appropriate, please mail (or fax) your report to the address on the Sighting Report Form. If you think your sighting is of immediate interest please ring the number on the Sighting Report Form and relay the information you have just recorded. (Observatory staff will attempt to answer the telephone at night but sometimes they are too busy with observing duties).

In summary, the use of the Sighting Report Form should not only assist you as an observer but should also aid Observatory staff in interpreting your sighting. Finally, it's important to just enjoy viewing the night sky – its beauty has entranced humankind for untold millennia.

**You can obtain a PDF of the Sighting Report from Perth Observatory's website at [www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au](http://www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au)**

# Perth Observatory Sighting Report Form



## OBSERVER DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ P E R T H O B S E R V A T O R Y

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGHTING DETAILS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Sky Conditions (eg. clear, 1/2 moon, 1/3 cloud, raining etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Observation (eg. naked eye, binoculars etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Duration: \_\_\_\_\_

Sound: \_\_\_\_\_

	Altitude angle	Compass Bearing
Direction when first seen:		
Direction when last seen:		

Trajectory sketch:

Apparent Angular Size (eg. Full Moon is 1/2 degree):

\_\_\_\_\_

Colour:

\_\_\_\_\_

Structure (eg. point-like, streak, fragments):

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Confirmation (other observer, video, etc):

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Other Comments:

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Send to: **Sighting Report, Perth Observatory, 337 Walnut Rd, Bickley 6076, WA**

Telephone: (08) 9293 8255 Fax: (08) 9293 8138

## The Deep Foundations of Astronomy in Everyday Life – Units of Time

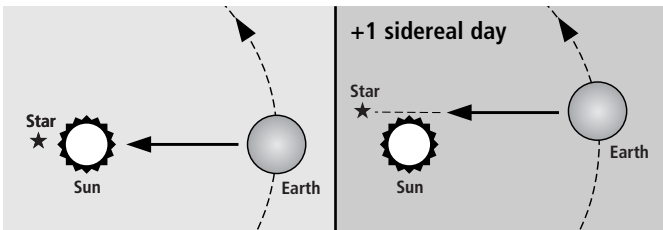
*Knowledge accumulated over the ages shapes and influences our culture. Astronomy, being one of the oldest sciences, is particularly pervasive in our everyday lives. However this is often overlooked or not well appreciated by us all. In particular, our many units of time and ultimately our system of long-term time reckoning, calendars, have profound roots in astronomy.*

### Day

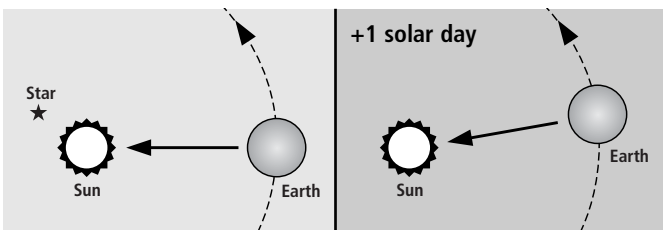
One of the most pervasive units of time is the day. This light and dark cycle is inherently astronomical in basis as it corresponds to one rotation of the Earth about its axis.

However, the day does not readily provide a straightforward standard of time keeping. First, the day is a local phenomenon because the precise position of the Sun varies across the Earth. Second, the exact definition of the day depends on the reference system used to count one complete rotation. Finally, the flow of time is only as constant as the rotation of the Earth.

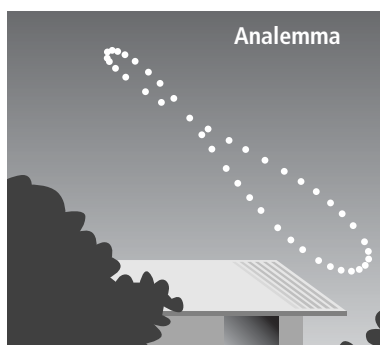
A **sidereal day** is defined as the time between successive passages of a given stellar background across the observer's meridian (the imaginary line in the sky joining the north and south poles). In this definition the distant stars are used as the external reference.



The **apparent solar day** is another definition of the day and is measured by the Sun's diurnal (day) movement across sky. That is, it is defined as the time it takes for successive passages of the Sun across the observer's meridian (or some other locally fixed reference).



