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## SOME FALLOUT FROM COMET HALLEY, 1986

COMET HALLEY is now receding beyond the view of all but the most powerful equipment. Now, for the first time in its long existence it will probably never again escape from the scrutiny of earthlings, even at the outermost reaches of its path.

Undoubtedly many more words have been printed about this comet and its 1986 return than about any other astronomical event in history. We venture to add a few more in order to draw attention to three aspects: first, to give Handbook readers some of the new information acquired from this return; second, to add a verse to the poem which intrigued readers of the 1986 edition; third, to fill in a curious blank left in most of the millions of words about Halley and his comet—the very close association of Edmund Halley and Isaac Newton.

RESULTS from the observations of the 1986 return will, of course, be appearing long after this Handbook goes to press. As predicted, many observers were disappointed in the poor showing of the comet this time around, but all the spacecraft were amazingly successful in acquiring information. Some spectacular pieces of this have already been given out in the very important Supplement to *Nature*, May 15, 1986, and the summary article by J. Kelly Beatty the same month in *Sky and Telescope*.

The image of a comet nucleus held by old-time astronomers like myself has undergone a drastic change. No longer do we think of a round, cottony ball (the coma) oozing out uniformly from a round dirty snowball nucleus. Instead, jets of dust and gas are thrown off from a potato-shaped nucleus. This nucleus, with a major axis about 15 km and a minor axis between 7 to 10 km, has a very low albedo (reflectivity), only 2 to 4 percent. This is comparable with that of the darkest bodies in the solar system, and is described by an observer with the European Space Agency's *Giotto* project as "black like coal or velvet". Only 10 percent of the surface area is responsible for these jets of dust and gas. They are thrown off from the sunlit side of the nucleus to form a coma that "breathes" periodically, as described by Japanese observers with the *Suisei* mission. Most of the surface must be covered by a non-volatile insulating crust of dark material, with small-scale roughness or porosity (fluffy dust particles), with a temperature of 300 K. *Giotto* recorded some 12 000 dust particle impacts ranging in mass from  $1 \times 10^{-20}$  to  $1.4 \times 10^{-7}$  kg. Ten chemical elements have been identified in the dust, with hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen predominating.

Ground-based observations have also contributed much information, such as records of the spectacular "Dissociation Events" of the tail, like that of the ion tail photographed at the European Southern Observatory on 10.4 March. There's still a lot to find out about this comet, including a definitive value of the rotation period of the nucleus, the direction of the spin axis, and the answer to an important question: is Comet Halley typical of comets in general?

THE POEM to the comet written by Frank Dyson in 1910 was greatly enjoyed by readers of the *Observer's Handbook 1986* in which it was reprinted. A happy fallout from this is a fifth verse written by a member of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada in Calgary, Alberta. We can now pass this on to posterity.

### LINES ON HALLEY'S COMET, 1986

Less than impressive was the sight  
On this its latest sally.  
In vain I sought to trace its flight  
O'er mountain, hill and valley.  
So I with patience now must wait  
While years creep by dismally –  
In 2061 'twill return  
And automatically!

W. Raymond Branton

EDMUND HALLEY AND ISAAC NEWTON. Despite the millions of words written about the 1986 approach of Comet Halley, relatively few have been devoted to the close scientific interaction of Edmund Halley and Isaac Newton. However, as Comet Halley disappears from the view of most observers, this gap will be lessened when the tercentenary of Newton's greatest work, the *Principia*, is celebrated in 1987. The *Principia* sets forth the laws of mechanics and the principle of universal gravitation, and might never have been printed without Halley's help. Details of the relationship are given by Owen Gingerich in the March, 1986 issue of *Sky and Telescope*. (Gingerich also gives a useful piece of information unearthed by Craig Waff, that the name Halley's Comet was first used by the noted French astronomer Nicholas Louis de Lacaille at the 1759 return.)

Newton's brilliance shone out from his early years at Trinity College, Cambridge, where Barrow, his mathematics professor, resigned so that his student Newton could have the post. But Newton was exceedingly sensitive to criticism. When his remarkable papers on light and colours received criticism, he tried to resign from the Royal Society. The encouragement by Halley, along with his personal financial support, were just what Newton needed to accomplish the publication of the *Principia*. Also, it was a discussion of comet orbits with Newton that led Halley to conclude that the comets of 1531, 1607, and 1682 were one and the same, and that this comet would return again in 1758.

Even Gingerich, however, does not mention that Halley wrote a most admirable poem to Newton as a prologue to the *Principia*. Professor F. E. L. Priestley of the University of Toronto, a specialist in Restoration and 18th Century literature, discusses this, with a translation of some verses, in the December, 1986 *Journal of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada*. He describes it as "a Latin ode of high competence and appropriate dignity".

And so we conclude for Newton and Halley that you shouldn't discuss one without the other.

HELEN SAWYER HOGG

#### COVER PHOTOGRAPH

More than 70° of the Milky Way from Sagittarius to Crux is displayed in this awesome view toward the central regions of our home galaxy. The photograph was taken at Ayers Rock, Australia, in the early hours of April 9, 1986, by Michael S. F. Watson of the Toronto Centre of the R.A.S.C. (24 mm lens stopped down to f/4; 30 minute exposure on Fujichrome 1600D, which was processed for 1600, and duplicated onto Fujichrome 50D). The dark nebula known as the "Coal Sack" is in the upper right, and the brilliant star clouds at the spout of the Sagittarius "Tea Pot" are at bottom centre. The scene symbolizes the year 1986 in several ways. Many amateur astronomers from North America made their first trip to view the southern sky in 1986. Their main prey was Halley's Comet at its closest approach to Earth in early April. A month earlier, via an international fleet of five spacecraft, mankind had its first close encounter with a cometary nucleus. Halley's Comet appears here (with a greatly foreshortened, 1.5° fan-shaped tail) as the smudge of light in the centre. Near top-centre, under the first "R" is the most outstanding globular cluster in the sky, Omega Centauri. Edmund Halley was the first to observe it as a cluster (in 1677, from St. Helena). Another astronomical highlight of 1986 was the first visit of a spacecraft (Voyager 2) to Uranus. Above the "E" of "EDITOR" is a hook-shaped dark nebula; the moderately bright "star" surrounded by dark in the centre of the lower-left base of the hook is the planet Uranus (Readers may enjoy confirming this with the aid of the map on p. 117 of last year's Handbook. First rotate the map about 115° counterclockwise). Among many other objects that may be located: Saturn is the bright object near the left edge well-below centre (the star Antares is nearby in the "2 o'clock" direction); Alpha Centauri, the nearest star system to our Sun and the fourth brightest one in the sky, is the lower of two bright stars below the last two letters in "HANDBOOK"; the centre of our Galaxy is near the "R" of "EDITOR". (RLB)

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This edition has fewer pages than the previous one, primarily due to the departure of Halley's Comet, the absence of both a transit of Mercury and an opposition of Mars in 1987, plus more efficient use of space in the section on the configurations of Saturn's satellites. Additions include an expansion of the **Satellites of Uranus** section (a consequence of the Voyager 2 mission) by Dr. Joseph Veverka; an expansion of the section **Telescope Parameters**, and a new section, **Telescope Exit Pupils** (thanks are due to Dr. Larry Bogan, Terence Dickinson, and Leo Enright for reviewing this new material); the **Times of Moonrise and Moonset** tables have been prepared camera-ready and although the type style is perhaps less desirable than before, typesetting costs and associated proofreading have been eliminated; Terence Dickinson has added an introduction to **The Planets for 1987** section; Dr. Robert Garrison has updated **The Brightest Stars** table, and thanks are due to him and to Brian Beattie for the effort required in providing a laser-printed version of this extensive and valuable table; Dr. Alan Batten has added some historical material to the section, **The Nearest Stars**. Information on a "symbiotic" variable star is presented in the section **Variable Stars**. Dr. Anthony Moffat has included information on the Perseus Double Cluster in the section **Star Clusters**. In addition there are numerous other minor corrections and expansions of material throughout the Handbook (e.g. see "optical wavelength data" on p. 16).

On behalf of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, once again it is my pleasant task to thank all of the twenty-four contributors listed on the inside front cover for their invaluable support of the *Observer's Handbook*. The Society is also indebted to the Nautical Almanac Office of the U.S. Naval Observatory and its Director, Dr. P. K. Seidelmann, for essential pre-publication material from *The Astronomical Almanac*. I wish also to acknowledge the assistance of Randall Brooks and Dr. Norman Scrimger in the preparation of the chart for the path of Pluto. The Society's Executive-Secretary, Rosemary Freeman, deserves much credit for her efficient handling of the many details surrounding this publication throughout the year. Special acknowledgement is also due to Acadia University and its Department of Physics for providing an editor for the *Observer's Handbook*.

Suggestions for making this Handbook more useful to observers, both amateur and professional, are always welcome and should be sent directly to the Editor. Good observing *quo ducit Urania!*

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## AN INVITATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

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### SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER READING

- Burnham, Robert. *Burnham's Celestial Handbook, Volumes 1, 2 and 3*. Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1978. A detailed, well-presented, observer's guide to the universe beyond the solar system.
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- Hogg, Helen S. *The Stars Belong To Everyone*. Doubleday Canada Ltd., Toronto, 1976. Superb introduction to the sky.
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- Norton, A. P. *Norton's Star Atlas*. Sky Publishing Corp., 49 Bay State Road, Cambridge, MA 02238-1290. A classic. Contains 8700 stars to magnitude 6.3.
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- Sherrod, P. C. *A Complete Manual of Amateur Astronomy*. Prentice-Hall, New Jersey, 1981. A comprehensive guide to observational astronomy for amateurs.
- Sky and Telescope*. Sky Publishing Corp., 49 Bay State Road, Cambridge, MA 02238. A monthly magazine containing articles on all aspects of astronomy.
- Texereau, J. *How To Make A Telescope*. (2nd edition). Willmann-Bell, Box 35025, Richmond, VA 23235. 1984. The best guide to making a Newtonian telescope.
- Tirion, W. *Sky Atlas 2000.0*. Sky Publishing Corp., 49 Bay State Road, Cambridge, MA 02238-1290. A large format, modern, detailed atlas. Contains 43 000 stars to magnitude 8.0.

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*Doran Planetarium*, Laurentian University, Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 2C6. Telephone (705) 675-1151, ext. 2220 for information.

*Dow Planetarium*, 1000 St. Jacques Street W., Montreal, P.Q. H3C 1G7.  
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*Edmonton Space Sciences Centre*, Coronation Park, 11211-142 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 4A1. Features planetarium Star Theatre, IMAX film theatre, and exhibit galleries. Public shows daily in both theatres. Telephone 451-7722 for program information. Also contains Science Magic telescope shop and bookstore: telephone 451-6516.

*The Halifax Planetarium*, The Education Section of Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. B3H 3A6.

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*The Lockhart Planetarium*, 394 University College, 500 Dysart Road, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2M8.  
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*H.R. MacMillan Planetarium*, 1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9.  
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*University of Prince Edward Island Planetarium*, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 4P3  
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## SYMBOLS

### SUN, MOON, AND PLANETS

☉ The Sun	☾ The Moon generally	♃ Jupiter
☾ New Moon	☿ Mercury	♄ Saturn
☽ Full Moon	♀ Venus	♅ Uranus
☾ First Quarter	♁ Earth	♆ Neptune
☾ Last Quarter	♂ Mars	♇ Pluto

### SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

♈ Aries . . . . . 0°	♌ Leo . . . . . 120°	♐ Sagittarius . . . 240°
♉ Taurus . . . . . 30°	♍ Virgo . . . . . 150°	♑ Capricornus . . . 270°
♊ Gemini . . . . . 60°	♎ Libra . . . . . 180°	♒ Aquarius . . . . . 300°
♋ Cancer . . . . . 90°	♏ Scorpius . . . . . 210°	♓ Pisces . . . . . 330°

### THE GREEK ALPHABET

A, α Alpha	I, ι Iota	P, ρ Rho
B, β Beta	K, κ Kappa	Σ, σ Sigma
Γ, γ Gamma	Λ, λ Lambda	T, τ Tau
Δ, δ Delta	M, μ Mu	Υ, υ Upsilon
E, ε Epsilon	N, ν Nu	Φ, φ Phi
Z, ζ Zeta	Ξ, ξ Xi	X, χ Chi
H, η Eta	O, ο Omicron	Ψ, ψ Psi
Θ, θ, ϑ Theta	Π, π Pi	Ω, ω Omega

## CO-ORDINATE SYSTEMS AND TERMINOLOGY

Astronomical positions are usually measured in a system based on the *celestial poles* and *celestial equator*, the intersections of Earth's rotation axis and equatorial plane, respectively, and the infinite sphere of the sky. *Right ascension* (R.A. or  $\alpha$ ) is measured in hours (h), minutes (m) and seconds (s) of time, eastward along the celestial equator from the *vernal equinox*. *Declination* (Dec. or  $\delta$ ) is measured in degrees ( $^{\circ}$ ), minutes ( $'$ ) and seconds ( $''$ ) of arc, northward (N or +) or southward (S or -) from the celestial equator toward the N or S celestial pole.

Positions can also be measured in a system based on the *ecliptic*, the intersection of Earth's orbit plane and the infinite sphere of the sky. The Sun appears to move eastward along the ecliptic during the year. *Longitude* is measured eastward along the ecliptic from the vernal equinox; *latitude* is measured at right angles to the ecliptic, northward or southward toward the N or S ecliptic pole. The *vernal equinox* is one of the two intersections of the ecliptic and the celestial equator; it is the one at which the Sun crosses the celestial equator moving from south to north.

Objects are *in conjunction* if they have the same longitude or R.A., and are *in opposition* if they have longitudes or R.A.'s which differ by  $180^{\circ}$ . If the second object is not specified, it is assumed to be the Sun. For instance, if a planet is "in conjunction", it has the same longitude as the Sun. At *superior conjunction*, the planet is more distant than the Sun; at *inferior conjunction*, it is nearer. (See the diagram on page 103.)

If an object crosses the ecliptic moving northward, it is at the *ascending node* of its orbit; if it crosses the ecliptic moving southward, it is at the *descending node*.

*Elongation* is the difference in longitude between an object and a second object (usually the Sun). At conjunction, the elongation of a planet is thus zero.

# BASIC DATA

## PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

### MEAN ORBITAL ELEMENTS

Planet	Mean Distance from Sun		Period of Revolution		Eccentricity (e)	Inclination (i)	Long. of Node ( $\Omega$ )	Long. of Perihelion ( $\pi$ )	Mean Long. at Epoch (L)
	A	millions of km	Sidereal (P)	Synodic					
Mercury	0.387	57.9	87.97d	116	0.206	7.0	47.9	76.8	222.6
Venus	0.723	108.2	224.70	584	0.007	3.4	76.3	131.0	174.3
Earth	1.000	149.6	365.26	...	0.017	0.0	0.0	102.3	100.2
Mars	1.524	227.9	686.98	780	0.093	1.8	49.2	335.3	258.8
Jupiter	5.203	778.3	11.86a	399	0.048	1.3	100.0	13.7	259.8
Saturn	9.539	1427.0	29.46	378	0.056	2.5	113.3	92.3	280.7
Uranus	19.182	2869.6	84.01	370	0.047	0.8	73.8	170.0	141.3
Neptune	30.058	4496.6	164.79	367	0.009	1.8	131.3	44.3	216.9
Pluto	39.439	5899.9	247.69	367	0.250	17.2	109.9	224.2	181.6

These elements, for epoch 1960 Jan. 1.5 E.T., are taken from the *Explanatory Supplement to the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac*.

### PHYSICAL ELEMENTS

Object	Equat. Diam. km	Oblateness	Mass $\oplus = 1$	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Gravity $\oplus = 1$	Esc. Speed km/s	Rotn. Period d	Incl. °	Albedo
☉ Sun	1 392 000	0	332 946.0	1.41	27.9	617.5	25-35*		—
☾ Moon	3 476	0	0.012300	3.34	0.17	2.4	27.3217	6.7	0.12
♀ Mercury	4 878	0	0.055274	5.43	0.38	4.3	58.646	0.0	0.106
♀ Venus	12 104	0	0.815005	5.24	0.91	10.4	243.017	177.3	0.65
♁ Earth	12 756	1/298	1.000000	5.52	1.00	11.2	0.9973	23.4	0.37
♂ Mars	6 787	1/193	0.107447	3.94	0.38	5.0	1.0260	25.2	0.15
♃ Jupiter	142 800	1/15	317.833	1.33	2.54	59.6	0.4101†	3.1	0.52
♄ Saturn	120 000	1/9	95.159	0.70	1.08	35.6	0.4440	26.7	0.47
♅ Uranus	51 200	1/45	14.500	1.30	0.91	21.3	0.718	97.9	0.51
♆ Neptune	48 600	1/40	17.204	1.76	1.19	23.8	0.768	29.6	0.41
♇ Pluto	3 000?	0?	0.0026?	1.1?	0.05?	1.2?	6.3867	118?	0.5?

The table gives the *mean density*, the *gravity* and *escape speed at the pole* and the *inclination of equator to orbit*.

\*Depending on latitude

†For the most rapidly rotating part of Jupiter, the equatorial region.

