

# Sky this Month

# September 2024

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**MOON**

**NEW MOON**

# Moon

- The New Moon is on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:54 p.m.
- The Moon is north of the sun.
- Mercury is now east of the sun
- Mars is now placed west of the sun.
- Saturn is approaching opposition now visible most of the night.
- Venus is now west of the sun

# Moon

Type: **moon**  
Magnitude: **2.26**  
Absolute Magnitude: 46.66  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 10h50m26.74s/+8°56'36.9"  
RA/Dec (on date): 10h51m44.34s/+8°48'46.8"  
Hour angle/DE: 8h44m15.72s/+8°48'46.8"  
Az/Alt: +307°04'41.8"/-20°57'09.8"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +160°33'40.0"/+1°26'39.0"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +160°54'22.9"/+1°26'45.0"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -120°19'27.1"/+56°08'08.3"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -4h23m59.9s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -4h23m60.0s  
Distance: 0.002715AU (406131.723 km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°29'24.8"  
Sidereal period: 27.32 days (0.075 a)  
Sidereal day: 655h43m11.5s  
Mean solar day: 708h44m2.8s  
Phase Angle: +178°32'20"  
Elongation: +1°27'26"  
Phase: 0.00  
Illuminated: 0.0%

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**FULL MOON**

# Moon

- The full Moon is on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:34 p.m.
- This month's moon is the Supermoon. 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 in 2024.
- Moonrise is at 7:21 p.m.
- This month's Full Moon called the Harvest Moon



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ude: 32.28  
): 23h40m12.56s/-4°27'58.1"  
): 23h41m28.95s/-4°19'44.5"  
8h17m52.75s/-3°59'13.8" (apparent)  
3.8"/+0°24'20.0" (apparent)  
/latitude (J2000.0): +353°41'17.3"/-2°08'03.4"  
/latitude (on date): +354°02'03.1"/-2°08'04.7"  
(on date): +23°26'10"  
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390AU (357573.316 km)  
er: +0°33'24.4"  
27.32 days (0.075 a)  
5h43m11.5s  
708h44m2.8s  
°36'57"  
°22'40"

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# Moon

- On September 21<sup>st</sup>, the Moon and the Pleiades – M45 rise together in a wide conjunction in the eastern sky at 7:21 p.m.
- Over the next 8 hours the Moon moves closer to M45. The Moon finally eclipses the constellation at 6:15 a.m. on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moon

Type: **moon**  
• Magnitude: -11.89 (extincted to: -9.83)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.73  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 3h26m16.04s/+21°55'09.2"  
RA/Dec (on date): 3h27m42.54s/+22°00'24.1"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h44m25.95s/+22°11'12.6" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +61°17'56.6"/+2°49'06.2" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +54°43'32.5"/+3°03'45.5"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +55°04'17.8"/+3°04'03.4"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +164°08'48.8"/-28°17'58.0"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -3h48m34.3s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -3h48m34.5s  
Distance: 0.002456AU (367415.739 km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°32'30.7"  
Sidereal period: 27.32 days (0.075 a)  
Sidereal day: 655h43m11.5s  
Mean solar day: 708h44m2.8s  
Phase Angle: +55°28'15"  
Elongation: +124°24'49"  
Phase: 0.78  
Illuminated: 78.3%



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# Moon

- On September 22nd, the Moon begins to eclipse M45 in the early morning, high in the southwestern sky.
- From 5:30 a.m. onward the Moon slowly passes over the lower stars of M45.

Moon

Type: **moon**  
Magnitude: -11.85 (extincted to: -11.71)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.80  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 3h43m5.69s/+23°43'46.6"  
RA/Dec (on date): 3h44m33.80s/+23°48'32.4"  
Hour angle/DE: 0h39m32.56s/+23°48'55.4" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +204°45'52.3"/+67°58'43.0" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +58°55'42.3"/+3°54'23.6"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +59°16'27.5"/+3°54'42.2"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +166°07'42.2"/-24°24'21.6"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 4h24m7.1s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 4h24m6.9s  
Distance: 0.002431AU (363680.452 km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°32'50.8"  
Sidereal period: 27.32 days (0.075 a)  
Sidereal day: 655h43m11.5s  
Mean solar day: 708h44m2.8s  
Phase Angle: +59°21'21"  
Elongation: +120°31'29"  
Phase: 0.75  
Illuminated: 73.3%

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# Moon

- The sun rises just as the Moon begins to fully eclipse the bottom and handle stars of M45 – The Pleiades at 6:30 a.m.

