



JANUARY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

SUNDAY

still under the glories of a cold, frosty winter night sky, this sentinel of the stars waits in the snow for an astronomer to arrive. If ever an observatory begged to be opened up to observe the stars, this one is it! | IMAGE BY PETER AND DEBRA CERAVOLO

SATURDAY

refer to the start time.

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location are given in the back pages.

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additional information about this Calendar.

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FRIDAY

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH Rise 6:56 7:32 Set 16:39 16:03 Sunrise 7:22 7:58 Sunset 16:49 16:13 Mercury not observable this month low in SE in morning twilight high in SSW at dusk, sets in W near 11 pm Mars very low in SE in morning twilight this month Jupiter Earth at perihelion (147,097,233 km) 00:20 ET Saturn not observable this month Quadrantid meteors (ZHR=120) 9 pm Partial solar eclipse visible NEW YEAR'S DAY Moon 3° left of Jupiter this morning from E Asia and W Pacific Saturn in conjunction 11:05 11:09 23:13 23:12 ise 7:21 20:20 19:59 22:15 22:07 17:32 16:57 18:26 17:55 19:23 18:56 Sunrise 7:21 7:55 Sunset 16:56 16:22 Young crescent Moon, 20 hours after new in E, 24 hours after new in W, soon after sunset Venus at greatest elongation (47° W) this evening Follow Arcturus unaided International Year of Astronomy into daylight this week Uranus stationary Moon at apogee was launched, 10 years ago. Rise 11:32 11:30 Set — 40°N 50°N 0:12 0:18 12:00 11:51 40°N 50°N 1:14 1:27 12:31 12:15 **15** 40°N 50°N 3:24 3:51 13:46 13:18 40°N 50°N 4:32 5:05 14:35 14:01 40°N 50°N Set 5:39 6:15 Rise 15:33 14:57 Sunrise 7:18 7:50 Sunset 17:03 16:32 First Quarter 1:46

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Lunar Straight Wall this evening 40°N 50°N Set 10:51 10:46 Rise 23:50 23:59 Sunrise 7:14 7:42 Sunset 17:12 16:44 40°N 50°N 6:42 7:18 16:39 16:04 40°N 50°N 7:39 8:10 17:51 17:21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (USA) Total lunar eclipse, all of N. America, S. America, and northwestern Europe Moon at perigee, large tides Today's full Moon is the Tom Cod Moon Venus 2.5° N of Jupiter this morning 40°N 50°N 11:23 11:10 **27** 40°N 50°N 0:55 1:11 11:55 11:36 40°N 50°N 1:58 2:21 12:30 12:04 **29** 40°N 50°N 3:57 4:31 13:50 13:15 S M T W T F S Times in the upper half of the daily boxes are in the 24-hour clock; times in the lower half 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 are given in the 12-hour clock. 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 Eastern time is used, except for rise and set Last Quarter 16:10 events and changes to/from Daylight Saving Time, which are given in local time. Times for events involving planetary satellites FEB S M T W T F S

Moon, Venus, and Jupiter

Moon 1° right of Venus this morning, best from W of N. America

within 8° this morning



FEBRUARY

THE PINWHEEL GALAXY (Messier 101) resembles its namesake in images such as this one. Appearing only slightly smaller than a full Moon it presents a wealth of detail for imagers, from its multiple spiral arms to many HII regions. | IMAGE BY RÉMI LECASSE

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Mercury at greatest elongation (18° E) this evening (m=-0.6). Best evening apparition of the year.

Moon 2° N of Jupiter this morning, best in W of N.America Lunar Curtiss X visible in extreme E of N. America



MARCH

THIS REMARKABLY sharp image of the lunar Vallis Alpes (Alpine Valley) clearly shows the hard-to-spot central rille. Discovered in 1727 by Francesco Bianchini, the 166 km-long valley cuts through the Montes Alpes mountain range. The flat valley floor is lava-flooded, and considered to be a graben. The rille was formed later than the valley, in a separate geological event. It corresponds to a volcanic lava tube. | IMAGE BY MIKE WIRTHS

FRIDAY

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH

SUNDAY

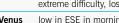
very low in W in evening twilight, early this month with Mercury extreme difficulty, lost early this month

low in ESE in morning twilight Venus

high in W at dusk, sets in WNW near midnight

Jupiter rises in SE near 3 am, in S near dawn

rises in SE near 4 am, in SE near dawn







MONDAY



Voyager 1 arrived at Jupiter,

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY





THURSDAY





SATURDAY

Sunrise 6:32 6:42 Sunset 17:53 17:43

Spot Capella unaided before sunset this week





Moon at apogee





11:04 ASH WEDNESDAY (BEGINNING OF LENT)

Kepler Telescope was launched to look



Neptune in conjunction

2:07 2:41 12:04 11:29 **14**





Daylight Saving Time begins 2 am



40°N 50°N 5:48 6:14 16:24 16:00 **18**

18 Jupiter with only one satellite visible in E of N. America 5:06 am

Jupiter with only one satellite visible in E of N. America 12:28 am



Moon at perigee

40°N 50°N 6:30 6:48 17:39 17:23

Lunar Straight Wall this evening

Albert Einstein born 140 years ago.

21 BAHÁ'Í NEW YEAR (BEGINS AT

SUNSET THE PREVIOUS EVENING)

Zodiacal Light readily visible from a

dark site in W after evening twilight for the next 2 weeks.



Sunrise 6:59 6:57 Sunset 19:15 19:17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Two shadows on Jupiter

Two shadows on Jupiter visible in Atlantic Canada

40°N 50°N **25**- 0:01
10:01 9:33

5:33 am



Spring equinox 17:58

Today's full Moon is the Maple Sugar Moon

Moon 3.5° Left of Jupiter

Moon 2.5° lower left of

Saturn this morning

40°N 50°N 29 3:23 3:59 13:07 12:32

www.earthhour.org

Earth Hour (8:30-9:30 pm local)

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Spot Sirius unaided before sunset this week Follow Vega unaided into

