

Visible planets



Mercury will be very visible over the eastern horizon before sunrise for most of June but will be moving into superior conjunction, opposite side of the Sun, by the start of August and will slowly reappear as an evening planet low over the western horizon for the rest of the month.



Venus will be visible over the western horizon at sunset during July and August as it continues its eastward orbital motion moving it further from the Sun and higher above the horizon.



Mars will be visible over the western horizon during July and August, but it will be near its minimum apparent brightness. Mars will gradually set earlier each evening as it approaches solar conjunction in October.



Dwarf planet Ceres will be over the eastern horizon several hours before sunrise, but with an apparent magnitude greater than 8 it will not be visible with the unaided eye. Toward the end of August Ceres will have brightened a little, and during the last week of August Ceres will pass through the stars of the V-shaped open star cluster, the Hyades—the face of Taurus the Bull.



Jupiter, currently in retrograde motion, will be visible all night as it approaches opposition on August 20th.



Saturn, like Jupiter, is in retrograde motion and will be visible all night as it approaches opposition on August 2nd.