Moon

Type: moon  
Magnitude: -11.84 (extincted to: -11.69)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.80  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 3h44m48.17s/+23°52'15.5"  
RA/Dec (on date): 3h46m16.42s/+23°56'58.3"  
Hour angle/DE: 1h36m58.07s/+23°57'23.8" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +232°10'11.4"/+61°38'11.8" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +59°20'30.3"/+3°57'26.0"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +59°41'15.6"/+3°57'44.7"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +166°20'38.8"/-24°02'24.2"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 5h23m16.1s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 5h23m15.9s  
Distance: 0.002435AU (360201.161 km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°32'47.9"  
Sidereal period: 27.32 days (0.075 a)  
Sidereal day: 655h43m11.5s  
Mean solar day: 708h44m2.8s  
Phase Angle: +59°43'45"  
Elongation: +120°09'03"  
Phase: 0.75  
Illuminated: 75.2%



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# MERCURY

# Mercury

- On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Mercury rises at 5:12 a.m. just over an hour before official sunrise.
- The planet remains low in the eastern morning pre-dawn sky until September 4<sup>th</sup>. Mercury reaches maximum western elongation



Mercury



Type: planet  
Magnitude: 1.35 (extincted to: 5.69)  
Absolute Magnitude: 33.33  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 9h35m49.24s/+13°16'06.6"  
RA/Dec (on date): 9h37m9.84s/+13°09'31.1"  
Hour angle/DE: 17h07m47.43s/+13°30'57.5" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +71°17'54.5"/+0°20'53.0" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +141°54'51.5"/-0°59'15.2"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +142°15'33.3"/-0°59'03.1"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -140°16'06.3"/+42°22'47.8"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 2h43m31.7s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 2h43m31.7s  
Distance: 0.829AU (124.042 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'08.1"  
Sidereal period: 87.97 days (0.241 a)  
Sidereal day: 1407h30m33.8s  
Mean solar day: 4222h27m52.5s  
Phase Angle: +114°18'52"  
Elongation: +17°12'13"  
Phase: 0.29  
Illuminated: 29.4%



Mercury

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# Mercury

- On September 4<sup>th</sup>, Mercury reaches it highest point west of the sun.

# Mercury

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **0.74** (extincted to: **2.47**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.52  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 9h44m59.61s/+13°23'16.9"  
RA/Dec (on date): 9h46m20.05s/+13°16'29.6"  
Hour angle/DE: 17h27m14.09s/+13°25'16.8" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +74°43'34.1"/+3°36'27.5" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +143°59'05.2"/-0°08'47.7"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +144°19'48.0"/-0°08'36.2"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -139°07'26.8"/+44°27'15.5"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 3h12m57.9s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 3h12m57.8s  
Distance: 0.909AU (136.002 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'07.4"  
Sidereal period: 87.97 days (0.241 a)  
Sidereal day: 1407h30m33.8s  
Mean solar day: 4222h27m52.5s  
Phase Angle: +99°04'28"  
Elongation: +18°01'28"  
Phase: 0.42  
Illuminated: 42.1%



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# Mercury

- Mercury finally disappears below the eastern horizon on September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:55 a.m.
- The planet is difficult to view at sunrise. The shorter days may allow for extended visibility of the planet.
- Mercury reappears in the western sky after month end.