Moon at apogee

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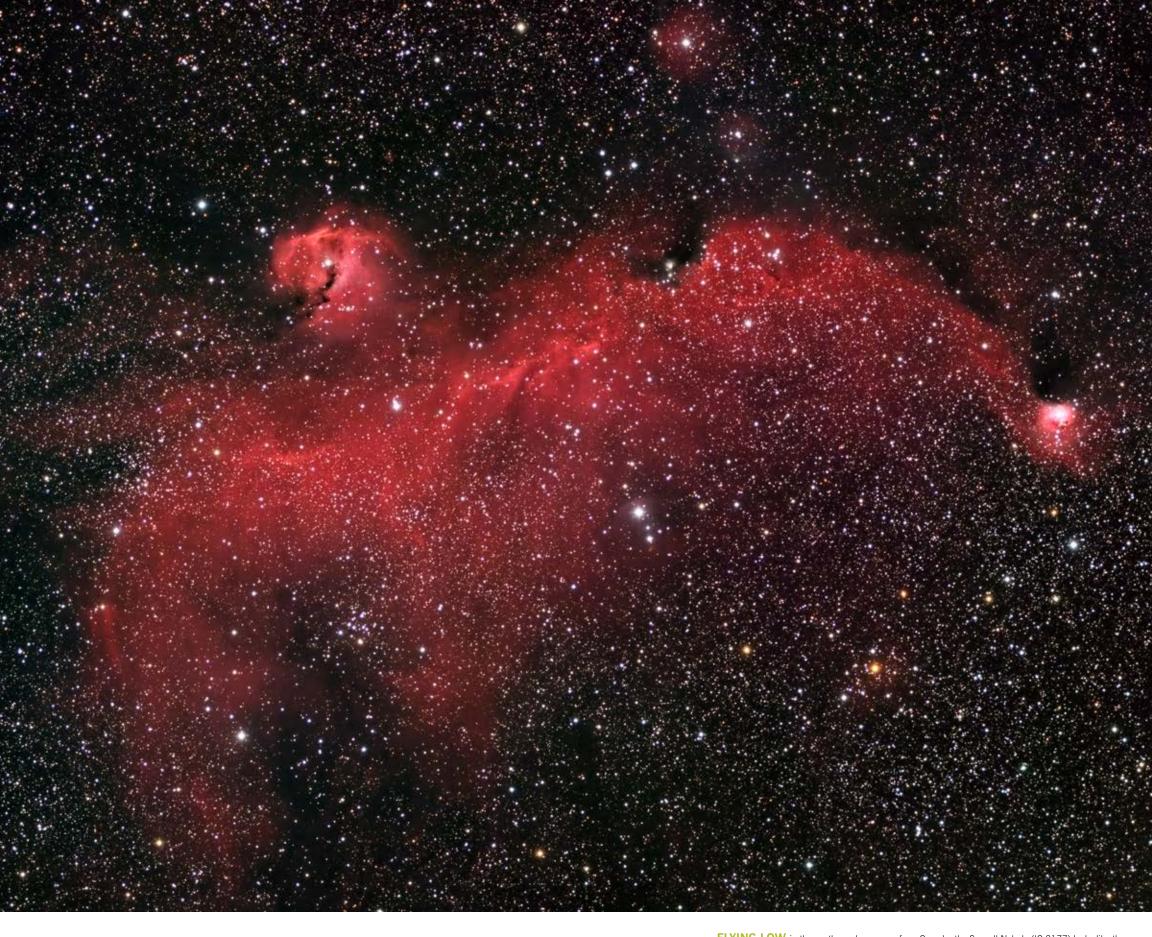
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APRII

ST. GEORGE'S DAY (NL)
Uranus in conjunction
Lyrid meteors (ZHR=18) 8 pm,

best seen in predawn hours today

40°N 50°N 3:49 4:09 14:44 14:26

EASTER SUNDAY

Lunar Curtiss X visible in

extreme E of N. America

(through May 5) Moon at apogee

Texas Star Party, Fort Davis, TX, www.texasstarparty.org

3 am

Moon 1.6° N of Jupiter this

Saturn stationary

morning, best in western N. America

40°N 50°N 4:18 4:31 15:42 15:31

FLYING LOW in the southern sky as seen from Canada, the Seagull Nebula (IC 2177) looks like the familiar bird seen by anyone who has been to a coastal region. Its wings spread wide, this nebula is made up mostly of hydrogen and it lies some 3650 ly away. | IMAGE BY RON BRECHER

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44 Nysa at opposition (m=9.9)

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH

Venus

Mars

Mercury extremely low in E in morning twilight, near mid-month with

very low in E in morning twilight with difficulty

in W at dusk, sets in WNW near midnight

Jupiter rises in ESE near 1 am, in S near dawn

Saturn rises in ESE near 2 am, in SSE near dawn



MEMORIAL DAY (USA)

Moon at apogee

at magnitude 6.4. | IMAGE BY RON BRECHER

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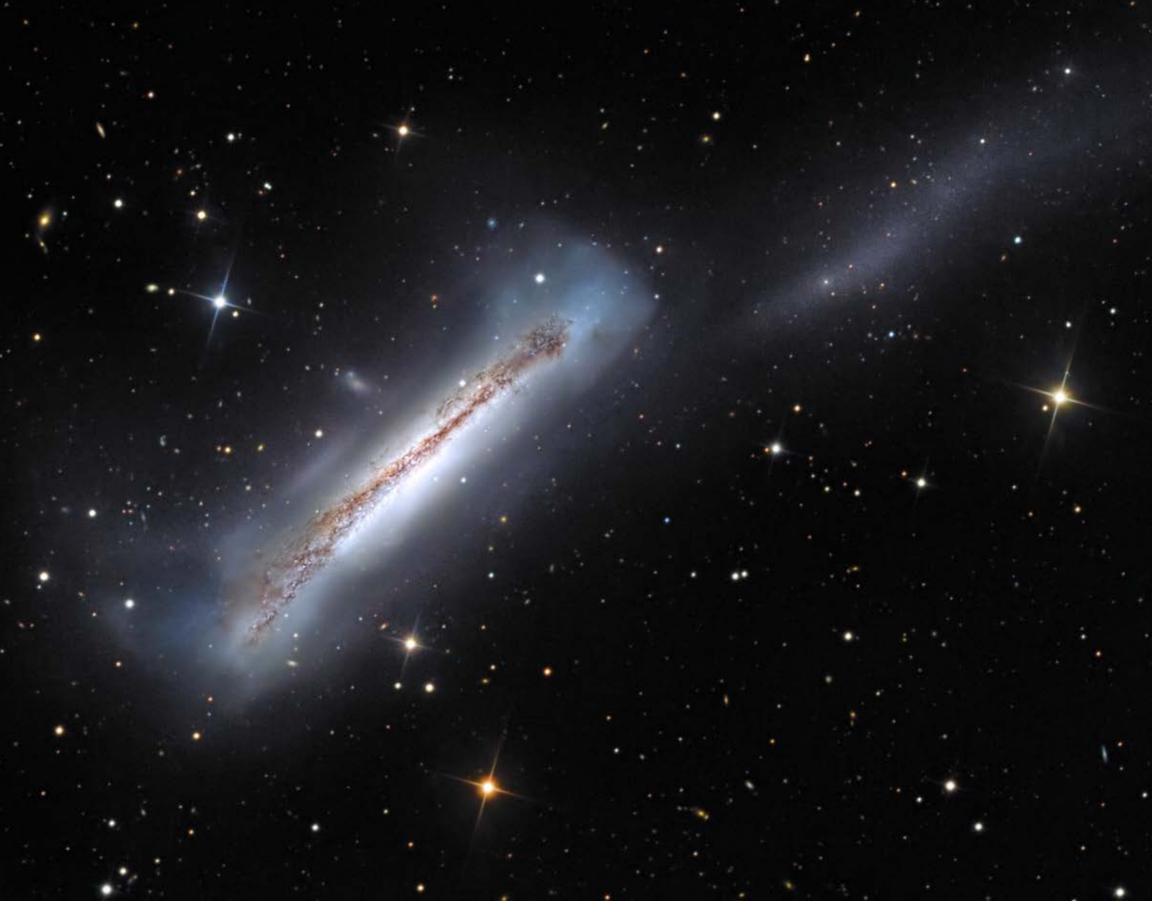
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General theory of relativity

tested by Eddington at solar

eclipse, 100 years ago.