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## SATELLITES OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

BY JOSEPH VEVERKA

Name	Diam. (km)	Mass ( $10^{20}$ kg)	Mean Dist. from Planet ( $10^3$ km $''$ )	Eccen- tricity	Vis. Mag.	Discovery
		Density ( $t/m^3$ )	Rev. Period (d)	Orbit Incl ( $^\circ$ )	Vis. Albedo	
<b>SATELLITE OF EARTH</b>						
Moon	3476	$734.9 \pm 0.7$ 3.34	384.5/ — 27.322	0.0549 18–29	–12.7 0.11	
<b>SATELLITES OF MARS</b>						
I Phobos	21	$(1.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$ ~2	9.4/ 25 0.319	0.015 1.1	11.6 0.07	A. Hall, 1877
II Deimos	12	$(1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5}$ ~2	23.5/ 63 1.263	0.0005 1.8v	12.7 0.07	A. Hall, 1877
<b>SATELLITES OF JUPITER</b>						
XVI Metis	(40)	— —	128/ 42 0.294	0 —	17.5 (0.05)	S. Synnott, 1979
XV Adrastea	(25)	— —	129/ 42 0.297	0 —	18.7 (0.05)	Jewitt, Danielson, Synnott, 1979
V Amalthea	170	— —	180/ 59 0.498	0.003 0.4	14.1 0.05	E. Barnard, 1892
XIV Thebe	(100)	— —	222/ 73 0.674	0.013 —	16.0 (0.05)	S. Synnott, 1979
I Io	3630	$892 \pm 4$ 3.55	422/138 1.769	0.004 0	5.0 0.6	Galileo, 1610
II Europa	3140	$487 \pm 5$ 3.04	671/220 3.551	0.010 0.5	5.3 0.6	Galileo, 1610
III Ganymede	5260	$1\,490 \pm 6$ 1.93	1\,070/351 7.155	0.001 0.2	4.6 0.4	Galileo, 1610

Apparent magnitude and mean distance from planet are at mean opposition distance. The inclination of the orbit is referred to the planet's equator; a value greater than  $90^\circ$  indicates retrograde motion.

Values in parentheses are uncertain.

Note: Pronunciations of the names of the planetary satellites are given on p. 104.

Name	Diam. (km)	Mass (10 <sup>20</sup> kg)	Mean Dist. from Planet (10 <sup>3</sup> km <sup>μ</sup> )	Eccen- tricity	Vis. Mag.	Discovery
		Density (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	Rev. Period (d)	Orbit Incl (°)	Vis. Albedo	
IV Callisto	4800	1075 ± 4 1.83	1 885/ 618 16.689	0.007 0.2	5.6 0.2	Galileo, 1610
XIII Leda	(15)	— —	11 110/3640 240	0.147 26.7	20 —	C. Kowal, 1974
VI Himalia	185	— —	11 470/3760 251	0.158 27.6	14.8 0.03	C. Perrine, 1904
X Lysithea	(35)	— —	11 710/3840 260	0.130 29.0	18.4 —	S. Nicholson, 1938
VII Elara	75	— —	11 740/3850 260	0.207 24.8	16.8 0.03	C. Perrine, 1905
XII Ananke	(30)	— —	20 700/6790 617	0.17 147	18.9 —	S. Nicholson, 1951
XI Carme	(40)	— —	22 350/7330 692	0.21 164	18.0 —	S. Nicholson, 1938
VIII Pasiphae	(50)	— —	23 330/7650 735	0.38 145	17.1 —	P. Melotte, 1908
IX Sinope	(35)	— —	23 370/7660 758	0.28 153	18.3 —	S. Nicholson, 1914
SATELLITES OF SATURN						
XV Atlas	30	— —	137/ 23 0.601	0.002 0.3	(18) 0.4	R. Terrile, 1980
1980S27 Prometheus	100	— —	139/ 23 0.613	0.004 0.0	(15) 0.6	S. Collins, D. Carlson, 1980
1980S26 Pandora	90	— —	142/ 24 0.628	0.004 0.1	(16) 0.5	S. Collins, D. Carlson, 1980
X Janus	190	— —	151/ 25 0.695*	0.009 0.3	(14) 0.6	A. Dollfus, 1966
XI Epimetheus	120	— —	151/ 25 0.695*	0.007 0.1	(15) 0.5	J. Fountain, S. Larson, 1966
I Mimas	390	0.38 ± 0.01 1.2	187/ 30 0.942	0.020 1.5	12.5 0.8	W. Herschel, 1789
II Enceladus	500	0.8 ± 0.3 1.1	238/ 38 1.370	0.004 0.02	11.8 1.0	W. Herschel, 1789

\*Co-orbital satellites.

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Name	Diam. (km)	Mass ( $10^{20}$ kg)	Mean Dist. from Planet ( $10^3$ km <sup>2</sup> )	Eccen- tricity	Vis. Mag.	Discovery
		Density (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	Rev. Period (d)	Orbit Incl (°)	Vis. Albedo	
III Tethys	1060	$7.6 \pm 0.9$ 1.2	295/ 48 1.888	0.000 1.1	10.3 0.8	G. Cassini, 1684
XIII Telesto	25	— —	295/ 48 1.888 <sup>a</sup>	— —	(18) 0.7	Smith, Larson, Reitsema, 1980
XIV Calypso	25	— —	295/ 48 1.888 <sup>b</sup>	— —	(18) 1.0	Pascu, Seidelmann, Baum, Currie, 1980
IV Dione	1120	$10.5 \pm 0.3$ 1.4	378/ 61 2.737	0.002 0.02	10.4 0.6	G. Cassini, 1684
XII 1980S6	30	— —	378/ 61 2.737 <sup>c</sup>	0.005 —	(18) 0.6	P. Laques, J. Lecacheux, 1980
V Rhea	1530	$24.9 \pm 1.5$ 1.3	526/ 85 4.517	0.001 0.4	9.7 0.6	G. Cassini, 1672
VI Titan	5550 <sup>†</sup>	$1345.7 \pm 0.3$ 1.88	1 221/ 197 15.945	0.029 0.3	8.4 0.2	C. Huygens, 1655
VII Hyperion	255	— —	1 481/ 239 21.276	0.104 0.4	14.2 0.3	W. Bond, G. Bond, W. Lassell, 1848
VIII Iapetus	1460	$18.8 \pm 1.2$ 1.2	3 561/ 575 79.331	0.028 14.7	11.0v 0.08 -0.4	G. Cassini, 1671
IX Phoebe	220	— —	12 960/2096 550.46	0.163 186	16.5 0.05	W. Pickering, 1898

SATELLITES OF URANUS

1986U7	(40)	— —	49.7/3.7 0.333	— —	>22.9 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1986U8	(50)	— —	53.8/4.0 0.375	— —	>22.6 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1986U9	(50)	— —	59.2/4.4 0.433	— —	>22.6 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986

<sup>a</sup>Librates about trailing ( $L_5$ ) Lagrangian point of Tethys' orbit.

<sup>b</sup>Librates about leading ( $L_4$ ) Lagrangian point of Tethys' orbit.

<sup>c</sup>Librates about leading ( $L_4$ ) Lagrangian point of Dione's orbit with a period of  $\sim 790$  d.

<sup>†</sup>Cloud-top diameter. Solid-body diameter equals 5150 km.

Name	Diam. (km)	Mass ( $10^{20}$ kg)	Mean Dist. from Planet ( $10^3$ km $''$ )	Eccen- tricity	Vis. Mag.	Discovery
		Density (t/m $^3$ )	Rev. Period (d)	Orbit Incl ( $^{\circ}$ )	Vis. Albedo	
1986U3	(60)	— —	61.8/ 4.6 0.463	— —	>22.2 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1986U6	(60)	— —	62.7/ 4.7 0.475	— —	>22.2 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1986U2	(80)	— —	64.6/ 4.9 0.492	— —	>21.5 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1986U1	(80)	— —	66.1/ 5.0 0.513	— —	>21.5 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1986U4	(60)	— —	69.9/ 5.2 0.558	— —	>22.2 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1986U5	(60)	— —	75.3/ 5.6 0.621	— —	>22.2 <0.1	Voyager 2, 1986
1985U1	170	— —	86.0/ 6.5 0.763	— —	20.3 0.07	Voyager 2, 1985
V Miranda	485	$0.75 \pm 0.22$ $1.26 \pm 0.39$	129.9/ 9.7 1.413	0.017 3.4	16.5 0.34	G. Kuiper, 1948
I Ariel	1160	$13.4 \pm 2.4$ $1.65 \pm 0.30$	190.9/14.3 2.521	0.0028 0	14.0 0.40	W. Lassell, 1851
II Umbriel	1190	$12.7 \pm 2.4$ $1.44 \pm 0.28$	266.0/20.0 4.146	0.0035 0	14.9 0.19	W. Lassell, 1851
III Titania	1610	$34.7 \pm 1.8$ $1.59 \pm 0.09$	436.3/32.7 8.704	0.0024 0	13.9 0.28	W. Herschel, 1787
IV Oberon	1550	$29.2 \pm 1.6$ $1.50 \pm 0.10$	583.4/43.8 13.463	0.0007 0	14.1 0.24	W. Herschel, 1787
<b>SATELLITES OF NEPTUNE</b>						
I Triton	(3500)	1300? ?	354/17 5.877	<0.0005 160.0	13.6 (0.4)	W. Lassell, 1846
II Nereid	(300)	— —	5 600/264 365.21	0.75 27.6	18.7 —	G. Kuiper, 1949
<b>SATELLITE OF PLUTO</b>						
Charon	(1300)	— —	20.0/ 0.9 6.387	0 0	17 —	J. Christy, 1978

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## SOME ASTRONOMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA

Many of the numbers listed below are determined by measurement. Exceptions include defined quantities (indicated by three lines in the equal sign  $\equiv$ ), quantities calculated from defined quantities (e.g. m/ly, A/pc), and numbers of mathematical origin such as  $\pi$  and conversion factors in angular measure. Of the measured quantities, some are known to only approximate precision. For these the equal sign is reduced to  $\approx$ . Many others are known to quite high precision. In these cases all digits shown are significant, with the uncertainties occurring after the last digit. The units, symbols, and nomenclature are based on recommendations of the *International Astronomical Union*, the *International Union of Pure and Applied Physics*, and the *Metric Commission Canada*.

## LENGTH

1 astronomical unit (A)	$= 1.495\,978\,70 \times 10^{11} \text{ m} = 499.004\,782 \text{ light-seconds}$
1 light-year (ly)	$= 9.460\,536 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$ (based on average Gregorian year)
	$= 63\,239.8 \text{ A}$
1 parsec (pc)	$= 3.085\,678 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$
	$= 206\,264.8 \text{ A} = 3.261\,631 \text{ light-years}$
1 mile*	$\equiv 1.609\,344 \text{ km}$
1 micron*	$\equiv 1 \mu\text{m}$
1 Angstrom*	$\equiv 0.1 \text{ nm}$

## TIME

Day:	Mean sidereal (equinox to equinox)	$= 86\,164.094 \text{ s}$
	Mean rotation (fixed star to fixed star)	$= 86\,164.102 \text{ s}$
	Day (d)	$\equiv 86\,400. \text{ s}$
	Mean solar	$= 86\,400.003 \text{ s}$
Month:	Draconic (node to node)	$= 27.212\,22 \text{ d}$
	Tropical (equinox to equinox)	$= 27.321\,58 \text{ d}$
	Sidereal (fixed star to fixed star)	$= 27.321\,66 \text{ d}$
	Anomalistic (perigee to perigee)	$= 27.554\,55 \text{ d}$
	Synodic (New Moon to New Moon)	$= 29.530\,59 \text{ d}$
Year:	Eclipse (lunar node to lunar node)	$= 346.6201 \text{ d}$
	Tropical (equinox to equinox) (a)	$= 365.2422 \text{ d}$
	Average Gregorian	$\equiv 365.2425 \text{ d}$
	Average Julian	$\equiv 365.2500 \text{ d}$
	Sidereal (fixed star to fixed star)	$= 365.2564 \text{ d}$
	Anomalistic (perihelion to perihelion)	$= 365.2596 \text{ d}$

## EARTH

Mass	$= 5.974 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$
Radius: Equatorial, a	$= 6378.140 \text{ km}$ ; Polar, b $= 6356.755 \text{ km}$ ;
	Mean, $\sqrt{a^2b}$ $= 6371.004 \text{ km}$
1° of latitude	$= 111.133 - 0.559 \cos 2\phi \text{ km}$ (at latitude $\phi$ )
1° of longitude	$= 111.413 \cos \phi - 0.094 \cos 3\phi \text{ km}$
Distance of sea horizon for eye h metres above sea-level	$\approx 3.9 \sqrt{h} \text{ km}$ (refraction inc.)
Standard atmospheric pressure	$= 101.325 \text{ kPa}$ ( $\approx 1 \text{ kg}$ above $1 \text{ cm}^2$ )
Speed of sound in standard atmosphere	$= 331 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Magnetic field at surface	$\approx 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T}$
Magnetic poles:	$76^\circ\text{N}, 101^\circ\text{W}; 66^\circ\text{S}, 140^\circ\text{E}$
Surface gravity at latitude $45^\circ$ ,	$g = 9.806 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
Age	$\approx 4.6 \text{ Ga}$
Meteoritic flux	$\approx 1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ kg m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Escape speed from Earth	$= 11.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
Solar parallax	$= 8''.794\,148$ (Earth equatorial radius $\div 1 \text{ A}$ )
Constant of aberration	$= 20''.495\,52$

\*Deprecated unit. Unit on right is preferred.



Obliquity of ecliptic =  $23^{\circ}.4410$  (1987.0)  
 Annual general precession =  $50''.26$ ; Precession period = 25 800 a  
 Orbital speed =  $29.8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$   
 Escape speed at 1 A from Sun =  $42.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

#### SUN

Mass  $\equiv 1S = 1.9891 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$ ; Radius = 696 265 km; Eff. temperature = 5770 K  
 Output: Power =  $3.83 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$ ;  $M_{\text{bol}} = 4.75$   
 Luminous intensity =  $2.84 \times 10^{27} \text{ cd}$ ;  $M_V = 4.84$   
 At 1 A, outside Earth's atmosphere:  
 Energy flux =  $1.36 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$ ;  $m_{\text{bol}} = -26.82$   
 Illuminance =  $1.27 \times 10^5 \text{ lx}$ ;  $m_V = -26.73$   
 Inclination of the solar equator on the ecliptic of date =  $7^{\circ}25'$   
 Longitude of the ascending node of the solar equator on the ecliptic of date =  $76^{\circ}$   
 Period of rotation at equator = 25.38 d (sidereal), 27.275 d (mean synodic)  
 Solar wind speed near Earth  $\approx 450 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (travel time, Sun to Earth  $\approx 5 \text{ d}$ )  
 Solar velocity =  $19.75 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  toward  $\alpha = 18.07 \text{ h}$ ,  $\delta = +30^{\circ}$  (solar apex)

#### MILKY WAY GALAXY

Mass  $\approx 10^{12}$  solar masses  
 Centre:  $\alpha = 17 \text{ h } 42.5 \text{ min}$ ,  $\delta = -28^{\circ} 59'$  (1950)  
 Distance to centre  $\approx 9 \text{ kpc}$ , diameter  $\approx 100 \text{ kpc}$   
 North pole:  $\alpha = 12 \text{ h } 49 \text{ min}$ ,  $\delta = 27^{\circ} 24'$  (1950)  
 Rotational speed (at Sun)  $\approx 250 \text{ km s}^{-1}$   
 Rotational period (at Sun)  $\approx 220 \text{ Ma}$   
 Velocity relative to the 3 K background  $\approx 600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  toward  $\alpha \approx 10 \text{ h}$ ,  $\delta \approx -20^{\circ}$

#### SOME CONSTANTS

Speed of light,  $c \equiv 299\,792\,458. \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (This, in effect, defines the metre.)  
 Planck's constant,  $h = 6.6262 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$   
 Gravitational constant,  $G = 6.672 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$   
 Elementary charge,  $e = 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$   
 Avogadro constant,  $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{26} \text{ kmol}^{-1}$   
 Boltzmann constant,  $k = 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1} = 8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV K}^{-1} \approx 1 \text{ eV}/10^4 \text{ K}$   
 Stefan-Boltzmann constant,  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$   
 Wien's law,  $\lambda_m T = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m K}$  (per  $d\lambda$ )  
 Hubble constant,  $H \approx 50 \text{ to } 75 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  (depending on method of determination)  
 Volume of ideal gas at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $101.325 \text{ kPa} = 22.41 \text{ m}^3 \text{ kmol}^{-1}$

#### MASS AND ENERGY

Atomic mass unit ( $u$ ) =  $1.6606 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = N_A^{-1} = 931.50 \text{ MeV}$   
 Electron rest mass =  $9.1095 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} = 548.580 \mu u = 0.51100 \text{ MeV}$   
 Proton rest mass =  $1.007\,276 \text{ u} = 938.28 \text{ MeV}$   
 Neutron rest mass =  $1.008\,665 \text{ u} = 939.57 \text{ MeV}$

Some atomic masses:

$^1\text{H} = 1.007\,825 \text{ u}$	$^5\text{Li} = 5.012\,5 \text{ u}$	$^{16}\text{O} = 15.994\,915 \text{ u}$
$^2\text{H} = 2.014\,102 \text{ u}$	$^8\text{Be} = 8.005\,305 \text{ u}$	$^{56}\text{Fe} = 55.934\,940 \text{ u}$
$^4\text{He} = 4.002\,603 \text{ u}$	$^{12}\text{C} \equiv 12.000\,000 \text{ u}$	$^{235}\text{U} = 235.043\,928 \text{ u}$

Electron-volt (eV) =  $1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

1 eV per event =  $23\,060 \text{ cal mol}^{-1}$

Thermochemical calorie (cal)  $\equiv 4.184 \text{ J}$

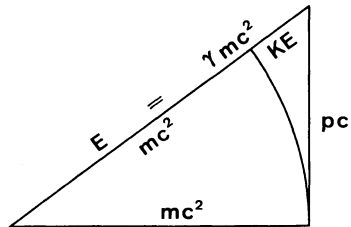
1 erg  $\text{s}^{-1} \equiv 10^{-7} \text{ W}$

$\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 4.1 \text{ eV}$

$4^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^4\text{He} + 26.73 \text{ MeV}$

1 kg TNT releases 4.20 MJ ( $\approx 1 \text{ kWh}$ )

Relation between rest mass ( $m$ ), linear momentum ( $p$ ), total energy ( $E$ ), kinetic energy (KE), and  $\gamma \equiv (1 - v^2/c^2)^{-0.5}$ :



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## MAGNITUDE RELATIONS

Log of light intensity ratio = 0.4 times magnitude difference

Distance Modulus (D) = apparent magnitude (m) - absolute magnitude (M)

Log of distance in ly = 0.2 D + 1.513 435 (neglecting absorption)

## OPTICAL WAVELENGTH DATA

Bright-adapted (photopic) visible range ≈ 400 - 750 nm

Dark-adapted (scotopic) visible range ≈ 400 - 620 nm

Wavelength of peak sensitivity of human eye ≈ 555 nm (photopic), ≈ 510 nm (scotopic)

Mechanical equivalent of light: 1 lm ≡ 1/683 W at 540 THz (λ ≈ 555 nm)

Colours (representative wavelength, nm): violet (420), blue (470), green (530), yellow (580), orange (610), red (660).