Mercury

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: -**0.38** (extincted to: **3.89**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 30.73  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 11h00m44.91s/+8°15'33.4"  
RA/Dec (on date): 11h02m2.32s/+8°07'35.9"  
Hour angle/DE: 17h28m46.46s/+8°28'23.4" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +78°30'17.0"/+0°23'14.4" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +163°10'37.2"/+1°47'07.5"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +163°31'22.7"/+1°47'12.7"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -116°28'10.5"/+57°43'38.7"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 4h29m24.5s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 4h29m24.3s  
Distance: 1.239AU (185.386 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'05.4"  
Sidereal period: 87.97 days (0.241 a)  
Sidereal day: 1407h30m33.8s  
Mean solar day: 4222h27m52.5s  
Phase Angle: +38°28'16"  
Elongation: +11°37'29"  
Phase: 0.89  
Illuminated: 89.1%

Vesta



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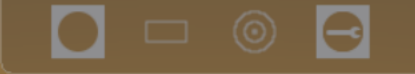
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**VENUS**

# Venus

- On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Venus is low in western sky at sunset.

# Venus



Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **-3.91** (extincted to: **-2.89**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 26.76  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 12h15m49.99s/-0°37'56.7"  
RA/Dec (on date): 12h17m5.96s/-0°46'11.1"  
Hour angle/DE: 5h18m30.20s/-0°40'55.0" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +262°13'34.0"/+6°55'27.4" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +183°53'01.1"/+0°59'34.8"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +184°13'43.6"/+0°59'32.3"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -75°38'51.9"/+60°56'54.4"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 17h35m57.4s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 17h35m57.3s  
Distance: 1.513AU (226.353 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'11.0"  
Sidereal period: 224.70 days (0.615 a)  
Sidereal day: 5832h28m47.1s  
Mean solar day: 2802h0m52.2s  
Phase Angle: +34°55'14"  
Elongation: +24°13'01"  
Phase: 0.91  
Illuminated: 91.0%



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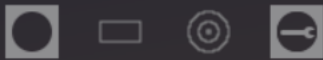
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# Venus

- On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Venus sets at 8:40 p.m. in the western evening sky.
- Venus remains low in the western sky all month at sunset.

# Venus



Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **-3.91** (extincted to: **0.19**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 26.76  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 12h15m57.01s/-0°38'45.6"  
RA/Dec (on date): 12h17m12.99s/-0°47'00.0"  
Hour angle/DE: 5h55m28.07s/-0°27'10.5" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +268°53'04.0"/+0°29'40.3" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +183°54'57.2"/+0°59'31.7"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +184°15'39.8"/+0°59'29.2"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -75°34'55.3"/+60°56'37.3"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 18h14m2.4s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 18h14m2.3s  
Distance: 1.513AU (226.335 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'11.0"  
Sidereal period: 224.70 days (0.615 a)  
Sidereal day: 5832h28m47.1s  
Mean solar day: 2802h0m52.2s  
Phase Angle: +34°55'50"  
Elongation: +24°13'25"  
Phase: 0.91  
Illuminated: 91.0%

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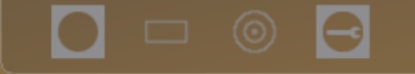
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# Venus

- On September 30th, Venus is visible just after sunset in the evening twilight.

# Venus



Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **-3.94** (extincted to: **-3.07**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 26.96  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 14h26m59.65s/-14°49'10.8"  
RA/Dec (on date): 14h28m21.06s/-14°55'53.9"  
Hour angle/DE: 4h09m8.80s/-14°50'57.2" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +239°50'01.6"/+8°12'20.7" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +219°13'44.7"/-0°15'48.1"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +219°34'31.7"/-0°16'02.4"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -25°14'18.6"/+42°04'13.9"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 18h37m47.0s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 18h37m46.9s  
Distance: 1.363AU (203.900 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'12.2"  
Sidereal period: 224.70 days (0.615 a)  
Sidereal day: 5832h28m47.1s  
Mean solar day: 2802h0m52.2s  
Phase Angle: +45°42'24"  
Elongation: +31°17'47"  
Phase: 0.85  
Illuminated: 84.9%



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# Venus

- On September 30th, Venus sets at 8:00 p.m. in the western evening twilight sky.
- The planet is only visible for 50 minutes after sunset.