1 Ceres at opposition (m=6.9)



JUNE

SUNDAY

HAMBURGER ANYONE? Often overlooked because of nearby Messiers 65 and 66, NGC 3628 (the Hamburger Galaxy) is undergoing tidal interactions, as seen in this image with its tail pointed toward its neighbours. | IMAGE BY PAUL MORTFIELD AND STEFANO CANCELLI

FRIDAY

4:37 4:20 18:34 18:56 THE PLANETS THIS MONTH Mercury very low in WNW in evening twilight, near mid-month with Sunrise 5:34 4:56 Sunset 20:23 21:00 Venus not observable this month Mars very low in WNW during dusk, lost after mid-month Watch for noctilucent clouds in N sky during twilight this month. Best N of 50° latitude in SE after dark, transits after 1 am, low in SW near dawn rises in ESE at dusk, transits in S near 3 am Moon 6° right of Venus this morning 40°N 50°N 0:28 0:55 10:56 10:31 2 5:31 4:52 New Moon 6:02 Two shadows on Jupiter visible in extreme E of N. America during twilight 8:29 pm Moon, Mercury, and Mars form large triangle this evening Moon at perigee 40°N 50°N 1:42 1:54 13:17 13:08 **10** 40°N 50°N 3:15 3:04 16:42 16:58 **13** 40°N 50°N 3:47 3:29 17:49 18:13 Sunrise 5:31 4:51 Sunset 20:30 21:11 First Quarter 1:59 Lunar X near crater Werner visible RASC General Assembly hosted in extreme W of N. America by the National Office in Toronto Lunar Straight Wall this evening www.rasc.ca/ga2019 (through Jun 16) Two shadows on

WEDNESDAY

40°N 50°N 5:02 4:30 19:58 20:33 **16**

FATHER'S DAY

Moon 5° left of Jupiter this evening, best in eastern N. America Mercury 1.0° lower right of Mars

this evening



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Mercury at greatest elongation (25° E)

this evening. Poor apparition (m=0.4) Moon at apogee



40°N 50°N 3:45 3:17 18:27 19:00



LA FÊTE NATIONALE (QC)

DISCOVERY DAY (NL)

Jupiter at opposition (m=-2.6)

MONDAY

Mercury 0.5° right of Mars this evening Today's full Moon is the Trees Fully Leaved Moon

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Mercury 0.3° above Mars this evening

Jupiter visible

TUESDAY

11:33 pm

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Moon 1° N of Jupiter this eveving

extreme E of N. America

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Lunar Curtiss X visible in

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THURSDAY



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

Summer solstice 11:54 ET

40°N 50°N 9:23 8:53 23:50 — **21**



Neptune stationary

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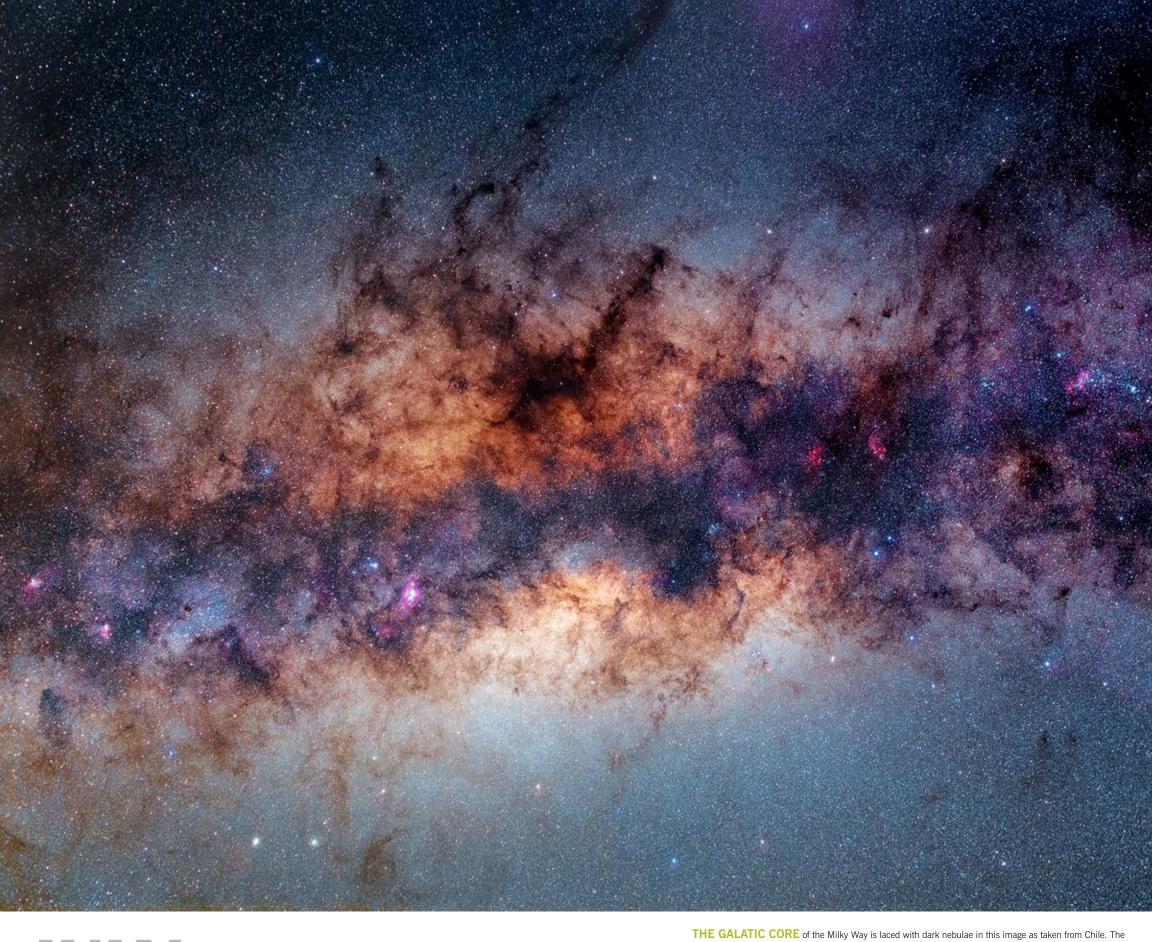
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 $\hbox{Pipe Nebula forms the hindquarters of the Prancing Horse just above centre, appearing almost upside down in } \\$ this view, while many clusters and nebulae are scattered across the image. | IMAGE BY LYNN HILBORN

FRIDAY

Alberta Star-B-Q, Eccles Ranch, AB

calgary.rasc.ca/starbq.html (through Jul 7)

Moon at perigee

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Spot Arcturus unaided

before sunset this week







CANADA DAY



Best N of 50° latitude

Watch for noctilucent clouds in

N sky during twilight this month.



MONDAY

First Quarter 6:55

18 Melpomene at opposition

Total solar eclipse visible from

S Pacific, S America, Chile and

(m=9.2)

Argentina

TUESDAY

13:27 13:32

Saturn at opposition (m=0.1) 40°N 50°N 5:20 4:42 20:31 21:08 **16**

Full Moon 17:38

into Jupiter, 25 years ago.

NUNAVUT DAY

Total lunar eclipse, NOT visible from N. America Moon $1^{\rm o}$ S of Saturn this morning Today's full Moon is the Birds Shed Feathers Moon Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 crashed

WEDNESDAY



Moon, Mercury, and Mars 6° during twilight this evening, difficult

14:34 14:47 **LU** Rise

Lunar Straight Wall this evening

40°N 50°N 6:15 5:40 21:13 21:46

D.C., 110 years ago.