Some useful wavelengths (element, spectral designation or colour and/or (Fraunhofer line):

H Lyman α	121.6 nm	Hg deep blue	435.8	Hg yellow	579.1
Ca (K solar)	393.4	Hβ (F solar)*	486.1	Na (D <sub>2</sub> solar)	589.0
Ca (H solar)	396.8	O <sup>++</sup> green*	495.9	Na (D <sub>1</sub> solar)	589.6
Hg violet	404.7	O <sup>++</sup> green*	500.7	O red	630.0
Hδ (h solar)	410.2	Hg green	546.1	He-Ne laser	632.8
Hγ (g solar)	434.0	Hg yellow	577.0	Hα (C solar)	656.3

\*A strong contributor to the visual light of gaseous nebulae.

## DOPPLER RELATIONS FOR LIGHT

α = angle between velocity of source and line from source to observer.

β = v/c

γ = (1 - β<sup>2</sup>)<sup>-0.5</sup>

Frequency: ν = ν<sub>0</sub>γ<sup>-1</sup>(1 - β Cos α)<sup>-1</sup>

z = (λ - λ<sub>0</sub>)/λ<sub>0</sub> = γ(1 - β Cos α) - 1

For α = π { z = (1 + β)<sup>0.5</sup>(1 - β)<sup>-0.5</sup> - 1 (≈ β if β ≪ 1)  
β = [(1 + z)<sup>2</sup> - 1] / [(1 + z)<sup>2</sup> + 1]<sup>-1</sup>

## ANGULAR RELATIONS

π = 3.141 592 654 ≈ (113 ÷ 355)<sup>-1</sup>

1" = 4.848 14 × 10<sup>-6</sup> rad, 1 rad = 206 265"

Number of square degrees on a sphere = 41 253.

For 360° = 24 h, 15° = 1 h, 15' = 1 min, 15" = 1 s

Relations between sidereal time t, right ascension α, hour angle h, declination δ, azimuth A (measured east of north), altitude a, and latitude φ:

h = t - α

sin a = sin δ sin φ + cos h cos δ cos φ

cos δ sin h = -cos a sin A

sin δ = sin a sin φ + cos a cos A cos φ

Annual precession in α = 3.0730 + 1.3362 sin α tan δ seconds

Annual precession in δ = 20".043 cos α

## SOME SI SYMBOLS AND PREFIXES

m	metre	N	newton (kg m s <sup>-2</sup> )	f	femto 10 <sup>-15</sup>
kg	kilogram	J	joule (N m)	p	pico 10 <sup>-12</sup>
s	second	W	watt (J s <sup>-1</sup> )	n	nano 10 <sup>-9</sup>
min	minute	Pa	pascal (N m <sup>-2</sup> )	μ	micro 10 <sup>-6</sup>
h	hour	t	tonne (10 <sup>3</sup> kg)	m	milli 10 <sup>-3</sup>
d	day	Hz	hertz (s <sup>-1</sup> )	c	centi 10 <sup>-2</sup>
a	year	C	coulomb (A s)	k	kilo 10 <sup>3</sup>
A	ampere	T	tesla (Wb m <sup>-2</sup> )	M	mega 10 <sup>6</sup>
rad	radian	cd	candela (lm sr <sup>-1</sup> )	G	giga 10 <sup>9</sup>
sr	steradian	lx	lux (lm m <sup>-2</sup> )	T	tera 10 <sup>12</sup>

TABLE OF PRECESSION FOR ADVANCING 50 YEARS

If declination is positive, use inner R.A. scale; if declination is negative, use outer R.A. scale, and reverse the sign of the precession in declination

R.A. for Dec. -	R.A. for Dec. +	Prec. in Dec.	Precession in right ascension										Prec. in Dec.	R.A. for Dec. -		
			$\delta = 85^\circ$	80°	75°	70°	60°	50°	40°	30°	20°	10°			0°	
h m	h m	'	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	'	h m
12 00	0 00	+16.7	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	+2.56	-16.7	12 00
12 30	0 30	+16.6	4.22	3.39	2.96	2.81	2.68	2.64	2.61	2.59	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	-16.6	11 30
13 00	1 00	+16.1	5.85	4.20	3.64	3.35	3.06	2.80	2.73	2.67	2.61	2.56	2.56	2.56	-16.1	11 00
13 30	1 30	+15.4	7.43	4.98	4.15	3.73	3.30	3.07	2.92	2.88	2.72	2.66	2.56	2.56	-15.4	10 30
14 00	2 00	+14.5	8.92	5.72	4.64	4.09	3.53	3.22	3.03	2.88	2.76	2.66	2.56	2.56	-14.5	10 00
14 30	2 30	+13.3	10.31	6.41	5.09	4.42	3.73	3.37	3.13	2.95	2.81	2.68	2.56	2.56	-13.3	9 30
15 00	3 00	+11.8	11.56	7.03	5.50	4.72	3.92	3.50	3.22	3.02	2.85	2.70	2.56	2.56	-11.8	9 00
15 30	3 30	+10.2	12.66	7.57	5.86	4.99	4.09	3.61	3.30	3.07	2.88	2.72	2.56	2.56	-10.2	8 30
16 00	4 00	+ 8.4	13.58	8.03	6.16	5.21	4.23	3.71	3.37	3.12	2.91	2.73	2.56	2.56	- 8.4	8 00
16 30	4 30	+ 6.4	14.32	8.40	6.40	5.39	4.34	3.79	3.42	3.15	2.94	2.74	2.56	2.56	- 6.4	7 30
17 00	5 00	+ 4.3	14.85	8.66	6.57	5.52	4.42	3.84	3.46	3.18	2.95	2.75	2.56	2.56	- 4.3	7 00
17 30	5 30	+ 2.2	15.18	8.82	6.68	5.59	4.47	3.88	3.49	3.20	2.96	2.76	2.56	2.56	- 2.2	6 30
18 00	6 00	0.0	15.29	8.88	6.72	5.62	4.49	3.89	3.50	3.20	2.97	2.76	2.56	2.56	0.0	6 00
0 00	12 00	-16.7	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	+16.7	24 00
0 30	12 30	-16.6	+ 0.90	1.74	2.02	2.16	2.31	2.39	2.44	2.48	2.51	2.54	2.56	2.56	+16.6	23 30
1 00	13 00	-16.1	- 0.73	0.93	1.49	1.77	2.06	2.22	2.32	2.39	2.46	2.51	2.56	2.56	+16.1	23 00
1 30	13 30	-15.4	- 2.31	+0.14	0.97	1.39	1.82	2.05	2.20	2.31	2.41	2.49	2.56	2.56	+15.4	22 30
2 00	14 00	-14.5	- 3.80	-0.60	0.48	1.03	1.60	1.90	2.09	2.24	2.36	2.46	2.56	2.56	+14.5	22 00
2 30	14 30	-13.3	- 5.19	-1.28	+0.03	0.70	1.39	1.75	1.99	2.17	2.31	2.44	2.56	2.56	+13.3	21 30
3 00	15 00	-11.8	- 6.44	-1.90	-0.38	0.40	1.20	1.62	1.90	2.11	2.27	2.42	2.56	2.56	+11.8	21 00
3 30	15 30	-10.2	- 7.54	-2.45	-0.74	+0.13	1.03	1.51	1.82	2.05	2.24	2.41	2.56	2.56	+10.2	20 30
4 00	16 00	- 8.4	- 8.46	-2.91	-1.04	-0.09	0.89	1.41	1.75	2.00	2.21	2.39	2.56	2.56	+ 8.4	20 00
4 30	16 30	- 6.4	- 9.20	-3.27	-1.28	-0.27	0.78	1.33	1.70	1.97	2.19	2.38	2.56	2.56	+ 6.4	19 30
5 00	17 00	- 4.3	- 9.73	-3.54	-1.45	-0.39	0.70	1.28	1.66	1.94	2.17	2.37	2.56	2.56	+ 4.3	19 00
5 30	17 30	- 2.2	-10.06	-3.70	-1.56	-0.47	0.65	1.25	1.63	1.92	2.16	2.37	2.56	2.56	+ 2.2	18 30
6 00	18 00	0.0	-10.17	-3.75	-1.59	-0.50	0.63	1.23	1.63	1.92	2.16	2.36	2.56	2.56	0.0	18 00

To avoid interpolation in this table, which becomes increasingly inaccurate for large  $|\delta|$ , precession formulae may be used (see p. 16).

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## TELESCOPE PARAMETERS

### I EQUATIONS

*Objective:*  $f_0$  = focal length  
 $D$  = diameter  
 $FR$  = focal ratio

*Eyepiece:*  $f_e$  = focal length  
 $d_f$  = diameter of field stop  
 $\theta_p$  = apparent angular field

*Whole instrument:*  $M$  = angular magnification  
 $d_p$  = diameter of exit pupil  
 $\theta_c$  = actual angular field

$$M = f_0/f_e = D/d_p = \theta_p/\theta_c \quad FR = f_0/D \quad d_f^* = f_0\theta_c = f_e\theta_p$$

\*( $\theta_c$  and  $\theta_p$  must be expressed in radians.)

### II PERFORMANCE

(Here,  $D$  is assumed to be in millimetres)

*Light Grasp (LG)* is the ratio of the light flux intercepted by a telescope's objective lens or mirror to that intercepted by a human eye having a 7 mm diameter entrance pupil.

*Limiting Visual Magnitude*  $m_l \approx 2.7 + 5 \log D$ , assuming transparent, dark-sky conditions and magnification  $\geq 1D$ . (See article by R. Sinnott, *Sky and Telescope*, 45, 401, 1973)

*Smallest Resolvable Angle*  $\theta \approx 120/D$  seconds of arc. However, atmospheric conditions seldom permit values less than 0'.5.

*Useful Magnification Range*  $\approx 0.2D$  to  $2D$ . The lower limit may be a little less, but depends upon the maximum diameter of the entrance pupil of the individual observer's eye. (See the next section). The upper limit is determined by the wave nature of light and the optical limitations of the eye, although atmospheric turbulence usually limits the maximum magnification to  $400\times$  or less. For examination of double stars, magnifications up to  $4D$  are sometimes useful. Note that the reciprocal of the coefficient to  $D$  is the diameter (in mm) of the telescope's exit pupil.

Values for some common apertures are:

D (mm)	60	75	100	125	150	200	350	440
LG	73	110	200	320	460	820	2500	4000
$m_l$	11.6	12.1	12.7	13.2	13.6	14.2	15.4	15.9
$\theta$ (")	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.80	0.60	0.34	0.27
0.2D	12x	15x	20x	25x	30x	40x	70x	88x
2D	120x	150x	200x	250x	300x	400x	700x	880x

## TELESCOPE EXIT PUPILS

The performance of a visual, optical telescope is constrained by Earth's atmosphere, by the laws of geometrical and wave optics, and by the properties of the human eye. The telescope and eye meet at the *exit pupil* of the telescope. When a telescope is pointed at a bright area, such as the daytime sky, its exit pupil appears as a small disk of light hovering in space just behind the eyepiece of the telescope (Insert a small piece of paper in this vicinity to demonstrate that this disk of light really is located behind the eyepiece). The exit pupil is the image of the telescope's objective lens or mirror formed by the eyepiece. Since the exit pupil is the narrowest point in the beam of light emerging from the telescope, it is here that the observer's eye must be located to make optimum use of the light passing through the telescope.

The graph two pages ahead may be used to display the relation between the **diameter of the exit pupil ( $d_p$ )** of a telescope and the **focal lengths ( $f_e$ ) of various eyepieces**. Both  $d_p$  and  $f_e$  are expressed in millimetres. The numbered index marks around the upper right hand corner of the diagram indicate the **focal ratio (FR) of the objective lens or mirror** of a telescope. (The focal ratio is the focal length of the objective divided by its diameter.) The diagram is a graphical display of the standard relation:  $d_p = f_e/\text{FR}$ .

To prepare the diagram for a particular telescope, locate the focal ratio of the telescope's objective on the FR scale, and draw a straight diagonal line from there to the origin (the lower left-hand corner). To determine, for example, the eyepiece focal length required to give an exit pupil of 3 mm, locate  $d_p = 3$  on the ordinate, run horizontally across to the diagonal line and at that point drop vertically downward to the abscissa to find  $f_e$ . This procedure may, of course, be reversed: for a given  $f_e$ , find the corresponding  $d_p$ .

The ranges H, M, L, and RFT (blocked off along the ordinate) break the  $d_p$  scale into four sections, starting at 0.5 mm and increasing by factors of two. Although this sectioning is somewhat arbitrary, it does correspond closely to what are usually considered to be the high (H), medium (M), low (L), and "richest-field telescope" (RFT) magnification ranges of any visual telescope (and the  $d_p$  values at the boundaries are easy to remember).

The highest useable magnification (which corresponds to  $d_p = 0.5$  mm, assuming perfect optics and no atmospheric turbulence) is the point at which blurring due to diffraction (caused by the wave-nature of light) begins to become noticeable. Higher magnifications will not reveal any more detail in the image, and cause reductions in four desirable features: sharpness, brightness, field of view, and eye relief (the space between the eye and eyepiece).

Very low magnifications (the RFT range) are useful because they yield wide fields of view, the brightest images of extended objects, and for common telescope apertures, the most stars visible in one view (hence the term "richest field"). The lowest magnification that still makes use of the full aperture of a telescope is determined by the point at which the diameter of the telescope's exit pupil matches the diameter of the *entrance pupil* of the observer's eye. For the dark-adapted eye, the entrance pupil diameter seldom coincides with the often-quoted figure of 7 mm, but depends, among other things, upon the age of the observer as indicated by the scale in the upper left portion of the diagram (See: Kadlecová *et al.*, *Nature*, 182, p. 1520, 1958). Note that this scale indicates *average* values; the maximum diameter of the entrance pupil of the eye of any *one* individual may differ by up to a millimetre from these values. A horizontal line should be drawn across the diagram corresponding to the maximum diameter of one's own entrance pupil. This line will be an upper bound on  $d_p$  in the same sense that the line at  $d_p = 0.5$  mm is a lower bound.

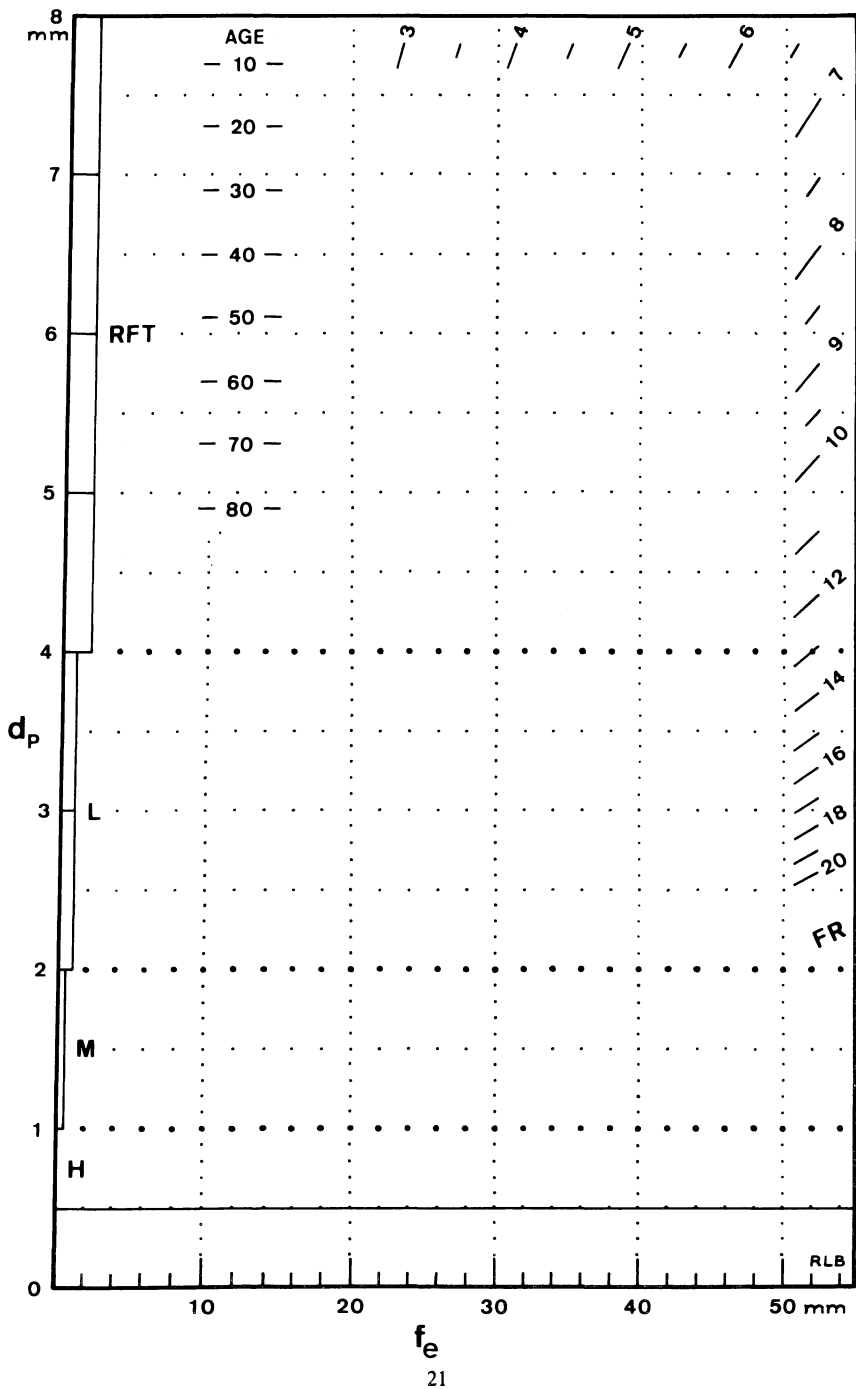
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If  $d_p$ 's larger than the entrance pupil of the eye are used, the iris of the observer's eye will cut off some of the light passing through the telescope to the retina. i.e. The iris will have become the light-limiting aperture of the system rather than the edge of the telescope's objective. In this case, the cornea of the eye together with the lenses of the telescope's eyepiece form an image of the observer's iris at the objective of the telescope: to the incoming starlight, a highly magnified image of the iris hovers as an annular skirt obscuring the outer region of the objective of the telescope. A telescope *can* be used at such "ultra low" magnifications, but obviously a telescope of smaller aperture would perform as well. The only advantage may be a wider true field of view (assuming the field stop of the longer  $f_e$  eyepiece will permit this).