Venus

Type: planet  
Magnitude: -3.94 (extincted to: 0.55)  
Absolute Magnitude: 26.96  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 14h27m9.76s/-14°50'06.9"  
RA/Dec (on date): 14h28m31.18s/-14°56'49.8"  
Hour angle/DE: 4h59m39.86s/-14°34'32.1" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +249°08'39.8"/+0°15'26.5" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +219°16'21.5"/-0°15'54.5"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +219°37'08.6"/-0°16'08.8"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -25°12'02.7"/+42°02'13.7"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -4h30m20.5s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -4h30m20.7s  
Distance: 1.363AU (203.871 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'12.3"  
Sidereal period: 224.70 days (0.615 a)  
Sidereal day: 5832h28m47.1s  
Mean solar day: 2802h0m52.2s  
Phase Angle: +45°43'13"  
Elongation: +31°18'17"  
Phase: 0.85  
Illuminated: 84.9%



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**MARS**

# Mars

- On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Mars rises at 12:40 a.m. in the eastern midnight sky.
- Now visible most of the night.



# Mars

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **0.74** (extincted to: **4.94**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 31.53  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 5h48m53.73s/+23°19'10.4"  
RA/Dec (on date): 5h50m23.87s/+23°19'42.2"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h21m26.28s/+23°41'47.7" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +56°20'19.2"/+0°25'38.4" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +87°27'02.9"/-0°05'42.6"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +87°47'44.9"/-0°05'21.6"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -174°48'46.6"/-2°16'45.0"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -1h49m32.1s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -1h49m32.2s  
Distance: 1.430AU (213.928 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'06.6"  
Sidereal period: 686.97 days (1.881 a)  
Sidereal day: 24h37m22.7s  
Mean solar day: 24h39m35.2s  
Phase Angle: +40°47'11"  
Elongation: +71°27'18"  
Phase: 0.88  
Illuminated: 87.9%

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# Mars

- On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Mars and the Moon rise together in a wide conjunction shortly after midnight in the eastern sky.
- Moonrise is around 11:30 p.m. and Mars rises at 12:07 a.m.

# Mars

Type: planet  
Magnitude: **0.55** (extincted to: **3.08**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 31.59  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 6h49m42.19s/+23°20'22.0"  
RA/Dec (on date): 6h51m12.38s/+23°18'42.9"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h32m40.26s/+23°32'06.4" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +58°23'00.6"/+1°59'53.2" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +101°23'42.2"/+0°23'25.3"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +101°44'28.3"/+0°23'45.7"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -168°14'54.1"/+10°02'51.2"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 0h36m59.1s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 0h36m59.2s  
Distance: 1.280AU (191.442 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'07.3"  
Sidereal period: 686.97 days (1.881 a)  
Sidereal day: 24h37m22.7s  
Mean solar day: 24h39m35.2s  
Phase Angle: +41°28'07"  
Elongation: +80°51'36"  
Phase: 0.87  
Illuminated: 87.5%



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# Mars

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Mars rises at 12 midnight in the eastern sky.
- The planet remains high in the sky until dawn.

# Mars

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **0.50** (extincted to: **4.46**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 31.60  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 7h01m21'.19s/+23°11'53.6"  
RA/Dec (on date): 7h02m51.17s/+23°09'49.9"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h23m27.80s/+23°30'38.9" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +56°48'42.0"/+0°35'20.0" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +104°04'18.9"/+0°30'18.4"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +104°25'05.8"/+0°30'38.7"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -166°58'12.3"/+12°24'55.3"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 0h34m59.0s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 0h34m59.1s  
Distance: 1.246AU (186.427 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'07.5"  
Sidereal period: 686.97 days (1.881 a)  
Sidereal day: 24h37m22.7s  
Mean solar day: 24h39m35.2s  
Phase Angle: +41°27'20"  
Elongation: +83°04'41"  
Phase: 0.87  
Illuminated: 87.5%



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# JUPITER

# Jupiter

- On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Jupiter rises at 12:08 a.m. in the eastern sky.
- The planet remains well placed in the midnight and early morning skies.
- On the same night Jupiter, The Hyades and the Pleiades rise together in a wide conjunction.