Simon Newcomb died in Washington

THURSDAY

INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA)

(152.095.566 km) 18:11 ET

Earth at aphelion

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Rise 9:55 9:35 Set 23:43 23:58 Sunrise 5:38 4:59 Sunset 20:32 21:10

Moon at apogee

Neil Armstrong was the first man to step on the Moon, 50 years ago.

Pluto at opposition (m=14.2)



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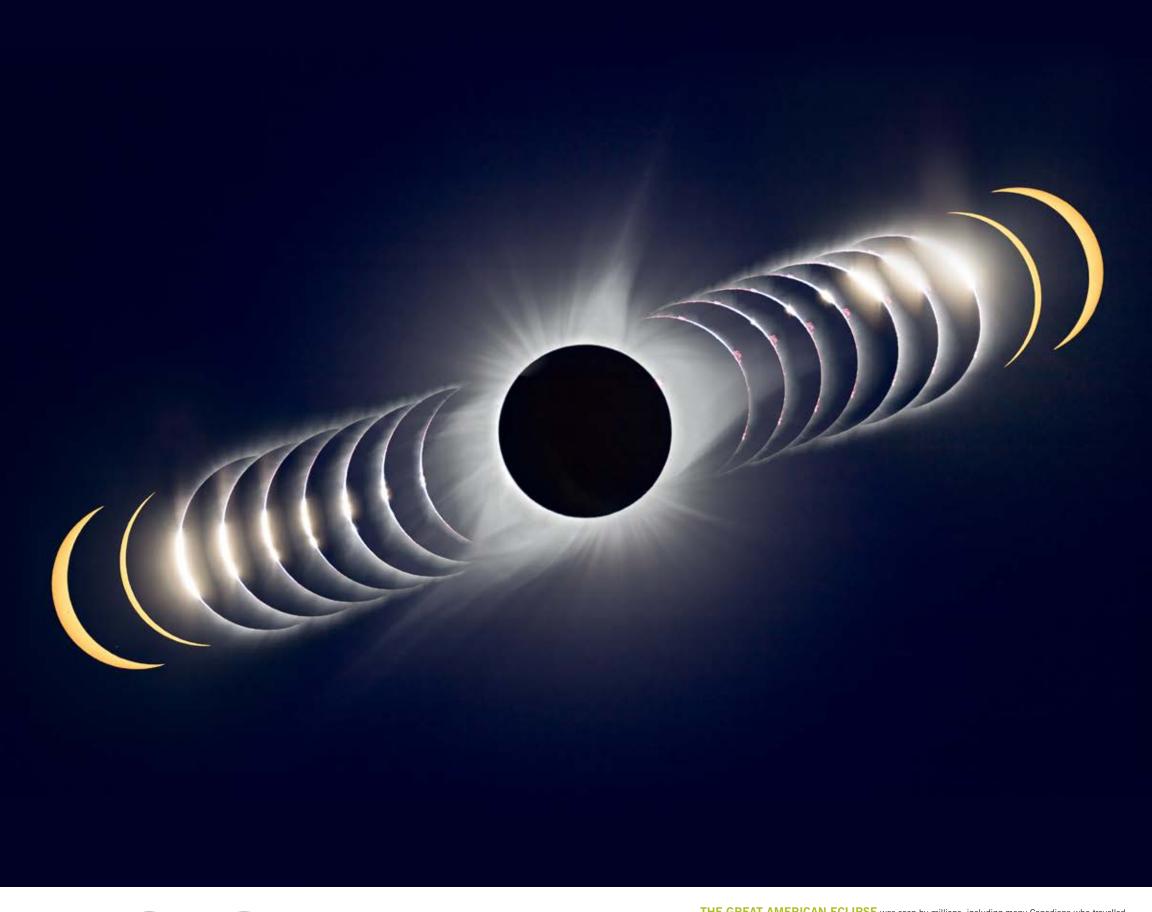
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Mount Kobau Star Party, Osoyoos,

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BC (through Aug 4)



AUGUST

Voyager 2 arrived at Neptune, 30 years ago. THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE was seen by millions, including many Canadians who travelled south to be in the shadow of the Moon and witness one of the astronomy's greatest natural events. During the few minutes of totality, does the man in the Moon have his place in the Sun? | IMAGE BY ALAN DYER

Spruce Woods Star Party, Spruce Woods Park, MB (through Sep 2) Nova East Star Party, Smiley's Park, NS (through Sep 2)

Francis Baily, who identified bright spots during total solar eclipses, died, 175 years ago.

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| Rise 10:04 9:57 Set 22:49 22:51 | Rise 11:16 11:18 Set 23:20 23:14 5 | Rise 12:25 12:36 Set 23:52 23:38 | Rise 13:33 13:52 First Quarter 13:31 16 Psyche at opposition (m=9.3) Lunar X near crater Werner visible in all of N. America 11 pm Moon at perigee Harkness & Young discovered green emission line during total solar eclipse, 150 years ago. | Set 0.25 0.04 Rise 14:39 15:05 | Set 1:01 0:34 9 Lunar Straight Wall this evening Mercury at greatest elongation (19° W) this morning. Poor apparition (m=0.0) Butterpot Star Party, Butterport Provincial Park, NL (through Aug 10) Moon 2° upper left of Jupiter this evening | Set 1.41 1.08 Rise 16.43 17:20 Sunrise 6.07 5.42 Sunset 20:03 20:28 Bessel predicted existence of Sirius B, dwarf companion to Sirius, 175 years ago. |
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Saskatchewan Summer Star Party, Cypress Hills, SK (through Sep 2)



SEPTEMBER

THE ALGONQUIN RADIO Observatory scans the skies as Canada's National Radio Observatory, while the stars trail across them from its wilderness spot in the north of Algonquin Park on Lake Travers. Its 46-m antenna is the largest in Canada and was completed in 1965. | IMAGE BY STEVE MCKINNEY

SATURDAY

Lunar Straight Wall this evening

Full Moon 0:33 vi.91 19:50 19:56 Sunrise 6:40 6:34 Sunset 19:11 19:16

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Time, which are given in local time.

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0:23 — 15:35 16:14 Sunrise 6:33 6:24 Sunset 19:22 19:31

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY ISLAMIC NEW YEAR (BEGINS AT SUNSET THE PREVIOUS EVENING) Moon 4° right of Jupiter this evening, LABOUR DAY best in eastern N. America 135 Hertha at opposition (m=9.6) 40°N 50°N 3:00 2:25 17:52 18:23 **10 13** Set Rise Set 1:12 0:33 Rise 16:27 17:05 17:12 17:48 18:26 18:52 Rise 19:24 19:37 18:57 19:16 Neptune at opposition (m=7.8) Moon at apogee 40°N 50°N 8:46 8:50 20:41 20:34 40°N 50°N 9:45 9:56 21:08 20:54 40°N 50°N 10:44 11:03 21:37 21:16

40°N 50°N 1:32 0:55 16:37 17:10

Northern Prairie Star Party, AB,

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH

Mercury not observable this month

not observable this month

not observable this month

Saturn in S at dusk, sets in WSW near 1 am

 $\textbf{\textit{Jupiter}} \quad \text{low in SSW during twilight, sets in WSW near } 11 \text{ pm}$