Even for RFT use, a value of  $d_p$  a millimetre or so smaller than the entrance pupil of the observer's eye has several advantages: (1) Viewing is more comfortable since the observer can move a bit without cutting into the light beam and dimming the image. (2) Light entering near the edge of the pupil of the dark-adapted eye is not as effective in stimulating the rod cells in the retina (This is known as the scotopic Stiles-Crawford effect. e.g. See VanLoo and Enoch, *Vision Research*, 15, p. 1005, 1975). Thus the smaller  $d_p$  will make more efficient use of the light. (3) With the higher magnification and consequently larger image size, structure in dim, extended objects, such as gaseous nebulae and galaxies, will be more easily seen (The ability of the eye to see detail is greatly reduced in dim light as the retina organizes its cells into larger units, thereby sacrificing resolution in order to improve signal-to-noise in the sparse patter of photons). (4) The background sky glow will be a little darker producing views that some observers consider to be aesthetically more pleasing.

Having drawn the diagonal line corresponding to a telescope's focal ratio, and established the upper bound on  $d_p$ , the diagram on the next page gives a concise and convenient display of the eyepiece/exit pupil/magnification range relations for a particular telescope and observer. Note that one can see at a glance what range of eyepiece focal lengths is useable. Note also that the reciprocal of  $d_p$  equals the magnification per millimetre of objective diameter. *For example:* Consider the common "8-inch" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. These usually have  $FR = 10$  and an aperture  $D = 200$  mm. The graph indicates that eyepieces with focal lengths from 5 mm to more than 55 mm are useable (although older observers should be sure that their eye pupils can open sufficiently wide before purchasing a long focal length eyepiece. Also, the considerations in the preceding paragraph are relevant for any observer). With a 32 mm ( $f_e$ ) eyepiece, the graph gives  $d_p = 3.2$  mm, in the "L" magnification range, and the magnification  $M = D/d_p = 200/3.2 = 62\times$ .

It is readily apparent from the diagram that certain combinations are not reasonable. Some examples: (1) If an observer wishes to use the full aperture of an  $FR = 4$  telescope, he should not use a 40 mm eyepiece. A 70-year-old observer should probably not use even a 24 mm eyepiece on such a system, and should not bother with "7  $\times$  50" or "11  $\times$  80" ( $=M \times D$ ) binoculars (nor should anyone for only daytime use, since the exit pupils of such binoculars are near 7 mm whereas the entrance pupils of the eyes seldom exceed 4 mm in daylight). (2) With ordinary eyepieces (55 mm or less in focal length), an  $FR = 15$  telescope cannot be operated as an RFT (unless a "compressor" lens is added to reduce its  $FR$ ). (3) There is no point in using extremely short focal length eyepieces on telescopes having large  $FR$ 's (This is a common fault, among others, with camera-store refracting telescopes). (RLB).



# TIME

Time has been said to be nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once. For astronomical purposes the concern is not with defining time, but with its measurement. For this, units of time and time scales must be established and clocks devised.

† There are three obvious, natural, periodic time intervals on Earth: the seasonal cycle (year); the cycle of lunar phases (month); and the day-night cycle (day). The problem of accurately subdividing these natural intervals to make time locally available at any moment was satisfactorily solved in 1657 by Christiaan Huygens who invented the first practical pendulum clock. Through successive refinements the pendulum clock reigned supreme for nearly three centuries, until it was surpassed in precision by the quartz oscillator in the 1940's. Within another 20 years the quartz clock was, in turn, superseded by the cesium atomic clock which today has a precision near one part in  $10^{13}$  (one second in 300 000 years).

The cycle of the seasons is called the *tropical year* and contains 365.2422 days. The cycle of lunar phases is known as the *synodic month* and equals 29.53059 days. The average day-night (diurnal) cycle is the *mean solar day* and contains approximately 86 400.003 s. Other types of year, month and day have been defined and are listed along with brief definitions and durations on p. 14.

Today the second is the basic unit of time. For many years a second meant  $1/86400$  of the mean solar day. However, Earth's rotation on its axis is not perfectly uniform: there are (i) long, (ii) medium, and (iii) short-term accelerations. (i) Over many centuries there is a *secular* slowing due to tidal friction of about 5 parts in  $10^{13}$  per day (i.e. the day becomes one second longer about every 60 000 years). (ii) Over a few decades there are *random* accelerations (positive and negative), apparently due to core-mantle interactions. These are about ten times larger than the tidal acceleration and thus completely obscure the latter effect over time intervals of less than a century or so. (iii) The largest accelerations in Earth's rotation rate are short-term ones: they are *periodic* and are associated mainly with lunar-induced tides (over two-week and monthly intervals), and seasonal meteorological factors (over semiannual and annual intervals). They are typically one or two orders of magnitude larger again than the random, decade fluctuations on which they are superimposed. Also, although not actually a variation in Earth's rotation rate, shifts of Earth's crust relative to the axis of rotation (*polar wobble*) also affect astronomical time determinations through the resulting east-west shift in the meridian at latitudes away from the equator. Like the seasonal accelerations, these are short-term and periodic, but of smaller amplitude. (For more information, see the article by John Wahr in the June 1986 issue of *Sky and Telescope*, p. 545.)

Atoms display a permanence and stability that planets cannot, thus, since 1967, the second has had an atomic definition: 9 192 631 770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the cesium 133 atom. This is known as the SI (for *Système International*) second (abbreviation s).

Although Earth's axial rotation is not sufficiently predictable to serve as a precise clock, the orbital motions of the planets and of our Moon are predictable to high accuracy. Through the dynamical equations describing these motions, a uniform time scale can be derived. This scale, known as *Ephemeris Time* (ET), was for many years the basis of astronomical ephemerides. Also, the definition of the SI second, mentioned above, was chosen so that it was identical to the ephemeris second to within the precision of measurement. Because atomic clocks are readily available and because of their proven precision, at the beginning of 1984 Ephemeris Time was abandoned in favor of *Terrestrial Dynamical Time* (TDT). The unit of TDT is the SI second and its scale was chosen to agree with the 1984 ET scale.



Other time scales are in use. *International Atomic Time* (TAI), like TDT, runs at the SI rate but, for historical reasons, lags TDT by exactly 32.184 seconds. Another is *Universal Time* (UT1, or often simply UT) which is mean solar time at the Greenwich (England) meridian, corrected for polar wobble. In practice UT1 is defined in terms of *Greenwich Mean Sidereal Time* (GMST), the latter being defined in terms of Earth's rotation relative to the mean vernal equinox of date (see p. 8). The adjective *mean* is used here to denote that small, periodic variations due to the nutation of Earth's axis have been averaged out, the mean equinox being affected only by the precession of the axis. GMST is the hour angle of this equinox, i.e. GMST equals the right ascension of a star (corrected for nutation) at the Greenwich meridian. In short, UT1 follows Earth's rotation relative to the mean Sun, and includes the associated short-term (periodic), decade (random), and secular (tidal slowing) accelerations.

Early in the 20th century the UT1 and ET scales coincided, but since Earth's rotation rate has been generally slower than the SI (ET) rate, by 1970 UT1 was 40 seconds behind ET and was losing more than one second per year. During the next 15 years, Earth's rotation rate increased (part of the random decade fluctuations) so that UT1 now loses only about half a second per year relative to TDT.

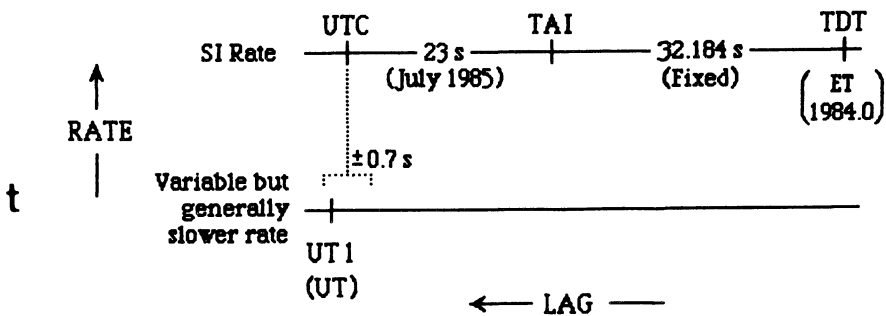
Closely related to UT1 is *Coordinated Universal Time* (UTC). UTC runs at the SI rate and is offset an integral number of seconds from TAI so that it approximates UT1. When required (at the end of June 30 or December 31), "leap seconds" are inserted into (or, if necessary, deleted from) UTC so that the difference  $UT1 - UTC \equiv \Delta UT1$  does not exceed  $\pm 0.7$  s. UTC now lags TAI, and as of July 1, 1985 (when a leap second was last inserted)  $TAI - UTC \equiv \Delta AT = 23$  s. Thus when this edition of the *Observer's Handbook* appears,  $TDT - UTC = 23$  s + 32.184 s = 55.184 s exactly).

The world system of civil time is based on UTC. To keep clocks at various longitudes reasonably in phase with the day-night cycle and yet to avoid the inconvenience to travellers of a local time that varies continuously with longitude, a century ago Earth was divided into about 24 *standard time zones*, adjacent zones generally differing by one hour and each ideally 15 degrees wide (see the maps on pages 24 and 25). The zero zone is centred on the Greenwich meridian. All clocks within the same time zone read the same time. Some countries observe "daylight saving time" during the summer months. In Canada and the United States, clocks are generally set one hour ahead of standard time on the last Sunday in April and return to standard time on the last Sunday in October ("spring ahead, fall back").

A sundial indicates *apparent solar time* at the observer's meridian. Not only is this, in general, different from standard time, but it is far from uniform because of Earth's elliptical orbit and the inclination of the ecliptic to the celestial equator. If the Sun is replaced by a fictitious mean sun moving uniformly along the equator, this defines *Local Mean (Solar) Time* (LMT). Apparent solar time can differ by up to 16 minutes from LMT depending upon the time of year (see p. 56). Also, depending upon the observer's location within his standard time zone, his standard time may differ by up to an hour or so from LMT (see p. 60).

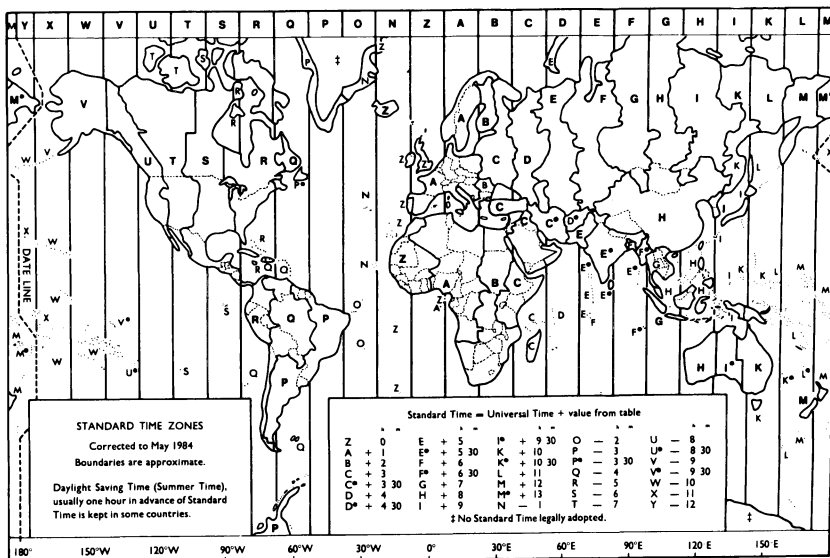
In the same manner that GMST is defined, a *Local Mean Sidereal Time* (LMST) is defined for each observer's meridian. Because Earth makes one more rotation with respect to the other stars than it does with respect to the Sun during a year, sidereal time gains relative to standard time, LMT, UT1, TAI or TDT by about  $3^m56^s$  per day or  $2^h$  per month. Also, because of precession, the mean sidereal day is about 8 ms shorter than Earth's period of rotation (see p. 14). LMST may be used to set a telescope on an object of known right ascension. The hour angle of the object equals the sidereal time less the right ascension. LMST may be available from a sidereal clock, or it can be calculated as explained on p. 26.

The diagram at the top of the next page displays the rate and scale relations between the time scales which run at or near the SI rate and which are not longitude dependent. (RLB)

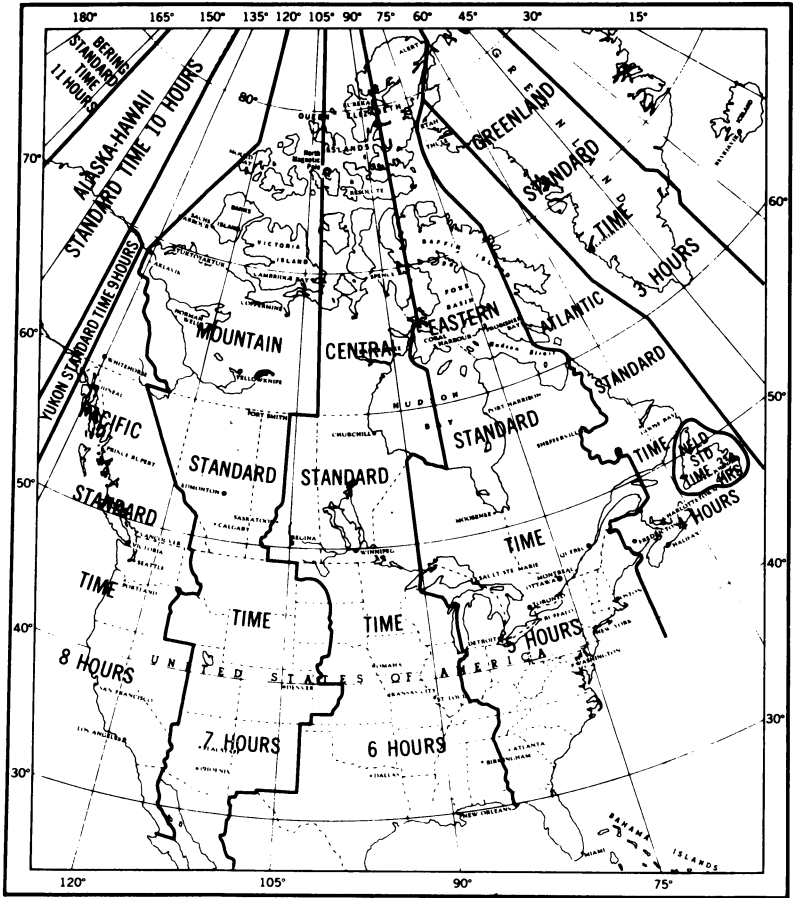


### WORLD MAP OF TIME ZONES

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## MAP OF STANDARD TIME ZONES



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## MAP OF STANDARD TIME ZONES

The map shows the number of hours by which each time zone is *slower* than Greenwich, that is, the number of hours which must be *added* to the zone's standard time to give Universal Time.

*Note:* Since the preparation of the above map, the standard time zones have been changed so that all parts of the Yukon Territory now observe Pacific Standard Time. The Yukon, Alaska-Hawaii, and Bering Standard Time Zones have disappeared, and all of Alaska is now on Alaska Standard Time, -9 hours. Also, the part of Texas west of longitude 105° is in the Mountain Time Zone.

## RADIO TIME SIGNALS

National time services distribute Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). UTC is coordinated through the Bureau International de l'Heure in Paris so that most time services are synchronized to a tenth of a millisecond. Radio time signals available in North America include:

CHU Ottawa, Ontario            3.330, 7.335, 14.670 MHz  
 WWV Fort Collins, Colorado 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20 MHz

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The difference  $\Delta UT1 = UT1 - UTC$  to the nearest tenth of a second is coded in the signals. If UT1 is ahead of UTC, second markers beginning at the 1 second mark of each minute are doubled, the number of doubled markers indicating the number of tenths of a second UT1 is ahead of UTC. If UT1 is behind UTC, the doubled markers begin at the 9 second point.

## MEAN SIDEREAL TIME 1987

The following is the Greenwich Mean Sidereal Time (GMST) on day 0 at 0<sup>h</sup> UT of each month:

Jan. 0 06.6086 <sup>h</sup>	Apr. 0 12.5224 <sup>h</sup>	July 0 18.5020 <sup>h</sup>	Oct. 0 00.5473 <sup>h</sup>
Feb. 0 08.6456 <sup>h</sup>	May 0 14.4937 <sup>h</sup>	Aug. 0 20.5390 <sup>h</sup>	Nov. 0 02.5844 <sup>h</sup>
Mar. 0 10.4854 <sup>h</sup>	June 0 16.5307 <sup>h</sup>	Sep. 0 22.5761 <sup>h</sup>	Dec. 0 04.5556 <sup>h</sup>

GMST at hour  $t$  UT on day  $d$  of the month

$$= \text{GMST at } 0^{\text{h}}\text{UT on day } 0 + 0^{\text{h}}065710d + 1^{\text{h}}002738t$$

Local Mean Sidereal Time (LMST) = GMST – west longitude  
 (or + east longitude)

LMST calculated by this method will be accurate to  $\pm 0.2\text{s}$  provided  $t$  is stated to  $\pm 0.1\text{s}$  or better and the observer's longitude is known to  $\pm 1''$ . (Note that  $t$  must be expressed in decimal hours UT. Also, to achieve  $\pm 0.1\text{s}$  accuracy in  $t$ , the correction  $\Delta UT1$  must be applied to UTC. See the above section on radio time signals.)