# Jupiter

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **-2.28** (extincted to: **1.72**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 25.74  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 5h11m7.60s/+22°15'27.1"  
RA/Dec (on date): 5h12m36.71s/+22°17'19.5"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h27m37.78s/+22°38'14.5" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +58°06'28.6"/+0°33'28.4" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +78°42'13.2"/-0°42'14.0"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +79°02'55.3"/-0°41'53.2"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -178°40'54.3"/-10°09'36.7"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -2h21m4.4s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -2h21m4.5s  
Distance: 5.118AU (765.608 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'38.5"  
Sidereal period: 4331.87 days (11.860 a)  
Sidereal day: 9h55m29.7s  
Mean solar day: 9h55m33.1s  
Phase Angle: +11°22'09"  
Elongation: +80°10'54"  
Phase: 0.99  
Illuminated: 99.0%

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# Jupiter

- On September 23rd, Jupiter and the Moon rise together in the eastern sky at 11:00 p.m.
- On the same night Jupiter, the Moon, Hyades and the Pleiades all form a wide conjunction on the eastern horizon.

# Jupiter

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **-2.43** (extincted to: **-0.40**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 25.75  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 5h19m21.90s/+22°23'38.9"  
RA/Dec (on date): 5h20m51.48s/+22°25'14.2"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h42m46.91s/+22°35'57.6" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +60°44'17.8"/+2°51'48.9" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +80°36'49.7"/-0°42'53.1"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +80°57'35.8"/-0°42'32.1"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -177°42'02.9"/-8°30'48.8"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -1h57m4.0s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -1h57m4.2s  
Distance: 4.770AU (713.524 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'41.3"  
Sidereal period: 4331.87 days (11.860 a)  
Sidereal day: 9h55m29.7s  
Mean solar day: 9h55m33.1s  
Phase Angle: +11°15'22"  
Elongation: +100°36'31"  
Phase: 0.99  
Illuminated: 99.0%



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# Jupiter

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Jupiter rises at 10:18 p.m. in the eastern sky.
- Jupiter remains in a close conjunction with the Hyades all month.
- Jupiter remains visible most of the night

# Jupiter

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **-2.48** (extincted to: **1.71**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 25.74  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 5h20m31.33s/+22°24'34.6"  
RA/Dec (on date): 5h22m1.02s/+22°26'07.7"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h26m0.42s/+22°48'01.0" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +57°43'07.8"/+0°26'04.9" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +80°52'54.3"/-0°43'04.2"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +81°13'41.4"/-0°42'43.0"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: -177°33'45.0"/-8°16'59.6"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -2h13m20.8s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -2h13m20.9s  
Distance: 4.666AU (698.095 Mio km) **Alnath**  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'42.3"  
Sidereal period: 4331.87 days (11.860 a)  
Sidereal day: 9h55m29.7s  
Mean solar day: 9h55m33.1s  
Phase Angle: +10°54'39"  
Elongation: +107°10'46"  
Phase: 0.99  
Illuminated: 99.1%



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**SATURN**

# Saturn

- On September 1st, Saturn appears low on the eastern at sunset.
- Now well place high in the sky at 11 PM. Visible all night.
- Saturn reach opposition with Earth on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Saturn

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **0.60** (extincted to: **2.56**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 27.49  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h12m26.31s/-7°28'32.1"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h13m43.21s/-7°20'29.4"  
Hour angle/DE: 18h45m36.03s/-7°10'32.4" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +103°06'07.2"/+3°02'40.8" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +346°09'04.9"/-2°11'01.9"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +346°29'47.9"/-2°11'05.9"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +68°18'46.3"/-59°23'40.1"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 17h58m39.7s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 17h58m39.6s  
Distance: 8.664AU (1296.125 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'19.2", with rings: +0°00'44.7"  
Sidereal period: 10760.00 days (29.459 a)  
Sidereal day: 10h39m22.4s  
Mean solar day: 10h39m24.0s  
Phase Angle: +0°42'33"  
Elongation: +173°11'26"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# Saturn

- On September 1st, Saturn remains high in the western sky at sunrise.