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prairie-star-party

(through Sep 29)

Venus

Mars

Todav's full Moon is the Moose Calling Moon 40°N 50°N Set 13:49 14:25 Rise 23:35 22:58 Sunrise 6:47 6:45 Sunset 18:59 19:01 40°N 50°N 12:47 13:19 22:49 22:16 Last Quarter Saturn stationary A0°N 50°N Rise 6:28 6:21 Set 19:12 19:14 Sunrise 6:53 6:55 Sunset 18:48 18:45 40°N 50°N 3:56 3:31 18:02 18:21 New Moon Zodiacal Light readily visible from a dark site in E before morning twilight for the next two weeks. Alberta Star Party, Starland, AB calgary.rasc.ca/asp.htm (through Sep 29) Olaus Roemer, first person 21 Lutetia at opposition (m=9.4) Try to spot Uranus (m=5.7) to measure the speed of light, was born, 375 years ago. unaided this weekend Moon at perigee AUG S M T W T F S Times in the upper half of the daily boxes are 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 in the 24-hour clock; times in the lower half

ROSH HASHANAH Follow Sirius unaided PREVIOUS EVENING) into daylight this week

40°N 50°N 7:43 7:46 19:45 19:38

Follow Capella unaided into daylight this week

(BEGINS AT SUNSET THE

Fall equinox, 03:50 ET

40°N 50°N 0:30 — **23**

40°N 50°N **30**°N 8:57 9:09 20:19 20:03



OCTOBER

STEVE and its green "picket fence aurora" sweep across the starry night. The pink swath seen here was provisionally called "Steve" after an animated movie titled "Over the Hedge." STEVE now enjoys the "backronym" of "Strong Thermal Emission Velocity Enhancement." Steve is not an aurora. It is a fast flowing (6 km/s) ribbon of glowing, 3000 °C hot gases, moving at an altitude of 450 km. $\,\mid\,$ IMAGE BY PETER AND DEBRA CERAVOLO

FRIDAY

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH

SUNDAY

 $\label{eq:mercury} \textbf{Mercury} \ \ \text{very low in WSW in evening twilight, near mid-month}$ with difficulty

very low in WSW in evening twilight after mid-month Venus

Mars very low in ESE in morning twilight with difficulty

low in SW during twilight, sets in WSW near 9 pm Jupiter

low in SSW at dusk, sets in WSW near $11\ \mathrm{pm}$

15:53 16:26

MONDAY

16:29 16:56

TUESDAY

17:00 17:21

WEDNESDAY

YOM KIPPUR (BEGINS AT SUNSET THE PREVIOUS EVENING)

9:40 10:03 20:11 19:46 **16**

S Taurid meteors (ZHR=5)

Moon at apogee

THURSDAY

Moon 1.2° above Jupiter this evening,

40°N 50°N 3:46 3:27 **10**

17:28 17:43

best in eastern N. America

17:54 18:03

SATURDAY

Sunrise 7:00 7:06 Sunset 18:36 18:30

11 pm

Lunar X near crater Werner visible in all of N. America

Moon 2° above right Saturn this

evening, best in eastern N. America

Marc Garneau became 1st Canadian in outer space, 35 years ago.

Rise 18:20 18:21

Sunrise 7:07 7:17 Sunset 18:25 18:15

Two shadows on Jupiter visible, difficult in evening twilight 7:53 pm Today's full Moon is the Animal Fattening Moon

Lunar Straight Wall this evening

Spot Vega unaided before sunset this week

Lunik 2 first images far side of Moon and impacts Moon, 60 years ago.

Full Moon 17:08

40°N 50°N 6:40 6:42 18:45 18:40 **13**

COLUMBUS DAY (USA)

THANKSGIVING DAY (CANADA)

40°N 50°N 21 14:32 15:08 - 23:51

40°N 50°N 7:39 7:48 19:11 18:59

40°N 50°N 0:25 — **22** 15:18 15:48

12 am

Galileo, which made 1st close

flybys of an asteroid, was launched, 30 years ago.

40°N 50°N 4:02 3:51 17:07 17:14

Sunrise 7:22 7:40 Sunset 18:05 17:48

Two shadows on Jupiter visible in extreme W of N. America during twilight 9:47 pm Mercury at greatest elongation (25° E) this evening. Poor apparition

(m=-0.1)

40°N 50°N 6:30 6:37 18:12 18:01

New Moon 23:38 Zodiacal Light readily visible from a dark site in E before morning twilight for the next two weeks.

4 Vesta unaided eye this week, a challenge (m=6.5) Old crescent Moon, 17 hours before new in E, 13 hours before new in W,



40°N 50°N 7:44 8:00 **28**

Lunar Curtiss X visible in E of N. America

Orionid meteors (ZHR=15) 6 pm,

best seen in predawn hours today

8:57 9:22 19:25 18:57 **29**

10:08 10:40 20:07 19:33

40°N 50°N 11:14 11:51 20:54 20:16

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Try to spot Uranus (m=5.7)

unaided this weekend

Moon at perigee Times in the upper half of the daily boxes are in the 24-hour clock; times in the lower half are given in the 12-hour clock.

9 Metis at opposition (m=8.6)

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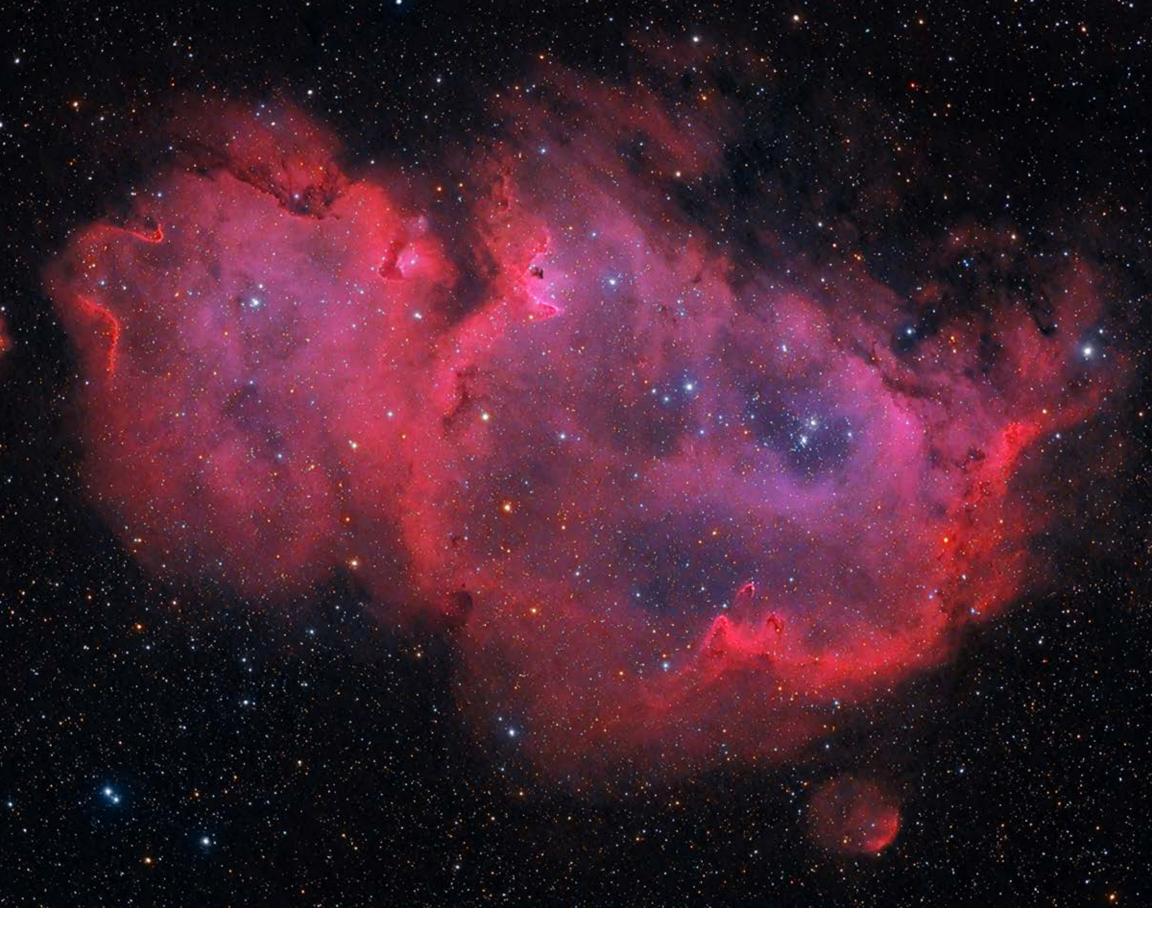
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from a very dark site - highest in S at midnight this week a difficult challenge just before sunrise Uranus at opposition (m=5.7)