## JULIAN DATE, 1987

The Julian date is commonly used by astronomers to refer to the time of astronomical events, because it avoids some of the annoying complexities of the civil calendar. The Julian day corresponding to a given date is the number of days which have elapsed since January 1, 4713 B.C. For an account of the origin of the Julian system see: "The Julian Period", by C. H. Clemenshaw in the *Griffith Observer*, April 1975; "The Origin of the Julian Day System", by G. Moyer in *Sky and Telescope*, April 1981.

The Julian day commences at noon (12<sup>h</sup>) UT. To find the Julian date at any time during 1987, determine the day of the month and time at the Greenwich meridian, convert this to a decimal day, and add it to one of the following numbers according to the month. (These numbers are the Julian dates for 0<sup>h</sup>UT on the "0th" day of each month.):

Jan. 244 6795.5	Apr. 244 6885.5	July 244 6976.5	Oct. 244 7068.5
Feb. 244 6826.5	May 244 6915.5	Aug. 244 7007.5	Nov. 244 7099.5
Mar. 244 6854.5	June 244 6946.5	Sep. 244 7038.5	Dec. 244 7129.5

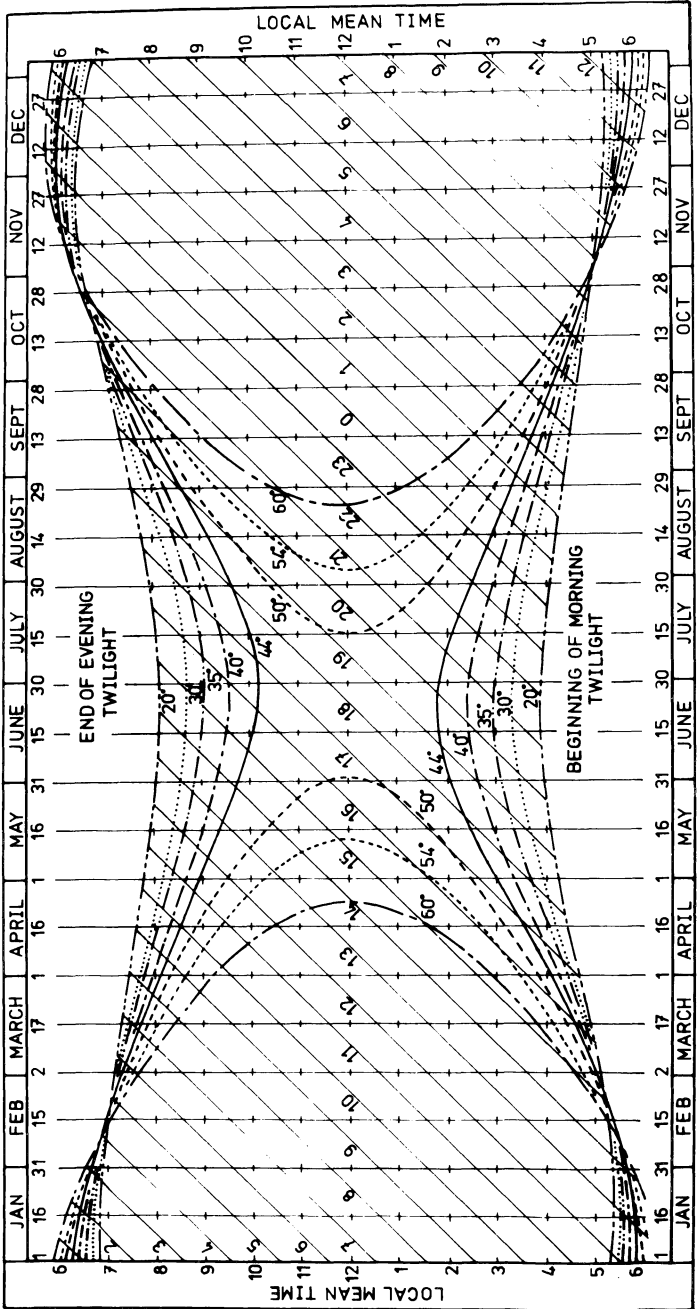
e.g. 21:36 EDT on May 18 = 01:36 UT on May 19 = May 19.07 UT =  
 244 6915.5 + 19.07 = JD 244 6934.57

The Julian dates for 0 UT January 0 for several previous years are 244 0000.5 plus (for years indicated): 951(1971), 1316(1972), 1682(1973), 2047(1974), 2412(1975), 2777(1976), 3143(1977), 3508(1978), 3873(1979), 4238(1980), 4604(1981), 4969(1982), 5334(1983), 5699(1984), 6065(1985), 6430 (1986).

Note: Anniversary and festival dates for 1987 appear on p. 29.

### ASTRONOMICAL TWILIGHT AND SIDEREAL TIME

The diagram gives (i) the local mean time (LMT) of the beginning and end of astronomical twilight (curved lines) at a given latitude on a given date and (ii) the local mean sidereal time (LMST, diagonal lines) at a given LMT on a given date. The LMST is also the right ascension of an object on the observer's celestial meridian. To use the diagram, draw a line downward from the given date; the line cuts the curved lines at the LMT of beginning and end of twilight, and cuts each diagonal line at the LMT corresponding to the LMST marked on the line. See pages 23 and 64 for definitions of LMT, LMST and astronomical twilight. (Diagram prepared by Randall Brooks.)



# THE SKY MONTH BY MONTH

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*Introduction*—In the monthly descriptions of the sky on the following pages, the right ascension (RA), declination (Dec) (both at 0<sup>h</sup> UT), time of transit at the Greenwich meridian (Tran), and visual magnitude (Mag) have been tabulated for seven planets for the 1st, 11th, and 21st day of each month. Unless noted otherwise, the descriptive comments about the planets apply to the middle of the month. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude 45°N.

*The Sun*—Data concerning the position, transit, orientation, rotation, activity, rise, and set of the Sun appear in the section beginning on page 54. For detailed information on solar eclipses during the year, see the section beginning on page 82.

**M** *The Moon*—Its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets are given in the monthly tables. The perigee and apogee distances are taken from *Astronomical Tables of the Sun, Moon, and Planets* by Jean Meeus (Willmann-Bell, 1983). For times of moonrise and moonset, see p. 68.

*Elongation, Age and Phase of the Moon*—The *elongation* is the angular distance of the Moon from the Sun in degrees, counted eastward around the sky. Thus, elongations of 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270° correspond to new, first quarter, full, and last quarter moon. The *age* of the Moon is the time since the new moon phase. Because the Moon's orbital motion is not uniform, the age of the Moon does not accurately specify its phase. The Moon's elongation increases on the average by 12.2° per day, first quarter, full and last quarter phases corresponding approximately to 7.4, 14.8 and 22.1 days respectively.

*The Sun's selenographic colongitude* is essentially a convenient way of indicating the position of the sunrise terminator as it moves across the face of the Moon. It provides an accurate method of recording the exact conditions of illumination (angle of illumination), and makes it possible to observe the Moon under exactly the same lighting conditions at a later date. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is numerically equal to the selenographic longitude of the sunrise terminator reckoned eastward from the mean centre of the disk. Its value increases at the rate of nearly 12.2° per day or about ½° per hour; it is approximately 270°, 0°, 90° and 180° at New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon and Last Quarter respectively. Values of the Sun's selenographic colongitude are given on the following pages for the first day of each month.

Sunrise will occur at a given point *east* of the central meridian of the Moon when the Sun's selenographic colongitude is equal to the eastern selenographic longitude of the point; at a point *west* of the central meridian when the Sun's selenographic colongitude is equal to 360° minus the western selenographic longitude of the point. The longitude of the sunset terminator differs by 180° from that of the sunrise terminator.

*Libration* is the shifting, or rather apparent shifting, of the visible disk of the Moon. Sometimes the observer sees features farther around the eastern or the western limb (libration in longitude), or the northern or southern limb (libration in latitude). When the libration in longitude is positive, the mean central point of the disk of the Moon is displaced eastward on the celestial sphere, exposing to view a region on the west limb. When the libration in latitude is positive, the mean central point of the disk of the Moon is displaced towards the south, and a region on the north limb is exposed to view.

The dates of the greatest positive and negative values of the libration in longitude and latitude are given in the following pages, as are the dates of greatest positive and negative declination.

*The Moon's Orbit.* In 1987, the ascending node of the Moon's orbit regresses from longitude 16.5° to 357.2° (in Pisces throughout the year). As a result of the passage of the ascending node through the vernal equinox, the Moon attains its maximum possible northerly (+29°) and southerly (−29°) declination during the year. This last occurred in 1969.

*The Planets*—Further information in regard to the planets, including Pluto, is found on pp. 102–119. For the configurations of Jupiter's four Galilean satellites, see the monthly tables. In these diagrams, the central vertical band represents the equatorial diameter of the disk of Jupiter. Time is shown by the vertical scale, each horizontal line denoting 0<sup>h</sup> Universal Time. (Be sure to convert to U.T. before using these diagrams.) The relative positions of the satellites at any time with respect to the disk of Jupiter are given by the four labelled curves (I, II, III, IV) (see p. 10 for the key to these Roman numerals). In constructing these diagrams, the positions of the satellites in the direction perpendicular to the equator of Jupiter are necessarily neglected. Note that the orientation is for an inverting telescope. Similar diagrams for the four brightest satellites of Saturn appear on pages 133–136. For the various transits, occultations, and eclipses of Jupiter's satellites, see p. 120.

*Minima of Algol*—The times of mid-eclipse are given in the monthly tables and are calculated from the ephemeris: heliocentric minimum = 2440953.4657 + 2.8673075 E, and are expressed as geocentric times, for comparison with observations. (The first number in the equation is the Julian date corresponding to 1971 Jan. 1.9657, an Algol minimum. The second number is the period of Algol in days, and E is an integer.) We thank Roger W. Sinnott of *Sky and Telescope* for providing these times.

*Occultations of Stars and Planets*—For information about occultations of stars and planets visible in North America, see pp. 90–101 and 140.

## ANNIVERSARIES AND FESTIVALS 1987

New Year's Day . . . . .	Thur. Jan. 1	Whit Sunday — Pentecost . . . . .	June 7
Epiphany . . . . .	Tues. Jan. 6	Trinity Sunday . . . . .	June 14
M. L. King's Birthday (U.S.) . . . . .	Mon. Jan. 19	Father's Day . . . . .	Sun. June 21
Lincoln's Birthday (U.S.) . . . . .	Thur. Feb. 12	Saint-Jean-Baptiste (P.Q.) . . . . .	Wed. June 24
Valentine's Day . . . . .	Sat. Feb. 14	Canada Day . . . . .	Wed. July 1
Washington's Birthday (U.S.) . . . . .	Mon. Feb. 16	Independence Day (U.S.) . . . . .	Sat. July 4
St. David (Wales) . . . . .	Sun. Mar. 1	AGAA Congress (Québec City) . . . . .	July 10 - 12
Ash Wednesday . . . . .	Mar. 4	Civic Holiday (Canada) . . . . .	Mon. Aug. 3
St. Patrick (Ireland) . . . . .	Tues. Mar. 17	Islamic New Year . . . . .	Wed. Aug. 26
Palm Sunday . . . . .	Apr. 12	Labour Day . . . . .	Mon. Sept. 7
First Day of Passover . . . . .	Tues. Apr. 14	Jewish New Year . . . . .	Thur. Sept. 24
Good Friday . . . . .	Apr. 17	Day of Atonement . . . . .	Sat. Oct. 3
Easter Sunday . . . . .	Apr. 19	First Day of Tabernacles . . . . .	Thur. Oct. 8
Birthday of Queen Elizabeth . . . . .	Tues. Apr. 21	Thanksgiving Day (Canada) . . . . .	Mon. Oct. 12
St. George (England) . . . . .	Thur. Apr. 23	Columbus Day (U.S.) . . . . .	Mon. Oct. 12
First Day of Ramadan . . . . .	Thur. Apr. 30	Halloween . . . . .	Sat. Oct. 31
Astronomy Day . . . . .	Sat. May 9	General Election Day (U.S.) . . . . .	Tues. Nov. 3
Mother's Day . . . . .	Sun. May 10	Remembrance Day (Canada) . . . . .	Wed. Nov. 11
R.A.S.C. GA (Toronto) . . . . .	May 15 - 18	Veterans' Day (U.S.) . . . . .	Wed. Nov. 11
Victoria Day (Canada) . . . . .	Mon. May 18	Thanksgiving Day (U.S.) . . . . .	Thur. Nov. 26
Memorial Day (U.S.) . . . . .	Mon. May 25	First Sunday in Advent . . . . .	Nov. 29
Ascension Day . . . . .	Thur. May 28	St. Andrew (Scotland) . . . . .	Mon. Nov. 30
Feast of Weeks . . . . .	Wed. June 3	Christmas Day . . . . .	Fri. Dec. 25

1987 and 1988 calendars are on the inside back cover.

## THE SKY FOR JANUARY 1987

		Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
RA	1	18 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>
	11	19 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>
	21	20 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>
Dec	1	-24°34'	-15°14'	-2°31'	-6°03'	-21°10'	-23°24'	-22°19'
	11	-23°56'	-17°14'	+0°27'	-5°22'	-21°17'	-23°26'	-22°18'
	21	-20°50'	-19°02'	+3°24'	-4°36'	-21°22'	-23°27'	-22°17'
M Tran	1	11 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup>
	11	12 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup>
	21	12 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>
Mag	1	-0.8	-4.6	+0.6	-2.3	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0
	11	-1.2	-4.5	+0.7	-2.2	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0
	21	-1.2	-4.4	+0.8	-2.2	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0

*The Moon*—On Jan. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 0.9 day. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 280.21° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Jan. 5 (8°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Jan. 22 (7°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Jan. 27 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Jan. 14 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Jan. 13 (+28°) and its greatest southern declination on Jan. 27 (-28°). Note that, because the ascending node of the Moon's orbit passes through the vernal equinox in 1987, the Moon reaches particularly high and low declinations during the year.

*Mercury* is not visible this month. It is in superior conjunction on Jan. 12.

*Venus* rises about 3 h before the Sun, and stands about 25° above the horizon, to the east of south, at sunrise. It is at greatest elongation west (47°) and also 8° north of Antares on Jan. 15. On Jan. 24, it is 1.8° north of Saturn, and on Jan. 31, it is 3° north of Uranus, providing a convenient opportunity to look for this fainter planet. Venus is at its brightest in 1987 at the beginning of January (-4.6). Its brightness declines during the winter to about -4.0, and remains near this level for the rest of the year.

*Mars*, in Pisces, is well up in the southern sky at sunset. It sets about 6 h later. Early in the month, it passes the vernal equinox, which is south of the east side of the Great Square of Pegasus. See also *Jupiter* below.

*Jupiter*, in Aquarius, is well up in the southern sky at sunset. It sets about 6 h later. It is slightly south and west of Mars in the sky. Mars is redder, and much fainter. Early in the month, the Moon passes these planets in its eastward motion.

*Saturn* rises about 1.5 h before the Sun, and may be seen with difficulty, low in the southeast, at sunrise. It is in Ophiuchus throughout the year, between Antares and the teapot of Sagittarius. Saturn and Antares are similar in brightness, but Antares is redder. Venus passes 1.8° north of Saturn on Jan. 24. The waning crescent Moon is visible in this part of the sky for a few days around this same time.

*Uranus*: Venus passes 3° north of Uranus on Jan. 31.



1987		JANUARY UNIVERSAL TIME		Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	d 0.0 WEST EAST 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0 10.0 11.0 12.0 13.0 14.0 15.0 16.0 17.0 18.0 19.0 20.0 21.0 22.0 23.0 24.0 25.0 26.0 27.0 28.0 29.0 30.0 31.0 32.0
Thu.	1			12 50	
Fri.	2				
Sat.	3	12	Juno in conjunction		
Sun.	4	00	Quadrantid meteors	09 39	
		19	Jupiter 1.3° N. of Moon		
		23	Earth at perihelion (147 099 590 km)		
Mon.	5	12	Mars 1.4° N. of Moon		
Tue.	6	22 34	☾ First Quarter		
Wed.	7			06 28	
Thu.	8				
Fri.	9				
Sat.	10			03 18	
Sun.	11				
Mon.	12	17	Mercury in superior conjunction		
Tue.	13	05	Moon at apogee (406 400 km)	00 07	
Wed.	14				
Thu.	15	02 30	☾ Full Moon	20 56	
		21	Venus at greatest elong. W. (47°)		
		21	Venus 8° N. of Antares		
Fri.	16				
Sat.	17				
Sun.	18			17 45	
Mon.	19				
Tue.	20		Mercury at greatest hel. lat. S. Venus at greatest hel. lat. N.		
Wed.	21			14 34	
Thu.	22	22 45	☾ Last Quarter		
Fri.	23				
Sat.	24	20	Venus 1.8° N. of Saturn Mars at ascending node	11 24	
Sun.	25	14	Antares 0.4° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		
Mon.	26	05	Saturn 6° N. of Moon Venus 8° N. of Moon Uranus 5° N. of Moon		
		16	Neptune 6° N. of Moon		
Tue.	27	10	Moon at perigee (358 894 km)	08 13	
Wed.	28	11	☾ New Moon		
Thu.	29	13 44			
Fri.	30			05 02	
Sat.	31	17	Venus 3° N. of Uranus		

<sup>1</sup>Visible from Central America, N. of S. America

## THE SKY FOR FEBRUARY 1987

		Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
<b>RA</b>	1	21 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>
	11	22 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>
	21	22 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Dec</b>	1	-14°32'	-20°26'	+6°33'	-3°42'	-21°27'	-23°29'	-22°15'
	11	-7°25'	-20°57'	+9°19'	-2°50'	-21°30'	-23°30'	-22°14'
	21	-3°28'	-20°35'	+11°57'	-1°55'	-21°33'	-23°31'	-22°13'
<b>M</b> <b>Tran</b>	1	13 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>
	11	13 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>
	21	12 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Mag</b>	1	-1.0	-4.3	+1.0	-2.1	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0
	11	-0.6	-4.3	+1.1	-2.1	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0
	21	+1.8	-4.2	+1.2	-2.1	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0

*The Moon*—On Feb. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 2.4 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 297.17° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Feb. 3 (7°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Feb. 18 (6°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Feb. 24 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Feb. 10 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Feb. 9 (+28°) and its greatest southern declination on Feb. 23 (-28°). Note the occultation of Spica by the Moon on Feb. 18.