# Saturn

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **0.61** (extincted to: **1.12**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 27.49  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h12m36.43s/-7°27'24.6"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h13m53.32s/-7°19'21.8"  
Hour angle/DE: 4h04m56.49s/-7°16'31.8" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +244°00'17.1"/+14°39'56.5" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +346°11'50.0"/-2°10'58.3"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +346°32'32.9"/-2°11'02.3"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +68°23'45.2"/-59°24'44.1"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 3h18m59.6s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 3h18m59.5s  
Distance: 8.665AU (1296.306 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'19.2", with rings: +0°00'44.7"  
Sidereal period: 10760.00 days (29.459 a)  
Sidereal day: 10h39m22.4s  
Mean solar day: 10h39m24.0s  
Phase Angle: +0°46'17"  
Elongation: +172°35'22"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# Saturn

- On September 16th, Saturn and the Moon rise together in the eastern twilight sky at sunset.
- The pair become visible around 8 p.m.

Saturn

Type: planet  
Magnitude: 0.59 (extjuncted to: 1.40)  
Absolute Magnitude: 27.48  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h08m12.67s/-7°55'50.0"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h09m29.87s/-7°47'48.5"  
Hour angle/DE: 19h22m8.17s/-7°43'25.0" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +110°03'53.2"/+8°54'39.0" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +345°00'31.5"/-2°11'45.3"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +345°21'17.0"/-2°11'49.8"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +66°17'01.7"/-58°55'24.2"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 18h31m21.8s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 18h31m21.7s  
Distance: 8.670AU (1296.942 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'19.2", with rings: +0°00'44.7"  
Sidereal period: 10760.00 days (29.459 a)  
Sidereal day: 10h39m22.4s  
Mean solar day: 10h39m24.0s  
Phase Angle: +0°59'03"  
Elongation: +170°29'41"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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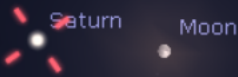
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# Saturn

- On September 16th, Saturn and the Moon rise together in the eastern twilight sky at sunset. Both share a close conjunction.
- The pair are best seen after 10 p.m.

Saturn

Type: planet  
Magnitude: 0.59 (extincted to: 0.89)  
Absolute Magnitude: 27.48  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h08m11.36s/-7°55'58.2"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h09m28.57s/-7°47'56.7"  
Hour angle/DE: 21h13m52.33s/-7°46'12.3" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +133°06'03.6"/+25°52'30.8" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +345°00'10.3"/-2°11'45.3"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +345°20'55.9"/-2°11'49.8"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +66°16'24.8"/-58°55'15.1"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -3h36m43.4s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -3h36m43.5s  
Distance: 8.670AU (1296.970 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'19.2", with rings: +0°00'44.7"  
Sidereal period: 10760.00 days (29.459 a)  
Sidereal day: 10h39m22.4s  
Mean solar day: 10h39m24.0s  
Phase Angle: +0°59'33"  
Elongation: +170°24'54"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# Saturn

- On September 17th, Saturn and the Moon continue to move closer together in the early morning western sky at 5:00 a.m.
- At moonset both Saturn and the Moon are separated by less than 2 degrees of separation.
- The full moon is also a supermoon that will be 30% brighter and 15% bigger.

Saturn

Type: planet  
Magnitude: 0.60 (extincted to: 1.32)  
Absolute Magnitude: 27.48  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h08m6.22s/-7°56'30.1"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h09m23.43s/-7°48'28.5"  
Hour angle/DE: 4h30m53.04s/-7°44'31.3" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +248°37'48.0"/+10°03'55.3" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +344°58'47.5"/-2°11'45.1"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +345°19'33.2"/-2°11'49.5"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +66°14'00.9"/-58°54'38.8"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 3h40m31.1s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 3h40m31.0s  
Distance: 8.671AU (1297.094 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'19.2", with rings: +0°00'44.7"  
Sidereal period: 10760.00 days (29.459 a)  
Sidereal day: 10h39m22.4s  
Mean solar day: 10h39m24.0s  
Phase Angle: +1°01'28"  
Elongation: +170°06'10"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# Saturn

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturn is well placed above the eastern horizon at sunset.
- Visible all night.