New Moon - Gegenschein visible

Jupiter with only one satellite visible in E of N. America with difficulty Moon, Mercury and Venus 5° during twilight this evening, difficult

HALLOWE'EN



NOVEMBER

Moon, Mars, and Mercury form large triangle in morning twilight

Venus 1.5° lower left of Jupiter in evening twilight

THE SOUL NEBULA (Westerhout 5) gets its name from the resemblance of a fetus in development. Often incorrectly referred to as IC 1848, the nebula is comprised of several other designated objects. IC 1848, correctly identified, is the open cluster of stars within the body part of the soul. | IMAGE BY KEVIN BLACK

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| THE PLANETS THIS MONTH Mercury very low in ESE in morni with difficulty Venus very low in SW in evenin Mars very low in ESE in morni Jupiter very low in SW soon after Saturn I low in SSW at dusk, sets | ng twilight ng twilight er sunset, lost in twilight mid-month | OCT S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 DEC S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | Times in the upper half of the daily boxes are in the 24-hour clock, times in the lower half are given in the 12-hour clock. Eastern time is used, except for rise and set events and changes to/from Daylight Saving Time, which are given in local time. Times for events involving planetary satellites refer to the start time. Detailed instructions on adjusting times for location are given in the back pages. Please see back pages for photo details and additional information about this Calendar. | | Rise 12:14 12:53 1 1 Set 21:46 21:06 | Rise 13:06 13:45 Set 22:42 22:03 Sunrise 7:30 7:51 Sunset 17:57 17:35 Moon 4° right of Saturn tonight, closing, best in western N. America |
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| Daylight Saving Time ends 2 am | | Lunar Straight Wall this evening | | Moon at apogee | this morning | |
| Set 4:29 4:36 10 Rise 16:14 16:04 | REMEMBRANCE DAY (CANADA) VETERANS DAY (USA) Mercury at inferior conjunction, transiting the Sun, best from S. America and eastern N. America 1st Canadian comet discovered by Sydney van den Bergh, 45 years ago. | Set 6:31 6:52 12 Full Moon 8:34 4 Vesta at opposition (m=6.5) N Taurid meteors (ZHR=5) Today's full Moon is the Rivers Freezing Moon | Set 7:34 8:02 13 Rise 17:48 17:18 | Set Rise 8:37 9:11 14 | Set Rise 9:39 10:18 15 | Set 10:38 11:18 Rise 20:14 19:35 Sunrise 6:46 7:14 Sunset 16:43 16:15 |
| Set 11:31 12:09 17 Rise 21:17 20:40 | Set 12:18 12:50 18 Rise 22:25 21:54 18 Leonid meteors (ZHR=15) 12 am, best seen in predawn hours today | Set 12:59 13:24 19 Last Quarter 16:11 | Set Rise 13:35 13:53 20 Edwin Hubble born 130 years ago. | Rise 0:46 0:31 21 Rise 14:08 14:17 | Rise 1:57 1:51 22 Try to spot Uranus (m=5.7) unaided this weekend Sir Arthur Eddington, prominent English astrophysicist, died, 75 years ago. | Rise 3:09 3:12 Set 15:10 15:03 Sunrise 6:54 7:25 Sunset 16:38 16:07 |
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Neptune stationary

New Moon – Gegenschein visible from a very dark site – highest in S at midnight.

Mercury at greatest elongation (20° W) this morning (m=-0.6) Best morning apparition of the year.

Moon, Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn form line in evening twilight

Moon 1.7° lower left of Saturn this evening during twilight



DECEMBER

Ursid meteors (ZHR=10) 12 am,

best seen in predawn hours today

40°N 50°N 10:33 10:57 21:10 20:49

Lunar Curtiss X visible in

Moon 1.7° lower left of Venus

this evening during twilight, best in western N. America

4 am

40°N 50°N 10:00 10:30 20:11 19:42 **29**

E of N. America

THE COALSACK, Southern Cross, and Eta Carinae are three highlights of the southern skies that all observers who travel south should see. Highlighted in this photo is the Southern Cross, while the dark Coalsack is lower left centre, and the pinkish glow of hydrogen makes Eta Carinae stand out in the upper right. | IMAGE BY LYNN HILBORN

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 40°N 50°N 12:33 12:54 23:23 23:05 Lunar X near crater Werner visible in W of N. America Moon at apogee Lunar Straight Wall this evening 97 Klotho at opposition (m=9.9) Set 3:16 3:27 Rise 14:42 14:29 16:24 15:51 Rise 17:11 16:33 15:11 14:51 15:45 15:18 18:06 17:26 0:12 Venus 1.7º lower left of Saturn Geminid meteors (ZHR=120) 4 pm, this evening during twilight Today's full Moon is the Chief Moon best seen in predawn hours today 40°N 50°N 11:00 11:28 21:26 21:00 40°N 50°N 12:11 12:24 23:48 23:39 **18** 40°N 50°N 12:42 12:46 **19** 40°N 50°N 20 0:58 0:57 13:12 13:08 23:57 19 Moon at perigee 20 40°N 50°N 7:42 8:22 17:13 16:32

CHRISTMAS DAY

Venus

Mars

40°N 50°N 11:02 11:19 22:09 21:55

NEW YEAR'S EVE

died, 300 years ago.

John Flamsteed, who laid the

foundations of modern astronomy,

Old crescent Moon, 18 hours before

a challenge just before sunrise

new in E, 14 hours before new in W,

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH

Jupiter not observable this month

Jupiter in conjunction Times in the upper half of the daily boxes are in the 24-hour clock; times in the lower half 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 are given in the 12-hour clock.

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BOXING DAY (CANADA) New Moon - Gegenschein visible

at midnight.