Unfortunately, this definition produces a day whose length varies throughout the year, and is thus not a very accurate time standard (especially when compared to the sidereal day). This variability is apparent when one considers the **Analemma** – a plot of the Sun's position at a given local time across the days of one year. It is clear that the Sun's position at a given time moves about through the year, and so the time between meridian passages must vary throughout the year. The azimuth (parallel to the horizon) movement results from the elliptical orbit of the Earth about the Sun, and the altitude (perpendicular to the horizon) movement results from the tilt of the Earth's rotation axis with respect to its orbital axis.



In order to overcome the variability in the apparent solar day the **mean solar day** was defined by astronomers. This definition uses a fictitious body, the **mean sun**, which moves along the Celestial Equator with constant angular speed. This angular speed is equal to the mean angular speed of the real Sun along the ecliptic, that is, approximately 1°/day. The mean solar day is defined as the average time between successive passages of the Mean Sun over observer's meridian. It is 3 minutes 56 seconds longer than the Sidereal Day because of the Earth's orbital motion about the Sun. Another manifestation of this is that a given star rises 3 minutes 56 seconds earlier each day.

### Hour

The division of the day into twenty-four hours is derived from ancient Egypt. At that time the Egyptians thought that the day was the manifestation of the motion across the sky of Ra the sun god in his boat. Early in Egyptian history the day (including night) was divided into 36 decans. However, they noticed that in the summer months in Lower Egypt (the region closest to the Nile delta) there was only twelve decans during the night. So in order to maintain a balance it was decreed that there were only twelve decans in the daylight time. Eventually the Egyptians divided the entire day into twenty-four intervals and these have descended to us as the way we divide the day by hours.

### Minutes and Seconds

Division of the hour into sixty minutes and the minute, in turn, divided into sixty seconds results from the work of the famous astronomer Hipparchus of Rhodes (194 - 120 BCE). His work on the positions of the stars and, in particular, the motion of the planets was based on observations acquired earlier by the Babylonians. The Babylonians had a very well developed mathematics based on the sexagesimal (base 60) system, that is, they had a distinct symbol for each number from one to 59. Their system also incorporated the concept of placeholders which made mathematical operations such as addition and subtraction more straightforward. The placeholder concept is implicit in our decimal (base 10) system, for example, the ordering of the 3, 4 and 5 in the number 345 means 3 hundreds + 4 tens + 5 units. In the Babylonian system the number 345 would represent 3 60's + 4 60's + 5 units.

Today, the second is defined in a manner independent of the motion of the Solar System (and irregularities in the rotation and orbit of the Earth). It is based on the frequency of oscillation associated with <sup>133</sup>Cs isotope. In fact, the second is now the fundamental unit of time in the international standards system (System Internationale, SI). It is formally defined in terms of the quantum mechanical manifestation of an atom, namely, as 9,192,631,770 periods of the hyperfine transition of <sup>133</sup>Cs ground state.

### Week

There is no direct astronomical basis for the definition of the week. However, it is still related to astronomy. The Babylonians assigned planet names to the days of week. This was important to them because each of the objects they defined as planets was graced with the name of a god. At that time they knew of seven celestial objects that 'wandered' (the word planet is derived from the Greek for wander) through the skies.

'Planet'	Ancient planet gods			English	Modern	
	Babylonian	Roman	Anglo-Saxon		French	Spanish
<b>Sun</b>	Shamash	Sol	Sun	Sunday	Dimanche	Domingo
<b>Moon</b>	Sin	Luna	Moon	Monday	Lundi	Lunes
<b>Mars</b>	Nergal	Mars	Tiw	Tuesday	Mardi	Martes
<b>Mercury</b>	Nabu	Mercurius	Woden	Wednesday	Mercredi	Miercoles
<b>Jupiter</b>	Marduk	Jupiter	Thor	Thursday	Jeudi	Jueves
<b>Venus</b>	Ishtar	Venus	Freya	Friday	Vendredi	Viernes
<b>Saturn</b>	Ninurta	Saturnus	Saturn	Saturday	Samedi	Sabato

These seven 'planets' were (from closest to most distant as determined by the Babylonians) the Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The table shows that the days of the week essentially retain the names of these gods even though they have been affected by changes in culture and language. The romance languages of French and Spanish retain a great similarity to their root language of Latin (the language of the Romans), whilst the English names are expressions of the equivalent Anglo-Saxons gods.

The days are not ordered with the Babylonian system of closest to most distant planet. This arose in response to the further association of the hours in each day with a planet. This association was organised in a cyclic order with the further constraint that a day had to have the same planet name for both the day and the first hour of the day.

