

Visible planets



Mercury starts this two-month period near the Sun in the morning skies but will quickly move into the evening skies, reaching its greatest eastern elongation around the middle of April and staying visible in the evening skies.



Venus moves into the evening skies, rising later each day. Watch for Venus to closely pass by the outer-ringed planet Uranus at the end of March.

Our Moon goes through a unique hybrid solar eclipse where it starts and ends as an annular eclipse, but mid-eclipse will be total [see Online Resources].



Mars steadily moves eastward, traversing the length of the Gemini twins during the next two months.



Dwarf planet Ceres will be over the southern to southwestern horizon at sunrise, and with an apparent magnitude of around 6, the dwarf planet might be visible with binoculars in darker skies.



Jupiter starts the month with a very close conjunction with Venus, but Jupiter and the Sun are closing in on each other—bringing Jupiter to a solar conjunction next month.



Saturn starts becoming visible in the morning skies before sunrise toward the end of March and rises earlier as the days pass.

March

- 01 Venus–Jupiter conjunction
- 02 Moon–Pollux conjunction
- 03 Moon at apogee: 252,214 miles [405,900 km]
- 07 Full Moon
- 11 Moon at descending node
- 12 Sun enters astronomical constellation of Pisces the Fishes
- 13 Moon–Antares conjunction
- 14 Last quarter Moon
- 15 Neptune at solar conjunction
- 17 Mercury at superior conjunction
- 19 Moon at perigee: 225,371 miles [362,700 km]
Moon–Saturn conjunction
- 20 March equinox
Sun not really in astrological constellation of Aries the Ram

- 21 New Moon
- 23 Moon at ascending node
- 24 Moon–Venus conjunction
- 25 Moon–Pleiades conjunction
- 28 Moon–Mars conjunction
First quarter Moon
- 30 Moon–Pollux conjunction
- 31 Moon at apogee: 251,593 miles [404,900 km]

April

- 05 Full Moon
- 07 Moon at descending node
- 10 Moon–Antares conjunction
Venus–Pleiades conjunction
- 11 Jupiter at solar conjunction
Mercury at eastern elongation
- 13 Last quarter Moon
- 15 Moon at perigee: 228,664 miles [368,000 km]
Moon–Saturn conjunction

- 19 New Moon
Hybrid solar eclipse
Sun enters astronomical constellation of Ares the Ram
Sun not really in astrological constellation of Taurus the Bull
- 20 Moon at ascending node
- 22 Moon–Pleiades conjunction
Lyrid shower: ZHR = 20
- 23 Moon–Venus conjunction
- 25 Moon–Mars conjunction
- 26 Moon–Pollux conjunction
- 27 First quarter Moon
- 28 Moon at apogee: 251,220 miles [404,300 km]