Mercury very low in ESE in morning twilight, lost by mid-month

rises in ESE after 4 am, low SE near dawn

Saturn very low in SW after sunset, lost in twilight late this month

low in SW in evening twilight

Southeast Asia

from a very dark site – highest in S

Annular solar eclipse visible from

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SATURDAY

Sunrise 7:08 7:44 Sunset 16:34 15:59

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Winter solstice, 23:19 ET

Sunrise 7:14 7:51 Sunset 16:35 15:58

40°N 50°N Rise 2:07 2:16 Set 13:43 13:31 Sunrise 7:18 7:56 Sunset 16:38 16:00

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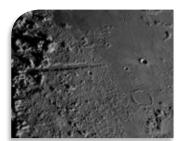
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January — A single 6-second exposure with a 20-mm Sigma lens at f/1.4, ISO 800 on a Canon 6D. Image taken by Peter Ceravolo early morning 2017 November 29 at Debra and Peter's backyard observatory, Osoyoos, British Columbia.



February — An image made from 15×5 -min R, 15×5 -min B, 15×5 -min G, and 1- $\times 10$ -min Hα for a total exposure of 6.6 hours. Image was acquired with a 12.5-inch RCOS telescope at f/9 and a SBIG STX 16803 camera mounted on a Paramount ME II. Processed with Pixinsight and Photoshop. Imaged from the MIRABILIS Observatory in the Laurentians, north of Montréal, Québec, by Rémi Lecasse.



March — An image made from a stack of 1100 frames from a 10,000 frame video with a AS1174mm camera mounted on a 457-mm f/4.5 Starstructure Dobsonian and a 4× Powermate Barlow with a red filter. Captured using Firecapture, stacked in AS3 and processed in Photo Shop CS2. Imaged from northern Baia California by Mike Wirths.



April — An image made from 12×10 -min R, G, and B and 8×20 -min H $_{\rm C}$ for a total exposure of 8 hours 40-min. Image was taken with a Takahashi FSQ-106 ED IV at f/3.6 and a Moravian G3-16200 EC camera using Optolong Filters on a Paramount MX, guided with a QHY5 175-mm guide scope. Acquisition with The SkyX, FocusMax, and CCD Commander. All pre-processing and processing in PixInsight. Imaged between December 2016 and February 2017 from Gueloh. Ontario. by Ron Brecher.



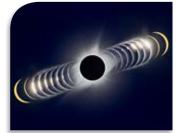
May — An image made from 5×10 -min R, G, and B and 1×15 -m L and 13×10 -min L for a total exposure of 4 hours 55-min. Image was taken with a f/6.8 ASA astrograph SBIG STL-11000M camera, Baader LRGB on a Paramount MX, guided with STL-11000 remote guide head using 80-mm f/6 refractor. Acquisition, guiding and calibration with Maxim-DL. All pre-processing and processing in PixInsight. Imaged from Guelph, Ontario, by Ron Brecher.



June — An image made from 11 hours of unbinned Luminance and 3 hours of binned RGB for a total exposure of 14 hours! Image was taken with a RCOS 16" at f/8.9 and an Apogee U16M CCD with Astrodon LRGB filters mounted on a Paramount ME mount. Captured with Maxim DL, CCD Autopilot, FocusMax, and The Sky 6. Processed using PixInsight, Photoshop and Lightroom. Imaged from Sierra Remote Observatories in California by Stefano Cancelli & Paul Mortfield.



July — Image made from 36×3 -min frames for a total exposure of 1.8 hours. Image acquired with Canon 6D and a Sigma 50-mm ART lens at f/2.8 and ISO 1600. Imaged from the Atacama Desert, Chile, on 2018 April 13 by Lynn Hilborn.



August — A composite of the total solar eclipse of 2018. Partial phases are 1/2500-second exposures through a Thousand Oaks metal-on-glass solar filter. The Contact 2 and 3 images were taken in rapid-fire continuous mode, most are 1/4000th second exposures. Totality is a blend of 7 exposures, from 1/1600 second to 1/15 second. All taken with a Canon 6D MkII, Astro-Physics 106mm apochromatic refractor with a 0.85× field flattener/reducer for an effective focal length of 500mm at f/5 on a AP Mach One mount. Imaged from north of Driggs, Idaho, in the Teton Valley by Alan Dver.



September — A composite image made from 209 \times 30-sec for a total exposure of 1.75 hours. Image was acquired with a Canon 6D and Rokinon 14-mm f/2.8 lens at f/4 and ISO 3200. Images were combined with StarStax. Image captured September 2016 by Steve McKinney.



October — A single 30-second exposure with a 20-mm Sigma Lens at f/1.4, ISO 800 on a Canon 6D. Image taken 2018 April 13, over the South Okanagan, British Columbia, by Debra Ceravolo.



November — Image made from 48 × 150-sec for a total exposure of 2 hours. Image acquired with a Hutech Astrodon modded Canon 6D and a FSQ106EDX4 at f/3.3 mounted on an AP1100ae mount. Processed with PixInsight, ImagesPlus, and PhotoShop CS6. Imaged by Kevin Black.



December — Image made from 13×2 -min frames for a total exposure of 26 minutes. Image acquired with Canon 6D and a Sigma 50-mm ART lens at f/2.8 and ISO 1600. Image was stacked and processed in Photoshop CS6 and Lightroom. Imaged from the Atacama Desert. Chile. on 2018 April 9 by Lynn Hilborn.

Most of the data appearing in the monthly grid was generated using custom software written by David Lane, Alister Ling, and Larry McNish. The Moon images were created using custom software written by Alister Ling. The Moon names were researched and provided by Cathy LeBlanc (Mi'kmaq First Nation) and David Chapman.

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A graphical representation of the Moon's appearance in the late evening is given in each daily box. In addition to the varying phase, the depicted size of the Moon varies, reflecting the change in the apparent size of the Moon in the sky as it moves closer to or farther from Earth. The depicted face of the Moon also changes slightly to reflect lunar libration, the rocking motion of the Moon, which means that over time approximately 59% of the lunar surface can be seen from Earth. A small dot of size proportional to the amount of libration appears near the lunar limb that is librated.

This year's moon names are those of the Mi'kmaq First Nation, indgenous to Canada's Atlantic Provinces and the Gaspé Pennisula of the Province of Québec.

Daily Moon and weekly Sun rise and set times, and the times of Moon phases, are shown in the top portion of the boxes. If no Moon rise or set time is given, this event occurs the next day.

A summary of the naked-eye visibility and position of the planets is given each month. Descriptions are for approximate latitude 45° and, unless otherwise stated, apply to midmonth; rise and set times at the beginning or end of the month may vary by an hour or more from those given. Times and compass directions may also differ somewhat from the given ones at other latitudes.

Special astronomical events are given at the bottom of the daily boxes. Events observable in some part of Canada or the continental United States are listed. Days on which particularly interesting phenomena or events occur are highlighted with a green corner under the date. Detailed information on all events, including their visibility from particular locations, may be determined by consulting the *Observer's Handbook*, which is published annually by the RASC.

Adjustments for Actual Location

When it is in effect, times are adjusted for Daylight Saving Time. Moon phases and special events are given in Eastern time. The user's local time for events other than Moon and Sun rise and set may be determined by converting the given time to the user's time zone (e.g. Pacific time is Eastern time minus 3 hours). For occultations, a further adjustment of an hour or more may be needed for any particular geographical location because of parallax effects. Parallax also means that actual angular separations for events involving the Moon may vary by close to 1° from

those given. Also, the Moon's rapid movement of approximately 0.5° per hour means that separations may be considerably larger at a time that is even a few hours away from the given time.

