

Visible planets



Mercury starts this two-month period moving into superior conjunction with the Sun. The innermost planet will then reappear in the evening skies at sunset and start becoming more visible.



Venus, like Mercury, is gradually moving eastward away from the Sun and by December will start becoming more visible over the western horizon at sunset.

Our Moon, on November 8, will be moving through the Earth's shadow for a total lunar eclipse, starting after midnight Eastern Standard Time, that will be visible for most of North America.



Mars is approaching opposition next month and will be visible from rising in the east around sunset and then visible setting in the west at sunrise.



Dwarf planet Ceres will be too dim to be seen with the naked eye but could be followed with binoculars or a telescope as it traverses the area near the star Denebola, the tail of Leo the Lion.



Jupiter will be visible over the southern to southwestern horizon at sunset and sets around midnight.



Saturn will be visible over the southwestern horizon at sunset a couple of hours later.