*Mercury* is visible in the first half of the month, low in the west after sunset. It is at greatest elongation east (18°) on Feb. 12. Although this elongation is relatively small, it is favourable for observers in mid-northern latitudes because of the steep inclination of the ecliptic to the horizon. By Feb. 27, the planet is in inferior conjunction, and is no longer visible.

*Venus* rises about 2.5 h before the Sun, and stands about 20° above the southeastern horizon by sunrise. It passes 1.3° north of Neptune on Feb. 11.

*Mars*, in Pisces, is well up in the southwest at sunset. It sets about 5 h later.

*Jupiter* moves from Aquarius into Pisces early in the month. It is low in the southwest at sunset, and sets about 3.5 h later. Early in the month, the Moon passes Mars and Jupiter in its eastward motion.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, rises about 3 h before the Sun, and stands about 21° above the southeastern horizon at sunrise.

*Neptune*: Venus passes 1.3° north of Neptune on Feb. 11.

1987		FEBRUARY UNIVERSAL TIME		Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
d	h m			h m	<sup>d</sup> 0.0 WEST EAST
Sun.	1	14	Jupiter 0.7° N. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		0.0
Mon.	2			01 52	1.0
Tue.	3	11	Mars 0.3° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>		2.0
Wed.	4			22 41	3.0
Thu.	5	16 21	☾ First Quarter		4.0
Fri.	6			19 30	5.0
Sat.	7				6.0
Sun.	8		Mercury at ascending node		7.0
Mon.	9	16	Moon at apogee (405 715 km)		8.0
Tue.	10			16 20	9.0
Wed.	11	13	Venus 1.3° N. of Neptune		10.0
Thu.	12	05	Mercury at greatest elong. E. (18°)		11.0
Fri.	13	20 58	☉ Full Moon Mercury at perihelion	13 09	12.0
Sat.	14				13.0
Sun.	15				14.0
Mon.	16	11	Pluto stationary	09 58	15.0
Tue.	17				16.0
Wed.	18	02	Mercury stationary		17.0
Thu.	19	12	Spica 1.1° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>3</sup>	06 47	18.0
Fri.	20				19.0
Sat.	21	08 56	☾ Last Quarter		20.0
Sun.	22	16	Antares 0.2° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>4</sup>	03 37	21.0
Mon.	23	02	Saturn 6° N. of Moon		22.0
		20	Uranus 5° N. of Moon		23.0
			Neptune 6° N. of Moon		24.0
			Mercury at greatest hel. lat. N.		25.0
Tue.	24	19	Venus 7° N. of Moon		26.0
Wed.	25	16	Moon at perigee (363 778 km)	00 26	27.0
Thu.	26				28.0
Fri.	27	18	Mercury in inferior conjunction	21 15	29.0
Sat.	28	00 51	☾ New Moon		30.0
					31.0
					32.0

<sup>1</sup>Visible from the extreme S. of S. America, Antarctica, S. of Africa, Madagascar

<sup>2</sup>Visible from E. Africa, Madagascar, S. Arabia, S. Asia except S.E., Japan

<sup>3</sup>Visible from N. America

<sup>4</sup>Visible from S.E. Asia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, S.W. Pacific

## THE SKY FOR MARCH 1987

	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
RA	1	22 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>
	11	22 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	20 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>
	21	22 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	21 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>
Dec	1	-5°27'	-19°37'	+13°55'	-1°10'	-21°34'	-23°31'	-22°13'
	11	-9°42'	-17°35'	+16°13'	-0°13'	-21°35'	-23°32'	-22°12'
	21	-10°48'	-14°43'	+18°16'	+0°44'	-21°35'	-23°32'	-22°11'
Tran	1	11 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup>
	11	10 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>
	21	10 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>
Mag	1	+4.4	-4.1	+1.2	-2.1	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0
	11	+1.4	-4.1	+1.3	-2.0	+0.5	+5.6	+8.0
	21	+0.5	-4.0	+1.4	-2.0	+0.4	+5.6	+7.9

*The Moon*—On Mar. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 1.0 day. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 277.79° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Mar. 3 (6°) and Mar. 30 (5°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Mar. 16 (5°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Mar. 23 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Mar. 9 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Mar. 8 (+29°) and its greatest southern declination on Mar. 22 (-29°).

*Mercury* reaches greatest elongation west (28°) on Mar. 26. Although this elongation is exceptionally large, it is quite unfavourable for northern observers, because of the shallow inclination of the ecliptic to the eastern horizon. As a result, the planet stands only 10° above the horizon at sunrise.

*Venus* rises about 1.5 h before the Sun, and stands about 13° above the southeastern horizon at sunrise. Like Mercury, its elongation from the Sun is large, but celestial geometry conspires to make the planet difficult to see.

*Mars*, now in Aries, is well up in the southwest at sunset, and sets about 4 h later.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, is visible at the beginning of the month, very low in the west at sunset. It sets about 1.5 h later. By the end of the month, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and is no longer visible.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, rises about 4 h before the Sun, and is well up in the southern sky by sunrise. It is stationary on Mar. 31, after which it begins retrograde (westward) motion.

1987			MARCH UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	<sup>d</sup> WEST EAST
Sun.	1	12	Jupiter 0.005° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		
Mon.	2			18 05	
Tue.	3				
Wed.	4	11	Mars 1.9° S. of Moon		
Thu.	5			14 54	
Fri.	6				
Sat.	7	11 58	☾ First Quarter		
Sun.	8			11 43	
Mon.	9	10	Moon at apogee (404 778 km)		
Tue.	10				
Wed.	11			08 33	
Thu.	12	01	Mercury stationary		
Fri.	13				
Sat.	14			05 22	
Sun.	15	13 13	☽ Full Moon		
Mon.	16				
Tue.	17	18	Spica 1.0° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>		
Wed.	18		Venus at descending node		
Thu.	19		Mercury at descending node		
Fri.	20			23 00	
Sat.	21	03	Antares 0.1° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>3</sup>		
		03 52	Vernal equinox; spring begins		
		23	Saturn 7° N. of Moon		
Sun.	22	08	Uranus 5° N. of Moon		
		16 22	☾ Last Quarter		
Mon.	23	03	Neptune 6° N. of Moon		
Tue.	24	19	Moon at perigee (368 977 km)		
Wed.	25			16 39	
Thu.	26	12	Venus 3° N. of Moon		
		21	Mercury at greatest elong. W. (28°)		
Fri.	27	01	Jupiter in conjunction		
		08	Mercury 1.6° N. of Moon		
Sat.	28			13 28	
Sun.	29	12 46	☽ New Moon; eclipse of Sun (page 82)		
			Mercury at aphelion		
Mon.	30				
Tue.	31	06	Saturn stationary		
		11	Pallas stationary		

<sup>1</sup>Visible from the extreme E. of S. America, S. Atlantic, central and N.E. Africa, Arabia, S.W. Asia

<sup>2</sup>Visible from N.E. Asia and Japan

<sup>3</sup>Visible from W. and S. of Africa, Madagascar, Indian Ocean

## THE SKY FOR APRIL 1987

		Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
RA	1	23 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>	22 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	
	11	23 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	
	21	0 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	
Dec	1	-8°17'	-10°46'	+20°14'	+1°48'	-21°34'	-23°32'	-22°10'	
	11	-3°27'	-6°38'	+21°43'	+2°44'	-21°33'	-23°32'	-22°10'	
	21	+3°18'	-2°10'	+22°54'	+3°40'	-21°31'	-23°32'	-22°10'	
M	Tran	1	10 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup>
		11	10 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup>
		21	11 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>
Mag	1	+0.2	-4.0	+1.5	-2.0	+0.4	+5.6	+7.9	
	11	-0.1	-4.0	+1.5	-2.0	+0.3	+5.6	+7.9	
	21	-0.6	-3.9	+1.6	-2.1	+0.2	+5.6	+7.9	

*The Moon*—On Apr. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 2.5 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 295.44° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Apr. 26 (5°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Apr. 12 (6°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Apr. 19 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Apr. 5 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Apr. 5 (+29°) and its greatest southern declination on Apr. 18 (-29°). There is a penumbral eclipse of the Moon on Apr. 14, and an occultation of Venus by the Moon on Apr. 25.

*Mercury* is too low in the sky to be seen during this month by observers in mid-northern latitudes.

*Venus* rises about 1.5 h before the Sun, and stands about 10° above the eastern horizon at sunrise. It may be seen if horizon conditions permit. There is an occultation of Venus by the Moon on Apr. 25, visible from North America.

*Mars*, in Taurus, is still well up in the west at sunset, a few degrees to the north of Aldebaran. It sets about 3.5 h later. It passes 6° north of Aldebaran on Apr. 21. Early in the month, the Moon joins Mars, Aldebaran and the other winter stars and constellations setting in the western sky in the early evening.

*Jupiter* is not visible this month.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, rises about 5 h before the Sun, and is west of south by sunrise.

*Pluto* is at opposition on Apr. 29, at a distance of 4.297 billion km (3.98 light-hours) from Earth.

1987		APRIL UNIVERSAL TIME		Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
d	h m			h m	<sup>d</sup> 0.0 WEST EAST
Wed.	1 04	Uranus stationary			
Thu.	2 09	Mars 3° S. of Moon			
Fri.	3			07 06	
Sat.	4				
Sun.	5				
Mon.	6 07	Moon at apogee (404 318 km)		03 56	
	07 48	☾ First Quarter			
Tue.	7				
Wed.	8				
Thu.	9 23	Neptune stationary		00 45	
Fri.	10				
Sat.	11			21 34	
Sun.	12				
Mon.	13				
Tue.	14 02	Spica 1.0° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		18 23	
	02 31	☉ Full Moon; eclipse of Moon, pg. 83			
Wed.	15				
Thu.	16				
Fri.	17 09	Antares 0.1° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>		15 12	
Sat.	18 05	Saturn 7° N. of Moon			
	14	Uranus 5° N. of Moon			
	17	Moon at perigee (368 642 km)			
		Mercury at greatest hel. lat. S.			
Sun.	19 08	Neptune 6° N. of Moon			
	12	Mercury 1.4° S. of Jupiter			
Mon.	20 22 15	☾ Last Quarter		12 01	
Tue.	21 12	Mars 6° N. of Aldebaran			
		Venus at aphelion			
		Lyrid meteors			
Wed.	22 21				
Thu.	23			08 50	
Fri.	24				
Sat.	25 12	Venus 1.0° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>3</sup>			
Sun.	26 06	Jupiter 1.4° S. of Moon		05 39	
Mon.	27				
Tue.	28 01 34	☉ New Moon			
Wed.	29 10	Pluto at opposition (mag. +13.7)		02 28	
Thu.	30 17	Ceres stationary			

<sup>1</sup>Visible from Greenland, Iceland, Scandinavia, W. Europe, N. Africa

<sup>2</sup>Visible from S.E. Pacific, most of S. America

<sup>3</sup>Visible from Central America, E. of N. America, Greenland, Iceland, N. Scandinavia

## THE SKY FOR MAY 1987

		Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
<b>RA</b>	1	2 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>
	11	3 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>
	21	4 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Dec</b>	1	+11°22'	+2°27'	+23°46'	+4°33'	-21°29'	-23°32'	-22°10'
	11	+19°21'	+7°03'	+24°18'	+5°25'	-21°26'	-23°32'	-22°10'
	21	+24°30'	+11°25'	+24°31'	+6°13'	-21°23'	-23°31'	-22°11'
<b>Tran</b>	1	11 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>
	11	12 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>
	21	13 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Mag</b>	1	-1.4	-3.9	+1.6	-2.1	+0.2	+5.6	+7.9
	11	-1.9	-3.9	+1.7	-2.1	+0.2	+5.5	+7.9
	21	-0.9	-3.9	+1.7	-2.1	+0.1	+5.5	+7.9

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*The Moon*—On May 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 2.9 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 301.38° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on May 22 (6°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on May 10 (6°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on May 16 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on May 3 (7°) and May 30 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on May 2 (+29°) and May 29 (+29°) and its greatest southern declination on May 16 (-29°).

*Mercury* is not visible early in the month. It passes through superior conjunction on May 7. Late in the month, however, it stands nearly 20° above the western horizon at sunset, as it approaches a very favourable greatest elongation east. The waxing crescent Moon passes Mercury at the end of the month.

*Venus* rises shortly before the Sun and, by sunrise, it is still too low to be easily seen. Venus passes 0.6° south of Jupiter on May 4.

*Mars*, in Taurus, stands about 25° above the western horizon at sunset. It sets about 2.5 h later.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, is very low in the east at sunrise – probably too low to be seen. See also *Venus* above.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, is nearing opposition. It rises in the early evening, and is low in the southwest at sunrise.



1987			MAY UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	d WEST EAST
Fri.	1	07	Mars 4° S. of Moon	23 18	0.0
Sat.	2				1.0
Sun.	3				2.0
Mon.	4	02	Moon at apogee (404 699 km)	20 07	3.0
		22	Venus 0.6° S. of Jupiter		4.0
Tue.	5	01	η Aquarid meteors		5.0
Wed.	6	02 26	☾ First Quarter		6.0
Thu.	7	10	Mercury in superior conjunction Mercury at ascending node	16 56	7.0
Fri.	8				8.0
Sat.	9				9.0
Sun.	10				10.0
Mon.	11	11	Spica 1.0° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>	13 44	11.0
Tue.	12		Mercury at perihelion		12.0
Wed.	13	03	Pallas at opposition (mag. +8.7)	10 33	13.0
		12 50	☾ Full Moon		14.0
			Venus at greatest hel. lat. S.		15.0
Thu.	14	17	Antares 0.2° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>		16.0
Fri.	15	11	Saturn 6° N. of Moon		17.0
		20	Uranus 5° N. of Moon		18.0
		23	Moon at perigee (363 624 km)		19.0
			Jupiter at greatest hel. lat. S.		20.0
			Neptune 6° N. of Moon	07 22	21.0
Sat.	16	14			22.0
Sun.	17				23.0
Mon.	18	22	Mercury 7° N. of Aldebaran		24.0
Tue.	19				25.0
Wed.	20	04 02	☾ Last Quarter	04 11	26.0
Thu.	21				27.0
Fri.	22		Mercury at greatest hel. lat. N.	01 00	28.0
Sat.	23				29.0
Sun.	24	00	Jupiter 2° S. of Moon	21 49	30.0
Mon.	25	16	Venus 4° S. of Moon		31.0
Tue.	26				32.0
Wed.	27	15 13	☾ New Moon	18 38	
Thu.	28	04	Vesta in conjunction		
Fri.	29	13	Mercury 3° S. of Moon		
Sat.	30	02	Mars 4° S. of Moon	15 27	
Sun.	31	18	Moon at apogee (405 626 km)		

<sup>1</sup>Visible from N.E. Asia, Alaska, N.E. Pacific, Hawaii

<sup>2</sup>Visible from India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, New Guinea, Australia

## THE SKY FOR JUNE 1987

	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
RA	1	6 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>
	11	6 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>
	21	7 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>
Dec	1	+25°32'	+15°45'	+24°21'	+7°02'	-21°20'	-23°31'	-22°11'
	11	+23°40'	+19°01'	+23°52'	+7°43'	-21°16'	-23°30'	-22°12'
	21	+20°52'	+21°29'	+23°05'	+8°20'	-21°13'	-23°29'	-22°13'
M Tran	1	13 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup>
	11	13 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>
	21	13 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>
Mag	1	0.0	-3.9	+1.8	-2.2	0.0	+5.5	+7.9
	11	+0.9	-3.9	+1.8	-2.2	0.0	+5.5	+7.9
	21	+2.2	-3.9	+1.8	-2.3	+0.1	+5.5	+7.9

*The Moon*—On June 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 4.4 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 319.98° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on June 19 (7°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on June 7 (7°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on June 13 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on June 26 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on June 25 (+28°) and its greatest southern declination on June 12 (-28°).

*Mercury* is visible in the evening sky during the first half of the month. Greatest elongation east (24°) occurs on June 7, and this is a favourable elongation: the planet stands about 20° above the western horizon at sunset. Note that Mars is also visible in the western sky at this time, along with Castor and Pollux. Mars is slightly further east than Mercury, and much fainter.

*Venus* continues to move slowly toward superior conjunction. It rises about an hour before the Sun, and may be seen with difficulty about 10° above the eastern horizon at sunrise. Binoculars will help.

*Mars*, in Gemini, is low in the evening sky. At sunset, it stands about 15° above the horizon, north of west. It sets about 2 h later. It forms an interesting grouping with Mercury, Castor and Pollux (see *Mercury* above), and is 6° south of Pollux on June 27. During the month, watch its motion relative to Castor and Pollux.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, rises about 2 h before the Sun, and stands about 20° above the eastern horizon at sunrise.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, is at opposition on June 9, at a distance of 1.348 billion km (1.25 light-hours) from Earth. It rises at about sunset, and sets at about sunrise.

*Uranus* is at opposition on June 16, at a distance of 2.722 billion km (2.52 light-hours) from Earth.

*Neptune* is at opposition on June 28, at a distance of 4.371 billion km (4.05 light-hours) from Earth.

