

Visible planets



Mercury as the innermost planet moves very quickly, relative to the other planets, from one side of the Sun to the other. During September, Mercury will be visible as an evening planet but low near the horizon at sunset as it moves toward inferior conjunction. During October, Mercury reappears as a morning planet with a more favorable viewing opportunity.



Venus will be visible as an evening planet, and like Mercury, will be low over the western horizon at sunset.



Mars moves into superior conjunction, other side of the Sun, and will not become visible as a morning planet toward the end of November.



Dwarf planet Ceres will be passing through the stars of the open cluster the Hyades in Taurus the Bull. With an apparent magnitude too dim for naked-eye visibility, the movement of the Dwarf Planet could be followed a camera and time-exposure images.



Jupiter rises after sunset local time and will be visible all night, setting after sunrise the following morning. Jupiter ends its retrograde motion on October 18th and resumes prograde motion.



Saturn leads Jupiter across the night sky and, like Jupiter, will be visible all night, ending its retrograde motion on October 11th.