Two sets of rise and set times are given to accommodate North American observers in midnorthern latitudes. Times are displayed for locations 40°N latitude and 75°W longitude and for 50°N, 75°W. The actual times for a given location must be calculated using the tables at the right.

The tables give (longitude) corrections in minutes to the tabulated rise and set times for selected Canadian and U.S. cities. In the column labelled **Correction**, an entry such as $50^{\circ}N + 25$ means add 25 minutes to the displayed $50^{\circ}N$ time. This computed time is an approximation. In the column labelled **Accuracy**, the approximate maximum error in minutes for Moon rise and set using this method is indicated. The error for Sun rise and set is less. These errors can be substantially reduced by interpolating according to latitude, as explained in the following section. Note that the rise and set times calculated using the above method will be local times. It is not necessary to adjust them for time zone.

Other Locations, and Improving Accuracy

For locations not listed in the tables at right, the user should calculate a correction factor. This amount is +4 minutes for each degree that the user's location is west of the central meridian of the user's time zone or -4 minutes for each degree that it is east. This correction factor should be added to the displayed $50^\circ N$ or $40^\circ N$ time for the location whose latitude is nearest that of the user's site. The accuracy in minutes for Moon rise and set can be calculated by multiplying the difference between the user's latitude and $50^\circ N/40^\circ N$ respectively by 4.5, and then adding 0.2 times the difference between the user's longitude and $75^\circ W$.

Improvement in accuracy may be obtained for many sites by interpolating or extrapolating the 50°N and 40°N times depending on the user's latitude. For example, the latitude of Ottawa is approximately midway between 50°N and 40°N. An observer in Ottawa can improve accuracy to better than 5 minutes by averaging the given 50°N and 40°N times and then adding the correction factor for Ottawa, which is 3 minutes. Western observers may gain additional accuracy by adding about 10% of the difference between the listed time and the next day's time.

Canadian Locations

| City | Correction | Accuracy | Latitude |
|---------------|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Calgary | 50°N + 36 | 15 | 51 |
| Charlottetown | 40°N + 12 | 20 | 46 |
| Edmonton | $50^{\circ}N + 34$ | 25 | 54 |
| Halifax | $40^{\circ}N + 14$ | 25 | 45 |
| Hamilton | $40^{\circ}N + 20$ | 15 | 43 |
| Kelowna | 50°N − 3 | 10 | 50 |
| Kingston | $40^{\circ}N + 6$ | 20 | 44 |
| Kitchener | $40^{\circ}N + 22$ | 15 | 43 |
| London | $40^{\circ}N + 25$ | 15 | 43 |
| Moncton | $40^{\circ}N + 19$ | 20 | 46 |
| Montréal | $50^{\circ}N - 6$ | 20 | 46 |
| Niagara | $40^{\circ}N + 16$ | 15 | 43 |
| Ottawa | $50^{\circ}N + 3$ | 20 | 45 |
| Prince George | 50°N + 11 | 25 | 54 |
| Québec | $50^{\circ}N - 15$ | 15 | 47 |
| Regina | $50^{\circ}N + 58^{*}$ | 10 | 50 |
| St. John's | $50^{\circ}N + 1$ | 20 | 48 |
| Sarnia | $40^{\circ}N + 30$ | 15 | 43 |
| Saskatoon | $50^{\circ}N + 67^{*}$ | 15 | 52 |
| Thunder Bay | $50^{\circ}N + 57$ | 10 | 48 |
| Toronto | $40^{\circ}N + 18$ | 20 | 44 |
| Vancouver | $50^{\circ}N + 12$ | 15 | 49 |
| Victoria | $50^{\circ}N + 13$ | 20 | 49 |
| Whitehorse | $50^{\circ}N + 60$ | 60 | 61 |
| Windsor | $40^{\circ}N + 32$ | 15 | 42 |
| Winnipeg | 50°N + 29 | 5 | 50 |

U.S. Locations

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| City | Correction | Accuracy | Latitude |
| Atlanta | 40°N + 37 | 30 | 34 |
| Boston | $40^{\circ}N - 16$ | 10 | 42 |
| Chicago | $40^{\circ}N - 10$ | 15 | 42 |
| Cincinnati | $40^{\circ}N + 38$ | 10 | 39 |
| Denver | $40^{\circ}N + 0$ | 10 | 40 |
| Flagstaff | $40^{\circ}N + 27^{*}$ | 30 | 35 |
| Kansas City | $40^{\circ}N + 18$ | 10 | 39 |
| Los Angeles | $40^{\circ}N - 7$ | 35 | 34 |
| Minneapolis | $40^{\circ}N + 13$ | 25 | 45 |
| New York | $40^{\circ}N - 4$ | 5 | 41 |
| San Francisco | $40^{\circ}N + 10$ | 20 | 38 |
| Seattle | $50^{\circ}N + 9$ | 20 | 48 |
| Tucson | $40^{\circ}N + 24^{*}$ | 40 | 32 |
| Washington | 40°N + 8 | 5 | 39 |

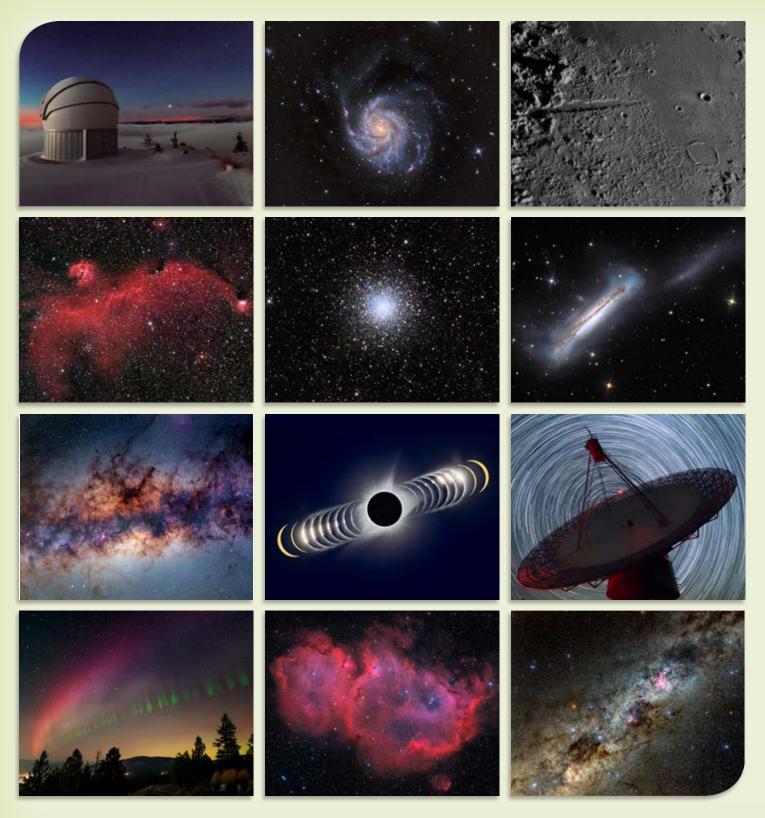
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