## Month

The very conspicuous change in the appearance of the Moon in its orbit about Earth is the astronomical basis of the month. In coastal regions this interval is also associated with the periodic behaviour of the tides. The length of the lunar month, the time between repetitions of a given phase, is 29.5306 days. Thus 12 repetitions of a given phase, i.e. months, corresponds to 354 days, nearly as long as one year.

Our current system of twelve months in a year is descended from the Romans. Early on the Roman year only contained 10 months. This led to a year that was too short and this was corrected around 700 BCE when further months were added. In order to make the year keep track with the seasons the number of days in February was changed and the inter-calendar month was either included or omitted from a given year in order to keep the months in track with the seasons.

In 46 BCE Julius Caesar made changes to the Roman calendar, as the old system was open to abuse by the religious and political authorities that controlled it. His introduction of the leap year (an additional day in February for any year divisible by four) also assisted the calendar at better keeping the seasons in synchronism with the year. He was rewarded for this innovation by the naming of the month of July for him.

Augustus, during his reign, reminded the authorities that Julius had decreed that the interval between leap years was four years, and not three, as some thought. For this accomplishment he was rewarded around 8 BCE by the naming of the month of August after him. Also, in order that he not be slighted the number of days in August was increased to 31 as for July, and February lost one day in this process.

## Year

The astronomical basis of the year is Earth's orbit about the Sun. The following sections discuss the many definitions of the year that have arisen from scientific and civil needs.

A **calendar year** contains 365 or 366 mean solar days. This is the simplest form of the year we encounter in everyday life. Another type of calendar year we often encounter is the **leap year** that contains 366 mean solar days with the addition of an extra day in February. The **mean civil year** gives an estimate of the long-

term average length of the calendar year. However, the mean civil year's length depends upon which calendar is in use. In the Julian calendar there are on average 365.25 mean solar days. Today, most countries use the Gregorian calendar and the mean civil year's length is 365.2425 mean solar days. The difference between these two figures arises from the different ways in which leap years are defined and this is discussed in more detail in the calendars section below.

A more astronomically related time interval is the **sidereal year** that is defined as the time it takes for Sun to complete one hypothetical "orbit about the Earth" with respect to the fixed background stars. This time interval is 365.2565 mean solar days.

Arguably the most important definition of the year is the **tropical year**. This is the time interval between successive passages of Sun across the celestial equator from the southern sky to the northern sky (this point in the sky is called the First Point of Aries). This passage occurs at the March Equinox and assists track the seasons that are the climatic response to the position of the Sun in the sky and the attendant amount of daily sunshine. The time interval of the tropical year is 365.2422 mean solar days. The Gregorian calendar with its mean civil year of 365.2425 mean solar days is specifically constructed for the purpose of assisting ongoing civil activities by keeping the months in synchronism with the seasons.

The difference between the duration of the sidereal and tropical years arises from the effect called precession. The rotation axis of the Earth slowly moves and this makes the position of the first point of Aries also move, thus shortening the tropical year compared to the sidereal year.

## Calendars

A calendar is a system of organising units of time for the purpose of reckoning time over extended periods. Some calendars replicate astronomical cycles according to fixed rules, while others are based on abstract, perpetually repeating cycles of no astronomical significance. Our calendar, the Gregorian calendar, has an astronomical basis in the day, month and year. Complexity automatically arises for calendars based on astronomical cycles because the basic units of time are; not perfectly commensurable with each other, and, not constant.

Pope Gregory XIII instituted the Gregorian calendar in CE1582. It involved having calendar years of 365 days in length and 366 days in a leap year, and a redefinition of the leap year being any year divisible by 4, except those divisible by 100 – unless they were divisible by 400. (For example, 1900 and 1901 are not leap years, 2000 and 2004 are leap years). This leap year rule was created in order to make a better long term average approximation for the number of days per year and thus keep the seasons fixed appropriately to the months. However, the fine leap year adjustments in the Gregorian calendar are not perfect and after about 3,300 years it will be one day out of synchronism with the tropical year.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLACES OF ASTRONOMICAL INTEREST

## OBSERVATORIES

### Perth Observatory

*founded 1896*

Perth Observatory is the oldest continuously operating astronomical observatory in Australia. For over 100 years it has served the state of Western Australia by its provision of information and educational services, as well as conducting international-standard astronomical research. It is situated in the locality of Bickley in the Darling Range. This site is adequate for astronomical research, yet it is only 25 km east of the city and conveniently close for the public to attend its educational activities.