# Saturn

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **0.65** (extincted to: **1.20**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 27.52  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h04m29.51s/-8°18'45.2"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h05m46.99s/-8°10'44.7"  
Hour angle/DE: 19h52m45.41s/-8°07'42.4" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +116°07'06.4"/+13°38'48.0" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +344°00'41.1"/-2°11'30.1"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +344°21'29.0"/-2°11'34.9"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +64°34'15.9"/-58°28'28.1"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -5h1m37.9s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -5h1m38.1s  
Distance: 8.735AU (1306.739 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'19.0", with rings: +0°00'44.3"  
Sidereal period: 10760.00 days (29.459 a)  
Sidereal day: 10h39m22.4s  
Mean solar day: 10h39m24.0s  
Phase Angle: +2°25'10"  
Elongation: +155°58'10"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# Saturn

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturn now sets at 5:04 a.m. in the western sky.
- At the start of Astronomical Twilight.

# Saturn

Type: planet  
Magnitude: 0.65 (extincted to: 4.02)  
Absolute Magnitude: 27.52  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h04m38.42s/-8°17'51.1"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h05m55.89s/-8°09'50.5"  
Hour angle/DE: 5h22m56.56s/-7°53'09.9" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +257°54'02.8"/+1°02'55.6" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +344°03'04.1"/-2°11'31.3"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +344°23'51.8"/-2°11'36.1"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +64°38'18.1"/-58°29'34.5"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 4h29m59.9s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 4h29m59.7s  
Distance: 8.731AU (1306.145 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'19.0", with rings: +0°00'44.3"  
Sidereal period: 10760.00 days (29.459 a)  
Sidereal day: 10h39m22.4s  
Mean solar day: 10h39m24.0s  
Phase Angle: +2°21'38"  
Elongation: +156°35'41"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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**URANUS**

# Uranus

- On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Uranus rises at 10:49 p.m. in the eastern sky.
- Uranus also rises together with the Pleiades located direct west of the constellation.
- Uranus remains visible until sunrise.

# Uranus

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **5.70** (extincted to: **9.15**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 30.84  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 3h38m43.94s/+19°12'25.0"  
RA/Dec (on date): 3h40m9.19s/+19°17'17.7"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h44m54.09s/+19°35'02.0" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +63°08'41.6"/+0°58'43.6" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +56°54'43.3"/-0°16'03.6"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +57°15'25.6"/-0°15'45.4"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +168°40'16.6"/-28°26'37.0"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -3h36m5.9s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -3h36m6.0s  
Distance: 19.324AU (2890.795 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'03.7", with rings: +0°00'13.9"  
Sidereal period: 30685.00 days (84.011 a)  
Sidereal day: 17h14m24.0s  
Mean solar day: 17h14m22.5s  
Phase Angle: +2°52'49"  
Elongation: +102°53'13"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 99.9%



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# Uranus

- On September 30th, Uranus rises at 8:55 p.m. in the eastern sky.
- The planet is visible all night.

# Uranus

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **5.65** (extincted to: **8.77**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 30.84  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 3h37m16.03s/+19°07'23.1"  
RA/Dec (on date): 3h38m41.53s/+19°12'19.6"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h47m20.36s/+19°28'22.9" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +63°38'31.1"/+1°17'14.5" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +56°33'21.7"/-0°16'09.7"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +56°54'08.9"/-0°15'51.3"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +168°26'39.6"/-28°44'19.0"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -3h35m1.0s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -3h35m1.2s  
Distance: 18.892AU (2826.135 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'03.7", with rings: +0°00'14.3"  
Sidereal period: 30685.00 days (84.011 a)  
Sidereal day: 17h14m24.0s  
Mean solar day: 17h14m22.5s  
Phase Angle: +2°11'52"  
Elongation: +131°27'01"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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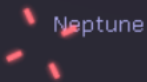
**NEPTUNE**

# Neptune

- On September 1st, Neptune appears low on the eastern horizon at sunset.