1987			JUNE UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	d 0.0 WEST EAST 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0 10.0 11.0 12.0 13.0 14.0 15.0 16.0 17.0 18.0 19.0 20.0 21.0 22.0 23.0 24.0 25.0 26.0 27.0 28.0 29.0 30.0 31.0 32.0
Mon.	1				
Tue.	2			12 16	
Wed.	3				
Thu.	4	18 53	☾ First Quarter		
Fri.	5			09 05	
Sat.	6				
Sun.	7	10 21	Mercury at greatest elong. E. (24°) Spica 0.9° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		
Mon.	8			05 53	
Tue.	9	05	Saturn at opposition (mag. 0.0)		
Wed.	10				
Thu.	11	03 17 20 49	Antares 0.2° S. Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup> Saturn 6° N. of Moon ☾ Full Moon	02 42	
Fri.	12	04 23	Uranus 5° N. of Moon Neptune 6° N. of Moon		
Sat.	13	01	Moon at perigee (359 221 km)	23 31	
Sun.	14				
Mon.	15		Mercury at descending node		
Tue.	16	10	Uranus at opposition (mag. +5.5)	20 20	
Wed.	17				
Thu.	18	11 02	☾ Last Quarter		
Fri.	19	16	Venus 5° N. of Aldebaran	17 08	
Sat.	20	11 16	Ceres at opposition (mag. +6.9) Jupiter 3° S. of Moon		
		17	Mercury stationary		
Sun.	21	22 11	Summer solstice; summer begins		
Mon.	22			13 57	
Tue.	23				
Wed.	24	20	Venus 5° S. of Moon		
Thu.	25		Mercury at aphelion	10 46	
Fri.	26	05 37	☾ New Moon		
Sat.	27	09 21	Mars 6° S. of Pollux Mars 4° S. of Moon		
Sun.	28	04 21	Moon at apogee (406 428 km) Neptune at opposition (mag. +7.9)	07 35	
Mon.	29				
Tue.	30				

<sup>1</sup>Visible from Greenland, Iceland, Scandinavia, Europe, N. Africa

<sup>2</sup>Visible from Central America, most of S. America

## THE SKY FOR JULY 1987

	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune		
RA	1	6 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	
	11	6 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	
	21	6 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>	
Dec	1	+18°44'	+22°58'	+22°01'	+8°51'	-21°10'	-23°28'	-22°14'	
	11	+18°25'	+23°22'	+20°41'	+9°18'	-21°08'	-23°27'	-22°15'	
	21	+19°54'	+22°37'	+19°06'	+9°38'	-21°06'	-23°26'	-22°16'	
M	Tran	1	12 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	7 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup>	22 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>	22 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>
		11	11 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	21 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	22 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>
		21	10 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	21 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	21 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	22 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>
Mag	1	+4.6	-3.9	+1.8	-2.3	+0.1	+5.5	+7.9	
	11	+3.3	-3.9	+1.8	-2.4	+0.2	+5.5	+7.9	
	21	+1.0	-3.9	+1.8	-2.4	+0.2	+5.6	+7.9	

*The Moon*—On July 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 4.8 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 326.60° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on July 17 (8°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on July 5 (8°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on July 10 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on July 23 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on July 23 (+28°) and its greatest southern declination on July 10 (-28°).

*Mercury* is not visible early in the month. It is in inferior conjunction on July 4. By July 25, it is at greatest elongation west (20°), but this is not a particularly favourable elongation: the planet stands only about 12° above the eastern horizon at sunrise. One reason is because it is well south of the ecliptic at the time. Note, for instance, that it is 5° south of Venus on July 12.

*Venus* rises about an hour before the Sun, and *may* be seen with great difficulty at sunrise, about 8° above the eastern horizon.

*Mars* is approaching conjunction, and is not visible this month.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, rises about 4 h before the Sun, and is well up in the south-east at sunrise.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, is rising in the southeast at sunset, and sets about 6 h later.

1987			JULY UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	<sup>d</sup> 0.0 WEST EAST
Wed.	1			04 23	
Thu.	2				1.0
Fri.	3				2.0
Sat.	4	01 04	Earth at aphelion (152 101 840 km)	01 12	3.0 IV III II I
		08 34	Mercury in inferior conjunction		4.0
Sun.	5	06	☾ First Quarter		5.0
Mon.	6		Spica 0.6° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>	22 00	6.0
Tue.	7				7.0
Wed.	8	12 14	Juno stationary		8.0
			Antares 0.1° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>		9.0
Thu.	9	01 13	Saturn 6° N. of Moon	18 49	10.0
			Uranus 5° N. of Moon		11.0
Fri.	10	08	Venus at ascending node		12.0
			Neptune 6° N. of Moon		13.0
Sat.	11	03 33	Jupiter at perihelion		14.0
		10	☽ Full Moon		15.0
			Moon at perigee (357 042 km)		16.0
Sun.	12	01 19	Mercury 5° S. of Venus	15 38	17.0 III II I IV
			Pallas stationary		18.0
Mon.	13				19.0
Tue.	14				20.0
Wed.	15	06	Mercury stationary	12 26	21.0
			Mercury at greatest hel. lat. S.		22.0
Thu.	16				23.0
Fri.	17	20 17	☾ Last Quarter		24.0
Sat.	18	05	Jupiter 4° S. of Moon	09 15	25.0 III IV I II
Sun.	19				26.0
Mon.	20				27.0
Tue.	21			06 04	28.0 III II I IV
Wed.	22				29.0
Thu.	23				30.0
Fri.	24	00 04	Mercury 8° S. of Moon	02 52	31.0
			Pluto stationary		32.0
Sat.	25	08 10	Moon at apogee (406 620 km)		
			Mercury at greatest elong. W. (20°)		
		20 37	☽ New Moon		
Sun.	26			23 41	
Mon.	27				
Tue.	28		Mars at greatest hel. lat. N.		
Wed.	29	03	S. δ Aquarid meteors	20 29	
Thu.	30				
Fri.	31				

<sup>1</sup>Visible from N.E. Asia, Japan, N. Pacific, Hawaii

<sup>2</sup>Visible from S. India, Sri Lanka, Sumatra, Australia, S. of New Guinea

## THE SKY FOR AUGUST 1987

		Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
	RA	1	7 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	8 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>
		11	8 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>
		21	10 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>
	Dec	1	+21°21'	+20°31'	+17°07'	+9°54'	-21°06'	-23°25'	-22°17'
		11	+19°29'	+17°35'	+15°06'	+10°01'	-21°06'	-23°25'	-22°17'
		21	+13°45'	+13°49'	+12°57'	+10°01'	-21°08'	-23°24'	-22°18'
<b>M</b>	Tran	1	10 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	5 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup>	20 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	20 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	21 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>
		11	11 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>	4 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	20 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	21 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup>
		21	12 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	20 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>
	Mag	1	-0.6	-3.9	+1.8	-2.5	+0.3	+5.6	+7.9
		11	-1.4	-3.9	+1.8	-2.6	+0.3	+5.6	+7.9
		21	-1.8	-3.9	+1.7	-2.7	+0.4	+5.6	+7.9

*The Moon*—On Aug. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 6.1 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 345.48° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Aug. 14 (8°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Aug. 2 (8°) and Aug. 30 (7°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Aug. 6 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Aug. 19 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Aug. 19 (+29°) and its greatest southern declination on Aug. 6 (-28°). The Moon occults Spica on Aug. 28.

*Mercury* can be seen with great difficulty early in the month, very low in the east at sunrise. By mid-month, it is no longer visible: it is in superior conjunction on Aug. 20. It is 7° south of Pollux on Aug. 3.

*Venus* is not visible this month. It is in superior conjunction on Aug. 23.

*Mars* is not visible this month, being in conjunction on Aug. 25.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, rises about 6 h before the Sun, and is well up in the south at sunrise. It is stationary on Aug. 20, after which it begins retrograde (westward) motion.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, is well-placed for summer evening observing. It is low in the south at sunset, and sets about 5 h later. It is stationary on Aug. 19, then resumes direct (eastward) motion.

1987			AUGUST UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	$\delta$ WEST EAST
Sat.	1	13	Spica $0.3^\circ$ S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>	17 18	
Sun.	2	19 24	☾ First Quarter		
Mon.	3	15	Mercury $7^\circ$ S. of Pollux Mercury at ascending node		
Tue.	4	23	Antares $0.1^\circ$ N. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>	14 06	
Wed.	5	09	Saturn $6^\circ$ N. of Moon Ceres $0.7^\circ$ N. of Moon; occultation		
		22	Uranus $5^\circ$ N. of Moon Neptune $6^\circ$ N. of Moon		
Thu.	6	18			
Fri.	7			10 55	
Sat.	8	19	Moon at perigee (357 643 km) Mercury at perihelion		
Sun.	9	10 17	☉ Full Moon		
Mon.	10	14	Ceres stationary	07 44	
Tue.	11				
Wed.	12	18	Perseid meteors Venus at perihelion		
Thu.	13			04 32	
Fri.	14	16	Jupiter $4^\circ$ S. of Moon		
Sat.	15				
Sun.	16	08 25	☾ Last Quarter	01 21	
Mon.	17				
Tue.	18		Mercury at greatest hel. lat. N.	22 09	
Wed.	19	15	Saturn stationary		
Thu.	20	06	Mercury in superior conjunction Jupiter stationary		
		08	Moon at apogee (406 126 km)	18 58	
Fri.	21	14			
Sat.	22				
Sun.	23	06	Venus in superior conjunction Juno at opposition (mag. +8.4)		
		19			
Mon.	24	11 59	☾ New Moon	15 46	
Tue.	25	08	Mars in conjunction		
Wed.	26				
Thu.	27			12 35	
Fri.	28	19	Spica $0.2^\circ$ S. of Moon; occultation <sup>3</sup>		
Sat.	29				
Sun.	30			09 23	
Mon.	31				

<sup>1</sup>Visible from W. Europe, N.E. Africa, S.W. Asia, Malaysia, Indonesia

<sup>2</sup>Visible from S. of S. America, S. Atlantic, S.W. Africa

<sup>3</sup>Visible from S. of N. America, Central America, N. and E. of S. America

## THE SKY FOR SEPTEMBER 1987

	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
RA	1	11 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>
	11	12 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>
	21	13 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>
Dec	1	+5°26'	+8°58'	+10°24'	+9°54'	-21°11'	-23°24'	-22°19'
	11	-2°10'	+4°07'	+7°59'	+9°40'	-21°15'	-23°24'	-22°19'
	21	-9°04'	-0°57'	+5°30'	+9°20'	-21°20'	-23°25'	-22°20'
M Tran	1	12 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>
	11	13 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	2 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>
	21	13 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup>
Mag	1	-0.8	-3.9	+1.8	-2.7	+0.4	+5.6	+7.9
	11	-0.3	-3.9	+1.8	-2.8	+0.5	+5.6	+7.9
	21	-0.1	-3.9	+1.8	-2.9	+0.5	+5.7	+7.9

*The Moon*—On Sept. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 7.5 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 4.15° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Sept. 11 (7°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Sept. 26 (5°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Sept. 2 (7°) and Sept. 30 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Sept. 15 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Sept. 15 (+29°) and its greatest southern declination on Sept. 2 (-29°) and Sept. 29 (-29°). The Harvest Moon, the full moon which occurs closest in time to the autumnal equinox, occurs on Oct. 7, which is unusually late. This is because the autumnal equinox falls approximately half way between the dates of full moon in September and October.

*Mercury*, although it is approaching greatest elongation east by the end of the month, is not visible from mid-northern latitudes, because of the unfavourable inclination of the ecliptic to the western horizon.

*Venus* passed through superior conjunction last month, and is now moving into the evening sky. Like Mercury, however, it is not visible because of the unfavourable inclination of the ecliptic to the western horizon.

*Mars* passed through conjunction late last month, and is now moving into the morning sky, but is still too close to the Sun to be easily seen.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, rises shortly after sunset, and is still well up in the southwest at sunrise. Along with Saturn, it is well-placed for evening observing in the early autumn.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, is low in the southern sky at sunset, and sets about 4 h later.



1987			SEPTEMBER UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	<sup>d</sup> WEST EAST
Tue.	1	03 48	☾ First Quarter		
		06	Antares 0.3° N. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		
		14	Uranus stationary		
		16	Saturn 6° N. of Moon		
Wed.	2	05	Uranus 5° N. of Moon	06 12	
		06	Ceres 0.4° N. of Moon; occultation		
			Venus at greatest hel. lat. N.		
Thu.	3	01	Neptune 6° N. of Moon		
			Mars at aphelion		
Fri.	4				
Sat.	5			03 00	
Sun.	6	03	Moon at perigee (360 926 km)		
Mon.	7	18 13	☾ Full Moon	23 49	
Tue.	8				
Wed.	9				
Thu.	10			20 38	
Fri.	11	00	Jupiter 4° S. of Moon		
			Mercury at descending node		
Sat.	12				
Sun.	13			17 26	
Mon.	14	23 44	☾ Last Quarter		
Tue.	15				
Wed.	16			14 15	
Thu.	17	07	Neptune stationary		
Fri.	18	03	Moon at apogee (405 188 km)		
Sat.	19			11 03	
Sun.	20				
Mon.	21		Mercury at aphelion		
Tue.	22			07 52	
Wed.	23	03 08	☾ New Moon; eclipse of Sun, pg. 83.		
		13	Mercury 0.5° N. of Spica		
		13 45	Autumnal equinox; autumn begins		
Thu.	24				
Fri.	25	01	Spica 0.1° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>	04 41	
		05	Mercury 0.3° N. of Moon; occultation <sup>3</sup>		
Sat.	26				
Sun.	27				
Mon.	28	12	Antares 0.3° N. of Moon; occultation <sup>4</sup>	01 29	
Tue.	29	00	Saturn 6° N. of Moon		
		12	Uranus 5° N. of Moon		
		20	Ceres 0.2° N. of Moon; occultation		
Wed.	30	08	Neptune 6° N. of Moon	22 18	
		10 39	☾ First Quarter		

<sup>1</sup>Visible from Indonesia, Australasia

<sup>2</sup>Visible from Japan, N.W. and S. Pacific

<sup>3</sup>Visible from India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australasia

<sup>4</sup>Visible from S. of Africa, Madagascar, Indian Ocean, Australia

## THE SKY FOR OCTOBER 1987

	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
<b>RA</b>	1	13 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>
	11	14 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>
	21	14 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Dec</b>	1	-14°44'	-6°01'	+2°56'	+8°55'	-21°25'	-23°25'	-22°20'
	11	-18°24'	-10°52'	+0°21'	+8°27'	-21°32'	-23°26'	-22°20'
	21	-18°04'	-15°19'	-2°14'	+7°58'	-21°38'	-23°27'	-22°20'
<b>M</b> <b>Tran</b>	1	13 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>
	11	13 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup>	0 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup>
	21	12 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>	23 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Mag</b>	1	0.0	-3.9	+1.8	-2.9	+0.5	+5.7	+7.9
	11	+0.2	-3.9	+1.8	-2.9	+0.5	+5.7	+7.9
	21	+1.5	-3.9	+1.8	-2.9	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0

*The Moon*—On Oct. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 7.9 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 10.20° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Oct. 9 (6°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Oct. 22 (5°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Oct. 27 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Oct. 13 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Oct. 13 (+29°) and its greatest southern declination on Oct. 27 (-29°). There is a penumbral eclipse of the Moon on Oct. 7.

*Mercury* is at greatest elongation east (26°) on Oct. 4. This is nearly the maximum possible elongation of Mercury from the Sun. Because of the unfavourable inclination of the ecliptic to the western horizon, however, the planet is less than 10° above the horizon at sunset, and is therefore not easily visible. Mercury passes 3° south of Venus on Oct. 20, on its way to inferior conjunction on Oct. 28.

*Venus* stands about 5° above the western horizon at sunset, and sets shortly afterward; see also *Mercury* above. Venus passes 3° north of Spica on Oct. 4.

*Mars*, now in Virgo, rises about 1.5 h before the Sun, and is well up in the south-east by sunrise. The rapid appearance of Mars in the morning sky is a result of the favourable inclination of the ecliptic to the eastern horizon at sunrise.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, rises at sunset, and is visible all night. It is at opposition on Oct. 18, at a distance of 592 million km (33 light-minutes) from Earth.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, is very low in the southwest at sunset, and sets about 3 h later.

1987			OCTOBER UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	<sup>d</sup> WEST EAST
Thu.	1				
Fri.	2				
Sat.	3			19 07	
Sun.	4	01	Moon at perigee (366 025 km)		
		10	Mercury at greatest elong. E. (26°)		
		20	Venus 3° N. of Spica		
Mon.	5				
Tue.	6	05	Juno stationary	15 55	
Wed.	7	04 12	☾ Full Moon; Harvest Moon; Eclipse of Moon, pg. 83		
Thu.	8	05	Jupiter 4° S. of Moon		
Fri.	9			12 44	
Sat.	10				
Sun.	11		Mercury at greatest hel. lat. S.		
Mon.	12			09 33	
Tue.	13				
Wed.	14	18 06	☾ Last Quarter		
Thu.	15	21	Moon at apogee (404 425 km)	06 21	
Fri.	16	20	Mercury stationary		
Sat.	17				
Sun.	18	15	Jupiter at opposition (mag. -2.9)	03 10	
Mon.	19				
Tue.	20	01	Mercury 3° S. of Venus	23 59	
Wed.	21	04	Mars 1.7° N. of Moon		
		23	Orionid meteors		
Thu.	22	17 28	☾ New Moon		
Fri.	23			20 48	
Sat.	24	03	Venus 4° N. of Moon		
Sun.	25	18	Antares 0.2° N. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		
Mon.	26	09	Saturn 6° N. of Moon	17 36	
		19	Uranus 5° N. of Moon		
Tue.	27	14	Neptune 6° N. of Moon		
		15	Ceres 0.06° S. of Moon; occultation		
Wed.	28	08	Mercury in inferior conjunction		
			Venus at descending node		
Thu.	29	17 10	☽ First Quarter	14 25	
Fri.	30	03	Moon at perigee (370 090 km)		
			Mercury at ascending node		
Sat.	31				

<sup>1</sup>Visible from S. of S. America, S. Atlantic, S. W. Africa

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	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
<b>RA</b>	1	13 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>
	11	13 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup>	16 <sup>h</sup> 28 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 23 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>
	21	14 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Dec</b>	1	-11°06'	-19°28'	-5°03'	+7°27'	-21°45'	-23°29'	-22°20'
	11	-9°06'	-22°19'	-7°34'	+7°03'	-21°51'	-23°30'	-22°20'
	21	-13°18'	-24°07'	-10°00'	+6°44'	-21°57'	-23°31'	-22°19'
<b>M</b> <b>Tran</b>	1	11 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	22 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup>
	11	10 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	10 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup>	22 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup>
	21	10 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup>	21 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup>
<b>Mag</b>	1	+2.9	-3.9	+1.8	-2.9	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0
	11	-0.3	-3.9	+1.8	-2.9	+0.5	+5.7	+8.0
	21	-0.7	-3.9	+1.7	-2.8	+0.5	+5.8	+8.0

*The Moon*—On Nov. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 9.3 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 27.91° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Nov. 6 (5°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Nov. 18 (6°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Nov. 23 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Nov. 9 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Nov. 9 (+29°) and its greatest southern declination on Nov. 23 (-28°).