As part of the Observatory's education and public outreach programme, several telescopes with apertures ranging from 20 to 40cm (10" to 16") are used by the Observatory's professional astronomers to show night visitors the splendors of the southern skies. These nights are very popular so booking is essential. Alternatively, we can bring portable telescopes to your site for an Astronomy Field Night in order to show you the stars. Observatory staff regularly conduct many astronomy talks and lectures.

A museum has been established to inform visitors about the history of the Observatory and to educate them in the science of astronomy.

Generous assistance from the Perth Observatory Volunteer Group and LotteryWest has facilitated acquisition of equipment to assist the disabled to participate in starviewing activities.

The Observatory also has a well-equipped shop that sells a variety of astronomy-based educational material and gifts.

#### Star viewing nights

Times vary during the year. No sessions May-September inclusive – Bookings essential. Session lasts approximately 1.5 hours.

#### Daytime Guided Tours

10am, 12.30pm, or by appointment – Bookings essential.

#### Astronomy Field Nights

Observatory staff take portable telescopes to your site in order to show you the stars. Booking is essential.

#### Costs

All services attract charges, contact the Observatory for details.

**Phone:** (08) 9293 8255  
**Fax:** (08) 9293 8138  
**Information Line:** (08) 9293 8109  
**Website:** [www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au](http://www.perthobservatory.wa.gov.au)  
**Email:** [Perth.Observatory@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:Perth.Observatory@dec.wa.gov.au)

### Pingelly Heights Observatory

*(Astro Ventures)*

The Pingelly Heights Observatory is just one and a half hours drive from the Perth Metropolitan area. Follow the Brookton Highway from Kelmscott to Brookton then turn south for Pingelly.

The property is named 'SUNARISE' Lot 25 Pingelly Heights (off Aldersyde Road), Pingelly.

**Astro Ventures** caters especially for: primary and secondary schools, youth groups, community organisations, private parties and others on request. They are open from October 1 to April 30, the following year; on Friday and Saturday nights only.

For prices, further information and ticket reservations:

**Phone:** (08) 9887 0088 or 0407 380 922  
**Fax:** (08) 9887 0207  
**Address:** Astro Ventures, PO Box 512, Pingelly, WA 6308  
**Website:** <http://www.westnet.com.au/astroventures>  
**Email:** [astroventures@westnet.com.au](mailto:astroventures@westnet.com.au)

### Southern Cross Cosmos Centre

The Southern Cross Cosmos Centre is a commercial observatory situated about an hours drive north of Perth, and is co-sited with the Australian International Gravitational Observatory, a research establishment run by the University of Western Australia. The SCCC has seven telescopes including one of West Australia's biggest, the 25 inch Obsession. The other instruments include two 8 inch Schmidt Cassegrains, two 12 inch LX200 computer controlled SC's, a 14 inch Celestron SC and a 16 inch Meade Newtonian. Binoculars will be available for patrons to use plus live video of the Moon and planets when appropriate.

The observatory is open each Friday and Saturday from October to April, (inclusive) with the evenings running from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Other evenings are available on request but minimum charges apply. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting **Astro Nights**.

**Phone:** (08) 9307 1353  
**Website:** [www.sccc.asn.au](http://www.sccc.asn.au)  
**Email:** [sccc@arach.net.au](mailto:sccc@arach.net.au)

## AMATEUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETIES &amp; ASSOCIATED GROUPS

**Astronomical Society of WA Inc. (ASWA)**

Established in 1950, the Astronomical Society of WA strives to promote and popularise astronomy – as both a modern-day science and an exciting and rewarding hobby, providing many activities for members and the public -particularly encouraging beginners. Classes and the Radio Astronomy group meeting at 7pm precede the monthly General Meeting with guest speaker at 8pm. Special interest groups – Deep Sky observing at 2 sites, Lunar observing, Workshops, a night at a central observatory with viewing and speakers and Club nights with speakers also meet monthly. Astrocamps are held at least twice yearly at locations with dark skies and accommodation. The Society offers members the use of its library and equipment. The ASWA has free members' email newsgroup and a bi-monthly journal, *The Sidereal Times*.

The society meets at 8pm on the second Monday of every month (except January) at the South Perth Bridge Club, cnr Brittain St. and Barker Ave, Como. ASWA promotes public awareness by holding regular observing nights and offering viewing nights/speakers to schools and community groups.