# Neptune

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **7.82** (extincted to: **11.04**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.08  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h57m15.56s/-1°44'15.0"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h58m31.54s/-1°36'00.1"  
Hour angle/DE: 18h11m51.08s/-1°20'12.7" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +93°01'35.6"/+1°11'07.5" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +358°40'48.6"/-1°19'17.7"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +359°01'31.3"/-1°19'17.1"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +93°34'15.0"/-61°28'53.5"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 18h9m18.1s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 18h9m18.0s  
Distance: 28.942AU (4329.607 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'02.4", with rings: +0°00'06.0"  
Sidereal period: 60189.00 days (164.789 a)  
Sidereal day: 16h6m36.0s  
Mean solar day: 16h6m36.6s  
Phase Angle: +0°37'48"  
Elongation: +160°59'01"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# Neptune

- On September 1st, Neptune remains high above the western horizon at sunrise.

# Neptune

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **7.82** (extincted to: **8.11**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.08  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h57m19.02s/-1°43'51.4"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h58m34.99s/-1°35'36.6"  
Hour angle/DE: 3h18m28.48s/-1°34'01.2" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +238°12'47.2"/+26°23'06.8" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +358°41'45.6"/-1°19'16.7"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +359°02'28.1"/-1°19'16.1"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +93°36'14.3"/-61°28'54.9"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 3h17m8.4s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 3h17m8.3s  
Distance: 28.945AU (4330.103 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'02.4", with rings: +0°00'06.0"  
Sidereal period: 60189.00 days (164.789 a)  
Sidereal day: 16h6m36.0s  
Mean solar day: 16h6m36.6s  
Phase Angle: +0°38'59"  
Elongation: +160°22'27"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%

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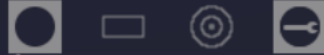
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# Neptune

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Neptune is well placed above the eastern horizon at evening twilight.



# Neptune

Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **7.81** (extincted to: **8.45**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.08  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h54m22.35s/-2°03'21.3"  
RA/Dec (on date): 23h55m38.66s/-1°55'04.7"  
Hour angle/DE: 19h12m42.88s/-1°51'42.2" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +104°14'32.3"/+11°33'52.9" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +357°53'29.5"/-1°19'36.4"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +358°14'17.1"/-1°19'36.1"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +91°55'20.4"/-61°26'35.9"  
Mean Sidereal Time: -4h51m51.4s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: -4h51m51.5s  
Distance: 28.911AU (4324.956 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'02.4", with rings: +0°00'06.0"  
Sidereal period: 60189.00 days (164.789 a)  
Sidereal day: 16h6m36.0s  
Mean solar day: 16h6m36.6s  
Phase Angle: +0°20'17"  
Elongation: +169°51'03"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# Neptune

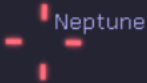
- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Neptune sets at 6:22 a.m. in the western sky.
- Neptune is visible all night.



# Neptune



Type: **planet**  
Magnitude: **7.81** (extincted to: **11.97**)  
Absolute Magnitude: 32.08  
RA/Dec (J2000.0): 23h54m25.65s/-2°02'59.8"  
RA/Dec (on\_date): 23h55m41.94s/-1°54'43.2"  
Hour angle/DE: 5h51m16.70s/-1°34'37.8" (apparent)  
Az/Alt: +267°20'54.4"/+0°27'29.4" (apparent)  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (J2000.0): +357°54'23.3"/-1°19'36.3"  
Ecliptic longitude/latitude (on date): +358°15'10.8"/-1°19'36.0"  
Ecliptic obliquity (on date): +23°26'10"  
Galactic longitude/latitude: +91°57'12.8"/-61°26'39.4"  
Mean Sidereal Time: 5h48m21.0s  
Apparent Sidereal Time: 5h48m20.9s  
Distance: 28.909AU (4324.696 Mio km)  
Apparent diameter: +0°00'02.4", with rings: +0°00'06.0"  
Sidereal period: 60189.00 days (164.789 a)  
Sidereal day: 16h6m36.0s  
Mean solar day: 16h6m36.6s  
Phase Angle: +0°19'12"  
Elongation: +170°24'09"  
Phase: 1.00  
Illuminated: 100.0%



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# That is the Sky this Month

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