

Visible planets



Mercury moves into the morning skies and starts becoming visible over the eastern horizon toward the end of January.



Venus starts becoming visible over the eastern horizon toward the end of January and gradually becomes more visible and brighter as each day passes.



Mars is visible as a morning planet above the eastern horizon during January and February. Watch it pass by the reddish star Antares, the heart of Scorpius the Scorpion, the first week of January.



Dwarf planet Ceres has an apparent magnitude that may be bright enough to be seen in binoculars. To find this closest Dwarf Planet, look above the southern horizon mid-evening for the stars of the open cluster, the Pleiades and the Hyades. Ceres is approximately midway between the two star clusters.



Jupiter is visible over the south to southwest horizon at sunset until the latter half of January but is setting lower each day. Watch for Jupiter to reappear in the morning skies later during the spring.



Saturn is too close to the Sun to be seen, but it will start to reappear in the morning skies toward the end of February.