**Fees:** *Ordinary Member \$20 nomination, \$50 subscription, discounts for Associate, Junior, Student and Country Membership*

**Phone:** (08) 9299 6347 (Val Semmler)

**Address:** PO Box 421, Subiaco WA 6008

**Website:** <http://aswa.info>

**Email:** [aswa@aswa.info](mailto:aswa@aswa.info)

**Astronomical Group of Western Australia (AGWA)**

AGWA was formed to provide activity and networking for amateur astronomers and people interested in the wonders of the night sky, with or without their own telescopes. Activities throughout the year include: Field trips, seminars by noted astronomers, workshops and special events and an Annual Astro-Fest. The group meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month at 159A Scarborough Beach Rd, Mt Hawthorn. Everybody is welcome to attend the meetings. AGWA is proudly sponsored by Binocular, Telescope and Optical World.

**Phone:** (08) 9201 0895

**Address:** 159A Scarborough Beach Rd, Mt Hawthorn WA 6016

**Astronomical Society of the South West Inc.**

Membership is open to anyone interested in basic astronomy. Observing nights at their observatory south of Bunbury on the two Fridays before the new moon. There is an active junior group that meets twice monthly. Astronomy camps in good cottage accommodation are held during the year at dark sky sites. Other observing at nearby dark sky sites occurs on an informal basis. A six evening's astronomy course for beginners is conducted each year in March/April. Nights for the general public are held during school holidays on three occasions through the year. Community groups are welcome to book for special nights.

**Phone:** (08) 9721 1586

**Address:** PO Box 1100, Bunbury, WA 6231

**Website:** [www.assw.org.au](http://www.assw.org.au)

**Email:** [mail@assw.org.au](mailto:mail@assw.org.au)

**Perth Observatory Volunteer Group Inc.**

Perth Observatory is keen to get the public more involved in its activities. One way to directly participate and assist is to join our Volunteer Group that has been running since 1996. Currently about 30 people assist the Observatory in its activities and contribute the equivalent of one extra full-time staff member. Recently, the Observatory's Volunteer Group has become incorporated with the aim to obtain funding from external sources in order to further their work.

Furthermore, the fine activities and achievements of the Volunteer Group were formally recognised in 2001 with the award of \$1,000 by the National Australia Bank CommunityLink Programme. Only 109 of the 2,703 nominations (Australia-wide) won awards, and the Perth Observatory Volunteers Group was the only **highly recommended** winner in the Recreation category. They were also awarded a \$3,600 International Year of the Volunteer grant from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community. Apparently 17,000 organisations applied; 2,835 were successful and only 263 of those successful were based in WA. Most notably, they were also awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Lotteries Commission Gordon Reid fund in order to obtain equipment that would assist integrate disabled people into The Observatory's Star Viewing Night programme.

Current projects involve:

- assisting permanent staff with the public star viewing sessions,
- archiving and preserving historical documents,
- rearranging the library, inputting the library database onto computer,
- assisting at open days.

Those interested should send a written application to the Perth Observatory Director and Volunteer Coordinator, Dr James Biggs. The applicant should outline:

- why they wish to become part of the program,
- what skills, qualifications or experience they possess,
- what realistic amount of time they can contribute, and
- anything else that they think is relevant.

Please note that the qualification requirement is not really very stringent - what is really important is simply the desire to assist the Perth Observatory. Interviews are conducted with applicants shortlisted from their written applications around September most years. Vast astronomical knowledge is not required as successful applicants are trained for the project (or projects) in which they wish to participate. Furthermore, ongoing training is provided at the monthly Volunteer Group meeting and as required.



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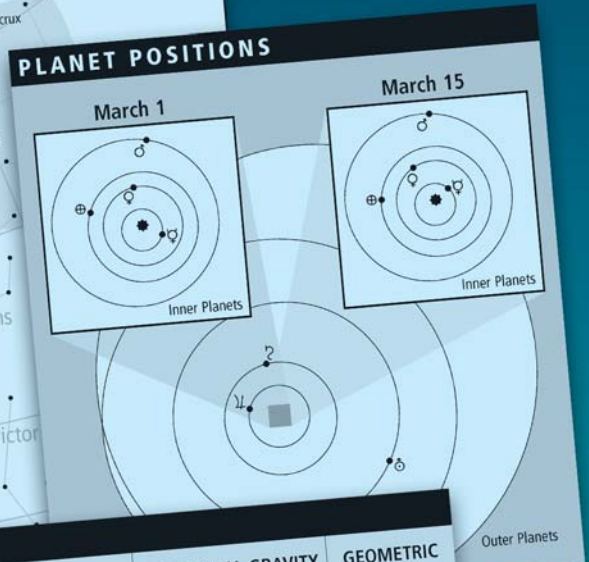
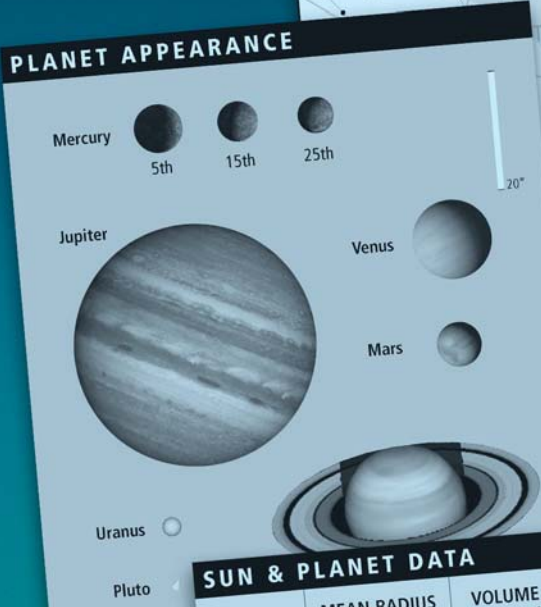
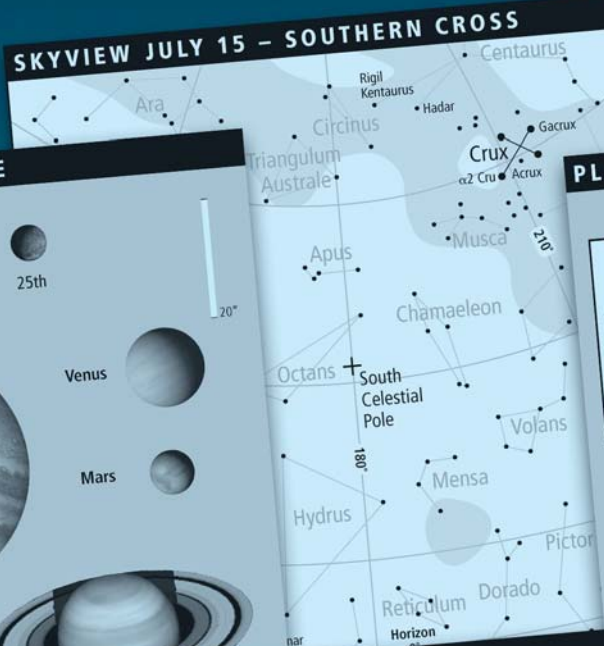
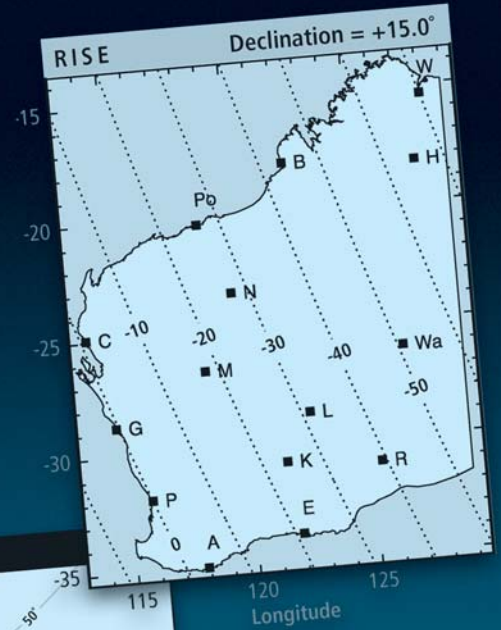
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Sun	696265	1305000	0	19890850	1.407	3.701	0.106
Mercury	2440 ± 1	0.056	0	3.302	5.427	8.87	0.65
Venus	6051.84 ± 0.01	0.857	0.00335364	48.685	5.204	9.780327	0.367
Earth	6371.01 ± 0.02	1	0.006476	59.736	5.515	3.69	0.52
Mars	3389.92 ± 0.04	0.151	0.006476	6.4185	3.9335 ± 0.0004	23.12 ± 0.01	0.47
	69911 ± 6	1321	0.007962	18986	1.326	8.96 ± 0.01	0.51
				5684.6	0.6873	8.69 ± 0.01	0.41
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