*Mercury* is visible around the middle of the month, low in the east just before sunrise. Greatest elongation west (19°) occurs on Nov. 13. Although this greatest elongation is smaller than average, two factors combine to make it a relatively favourable one: the steep angle between the ecliptic and the eastern horizon, and the location of the planet a few degrees north of the ecliptic. The waning crescent Moon passes Spica, Mars and Mercury on Nov. 18 to 20.

*Venus* stands less than 10° above the southwestern horizon at sunset, and sets shortly afterward. It passes 4° north of Antares on Nov. 11, 2° south of Saturn on Nov. 20, and 0.9° south of Uranus on Nov. 24.

*Mars*, in Virgo, rises about 2.5 h before the Sun, and stands about 25° above the southeastern horizon at sunrise. It passes 3° north of Spica on Nov. 12. See also *Mercury* above.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, is visible most of the night. It has just risen at sunset, and sets just before sunrise.

*Saturn*, in Ophiuchus, is rapidly closing in on the Sun. It may be seen with great difficulty early in the month, very low in the southwest at sunset. It sets about 2 h later. See also *Venus* above.

1987			NOVEMBER UNIVERSAL TIME	Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	<sup>d</sup> WEST EAST
Sun.	1			11 14	
Mon.	2	21	Pluto in conjunction		
Tue.	3		S. Taurid meteors		
Wed.	4	07	Jupiter 4° S. of Moon	08 03	
			Mercury at perihelion		
Thu.	5	16 46	☾ Full Moon; Hunters' Moon		
		23	Mercury stationary		
Fri.	6				
Sat.	7			04 51	
Sun.	8				
Mon.	9				
Tue.	10			01 40	
Wed.	11	04	Venus 4° N. of Antares		
Thu.	12	16	Mars 3° N. of Spica	22 29	
		18	Moon at apogee (404 400 km)		
Fri.	13	09	Mercury at greatest elong. W. (19°)		
		14 38	☾ Last Quarter		
Sat.	14		Mercury at greatest hel. lat. N.		
Sun.	15			19 18	
Mon.	16				
Tue.	17				
Wed.	18	06	Leonid meteors	16 07	
		17	Spica 0.1° S. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		
Thu.	19	01	Mars 3° N. of Moon		
Fri.	20	01	Mercury 6° N. of Moon		
		16	Venus 2° S. of Saturn		
Sat.	21	06 33	☾ New Moon	12 56	
Sun.	22	21	Saturn 6° N. of Moon		
Mon.	23	01	Venus 4° N. of Moon		
		04	Uranus 5° N. of Moon		
		22	Neptune 6° N. of Moon		
Tue.	24	10	Venus 0.9° S. of Uranus	09 45	
		13	Ceres 0.6° S. of Moon; occultation		
		15	Moon at perigee (366 810 km)		
Wed.	25				
Thu.	26				
Fri.	27	16	Juno 1.0° N. of Moon; occultation	06 34	
Sat.	28	00 37	☽ First Quarter		
Sun.	29				
Mon.	30			03 23	

<sup>1</sup>Visible from Hawaii, E. Pacific, central S. America

## THE SKY FOR DECEMBER 1987

	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune	
RA	1	15 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup>
	11	16 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup>
	21	17 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup>	20 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup>	15 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup>	17 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>
Dec	1	-18°28'	-24°43'	-12°20'	+6°32'	-22°03'	-23°32'	-22°19'
	11	-22°31'	-24°04'	-14°31'	+6°27'	-22°07'	-23°33'	-22°18'
	21	-24°45'	-22°13'	-16°33'	+6°30'	-22°11'	-23°34'	-22°17'
M Tran	1	10 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup>	20 <sup>h</sup> 36 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup>
	11	11 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup>	13 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup>
	21	11 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	14 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup>	9 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup>	19 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup>	11 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup>
Mag	1	-0.7	-3.9	+1.7	-2.7	+0.5	+5.8	+8.0
	11	-0.8	-3.9	+1.7	-2.7	+0.4	+5.8	+8.0
	21	-1.1	-4.0	+1.6	-2.6	+0.4	+5.8	+8.0

*The Moon*—On Dec. 1.0 UT, the age of the Moon is 9.7 days. The Sun's selenographic colongitude is 32.98° and increases by 12.2° each day thereafter. The libration in longitude is maximum (west limb exposed) on Dec. 2 (5°) and Dec. 29 (6°) and minimum (east limb exposed) on Dec. 16 (7°). The libration in latitude is maximum (north limb exposed) on Dec. 20 (7°) and minimum (south limb exposed) on Dec. 6 (7°). The Moon reaches its greatest northern declination on Dec. 6 (+28°) and its greatest southern declination on Dec. 20 (-28°).

*Mercury* is visible with great difficulty early in the month, very low in the east just before sunrise. Superior conjunction occurs on Dec. 23.

*Venus* is rapidly becoming more visible as it swings away from the Sun, and as the angle between the ecliptic and the western horizon increases. By the end of the month, it stands about 20° above the southwestern horizon at sunset, and sets about 3 h later. It passes 2° south of Neptune on Dec. 3. The Moon passes 2° south of Venus on Dec. 22.

*Mars* moves from Virgo into Libra early in the month. It rises about 3.5 h before the Sun, and stands about 25° above the southeastern horizon at sunrise.

*Jupiter*, in Pisces, is well up in the eastern sky at sunset, and sets about 3 h before sunrise. It is stationary on Dec. 16, then resumes eastward (direct) motion.

*Saturn* is in conjunction with the Sun on Dec. 16, and is not visible this month.

*Uranus* is in conjunction with the Sun on Dec. 19.

*Neptune* is in conjunction with the Sun on Dec. 29.

1987		DECEMBER UNIVERSAL TIME		Min. of Algol	Config. of Jupiter's Satellites
	d	h m		h m	<sup>d</sup> WEST EAST
Tue.	1	10	Jupiter 4° S. of Moon		
Wed.	2		Venus at aphelion		
Thu.	3	10	Venus 2° S. of Neptune	00 12	
Fri.	4				
Sat.	5	08 01	☾ Full Moon	21 01	IV III I II
Sun.	6				
Mon.	7	22	Vesta stationary Mercury at descending node		
Tue.	8			17 50	
Wed.	9				
Thu.	10	14	Moon at apogee (405 117 km)		
Fri.	11			14 39	
Sat.	12				
Sun.	13	11 41	☾ Last Quarter		
Mon.	14	18	Geminid meteors	11 28	
Tue.	15				
Wed.	16	03	Jupiter stationary		II I III IV
		03	Saturn in conjunction		
		03	Spica 0.1° N. of Moon; occultation <sup>1</sup>		
Thu.	17	21	Mars 5° N. of Moon	08 17	
Fri.	18		Mercury at aphelion		
Sat.	19	09	Uranus in conjunction		
		12	Antares 0.2° N. of Moon; occultation <sup>2</sup>		
Sun.	20	18 25	☾ New Moon	05 06	
Mon.	21				
Tue.	22	09 46	Winter solstice; winter begins		
		11	Moon at perigee (361 259 km)		IV II I III
		22	Venus 2° N. of Moon		
Wed.	23	00	Ursid meteors	01 55	
		08	Mercury in superior conjunction		
			Venus at greatest hel. lat. S.		
Thu.	24			22 45	
Fri.	25				
Sat.	26				
Sun.	27	10 01	☾ First Quarter		
Mon.	28	15	Jupiter 4° S. of Moon	19 34	
Tue.	29	06	Pallas in conjunction		II I III IV
		23	Neptune in conjunction		
Wed.	30			16 23	
Thu.	31				

<sup>1</sup>Visible from N.E. Africa, S.W. Arabia, Madagascar, Indian Ocean, Australia

<sup>2</sup>Visible from N. and central S. America, S. Atlantic, S. Africa, Madagascar.

# SUN

## EPHEMERIS

Date 0 <sup>h</sup> UT	Apparent		UT Transit at Greenwich	Orientation		
	$\alpha$ (1987) $\delta$			P	B <sub>o</sub>	L <sub>o</sub>
Jan. 1	18 <sup>h</sup> 43.6 <sup>m</sup>	-23°04'	12 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup>	+2.2°	-2.9°	36.0°
6	19 <sup>h</sup> 05.6 <sup>m</sup>	-22°35'	12 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup> 41 <sup>s</sup>	-0.2°	-3.5°	330.2°
11	19 <sup>h</sup> 27.5 <sup>m</sup>	-21°55'	12 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup> 47 <sup>s</sup>	-2.6°	-4.0°	264.3°
16	19 <sup>h</sup> 49.1 <sup>m</sup>	-21°05'	12 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 38 <sup>s</sup>	-5.0°	-4.5°	198.5°
21	20 <sup>h</sup> 10.4 <sup>m</sup>	-20°04'	12 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup> 13 <sup>s</sup>	-7.3°	-5.0°	132.7°
26	20 <sup>h</sup> 31.4 <sup>m</sup>	-18°54'	12 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup>	-9.5°	-5.4°	66.8°
31	20 <sup>h</sup> 52.1 <sup>m</sup>	-17°36'	12 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 25 <sup>s</sup>	-11.6°	-5.8°	1.0°
Feb. 5	21 <sup>h</sup> 12.4 <sup>m</sup>	-16°09'	12 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 00 <sup>s</sup>	-13.6°	-6.2°	295.2°
10	21 <sup>h</sup> 32.4 <sup>m</sup>	-14°36'	12 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 15 <sup>s</sup>	-15.5°	-6.5°	229.3°
15	21 <sup>h</sup> 52.1 <sup>m</sup>	-12°56'	12 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 11 <sup>s</sup>	-17.2°	-6.7°	163.5°
20	22 <sup>h</sup> 11.4 <sup>m</sup>	-11°11'	12 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 48 <sup>s</sup>	-18.9°	-6.9°	97.6°
25	22 <sup>h</sup> 30.5 <sup>m</sup>	-9°22'	12 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 09 <sup>s</sup>	-20.3°	-7.0°	31.8°
Mar. 2	22 <sup>h</sup> 49.4 <sup>m</sup>	-7°30'	12 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup>	-21.6°	-7.1°	325.9°
7	23 <sup>h</sup> 08.0 <sup>m</sup>	-5°34'	12 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup> 11 <sup>s</sup>	-22.8°	-7.2°	260.1°
12	23 <sup>h</sup> 26.5 <sup>m</sup>	-3°37'	12 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 55 <sup>s</sup>	-23.8°	-7.1°	194.2°
17	23 <sup>h</sup> 44.8 <sup>m</sup>	-1°39'	12 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup>	-24.6°	-7.0°	128.3°
22	0 <sup>h</sup> 03.1 <sup>m</sup>	+0°20'	12 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup> 03 <sup>s</sup>	-25.3°	-6.9°	62.4°
27	0 <sup>h</sup> 21.3 <sup>m</sup>	+2°18'	12 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup> 32 <sup>s</sup>	-25.8°	-6.7°	356.4°
Apr. 1	0 <sup>h</sup> 39.5 <sup>m</sup>	+4°15'	12 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 02 <sup>s</sup>	-26.1°	-6.5°	290.5°
6	0 <sup>h</sup> 57.7 <sup>m</sup>	+6°10'	12 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 35 <sup>s</sup>	-26.2°	-6.2°	224.5°
11	1 <sup>h</sup> 16.0 <sup>m</sup>	+8°02'	12 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup> 11 <sup>s</sup>	-26.2°	-5.9°	158.5°
16	1 <sup>h</sup> 34.5 <sup>m</sup>	+9°51'	11 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 55 <sup>s</sup>	-25.9°	-5.5°	92.5°
21	1 <sup>h</sup> 53.0 <sup>m</sup>	+11°36'	11 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup> 48 <sup>s</sup>	-25.5°	-5.1°	26.5°
26	2 <sup>h</sup> 11.8 <sup>m</sup>	+13°16'	11 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 52 <sup>s</sup>	-24.9°	-4.6°	320.4°
May 1	2 <sup>h</sup> 30.8 <sup>m</sup>	+14°51'	11 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 09 <sup>s</sup>	-24.2°	-4.2°	254.4°
6	2 <sup>h</sup> 50.0 <sup>m</sup>	+16°20'	11 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 39 <sup>s</sup>	-23.2°	-3.7°	188.3°
11	3 <sup>h</sup> 09.4 <sup>m</sup>	+17°41'	11 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 22 <sup>s</sup>	-22.0°	-3.1°	122.2°
16	3 <sup>h</sup> 29.0 <sup>m</sup>	+18°56'	11 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup>	-20.8°	-2.6°	56.0°
21	3 <sup>h</sup> 48.9 <sup>m</sup>	+20°02'	11 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup>	-19.3°	-2.0°	349.9°
26	4 <sup>h</sup> 09.0 <sup>m</sup>	+21°00'	11 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 57 <sup>s</sup>	-17.7°	-1.4°	283.8°
31	4 <sup>h</sup> 29.3 <sup>m</sup>	+21°49'	11 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 35 <sup>s</sup>	-15.9°	-0.8°	217.6°
June 5	4 <sup>h</sup> 49.8 <sup>m</sup>	+22°28'	11 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup>	-14.0°	-0.3°	151.4°
10	5 <sup>h</sup> 10.5 <sup>m</sup>	+22°57'	11 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 18 <sup>s</sup>	-12.0°	+0.3°	85.3°
15	5 <sup>h</sup> 31.2 <sup>m</sup>	+23°17'	12 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup> 20 <sup>s</sup>	-9.9°	+0.9°	19.1°
20	5 <sup>h</sup> 52.0 <sup>m</sup>	+23°26'	12 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup> 24 <sup>s</sup>	-7.8°	+1.5°	312.9°
25	6 <sup>h</sup> 12.8 <sup>m</sup>	+23°25'	12 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 30 <sup>s</sup>	-5.6°	+2.1°	246.7°
30	6 <sup>h</sup> 33.6 <sup>m</sup>	+23°13'	12 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 32 <sup>s</sup>	-3.3°	+2.6°	180.5°



Date 0 <sup>h</sup> UT	Apparent $\alpha$ (1987) $\delta$		UT Transit at Greenwich	Orientation		
				P	B <sub>0</sub>	L <sub>0</sub>
July 5	6 <sup>h</sup> 54.2 <sup>m</sup>	+22°51'	12 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 28 <sup>s</sup>	-1.0°	+3.2°	114.4°
10	7 <sup>h</sup> 14.7 <sup>m</sup>	+22°20'	12 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup>	+1.2°	+3.7°	48.2°
15	7 <sup>h</sup> 35.1 <sup>m</sup>	+21°39'	12 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup> 53 <sup>s</sup>	+3.4°	+4.2°	342.0°
20	7 <sup>h</sup> 55.2 <sup>m</sup>	+20°48'	12 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup> 17 <sup>s</sup>	+5.6°	+4.7°	275.8°
25	8 <sup>h</sup> 15.2 <sup>m</sup>	+19°49'	12 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup>	+7.8°	+5.1°	209.7°
30	8 <sup>h</sup> 34.8 <sup>m</sup>	+18°42'	12 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup> 25 <sup>s</sup>	+9.8°	+5.5°	143.6°
Aug. 4	8 <sup>h</sup> 54.3 <sup>m</sup>	+17°27'	12 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup> 07 <sup>s</sup>	+11.8°	+5.9°	77.4°
9	9 <sup>h</sup> 13.4 <sup>m</sup>	+16°04'	12 <sup>h</sup> 05 <sup>m</sup> 32 <sup>s</sup>	+13.7°	+6.2°	11.3°
14	9 <sup>h</sup> 32.4 <sup>m</sup>	+14°36'	12 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 44 <sup>s</sup>	+15.5°	+6.5°	305.2°
19	9 <sup>h</sup> 51.1 <sup>m</sup>	+13°01'	12 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 42 <sup>s</sup>	+17.2°	+6.7°	239.1°
24	10 <sup>h</sup> 09.6 <sup>m</sup>	+11°22'	12 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 28 <sup>s</sup>	+18.7°	+6.9°	173.0°
29	10 <sup>h</sup> 27.9 <sup>m</sup>	+9°38'	12 <sup>h</sup> 01 <sup>m</sup> 03 <sup>s</sup>	+20.1°	+7.0°	107.0°
Sept. 3	10 <sup>h</sup> 46.1 <sup>m</sup>	+7°50'	11 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 30 <sup>s</sup>	+21.4°	+7.1°	40.9°
8	11 <sup>h</sup> 04.1 <sup>m</sup>	+5°59'	11 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 49 <sup>s</sup>	+22.6°	+7.1°	334.9°
13	11 <sup>h</sup> 22.1 <sup>m</sup>	+4°05'	11 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 04 <sup>s</sup>	+23.6°	+7.1°	268.9°
18	11 <sup>h</sup> 40.0 <sup>m</sup>	+2°10'	11 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup> 17 <sup>s</sup>	+24.4°	+7.1°	202.8°
23	11 <sup>h</sup> 57.9 <sup>m</sup>	+0°13'	11 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup>	+25.1°	+7.0°	136.8°
28	12 <sup>h</sup> 15.9 <sup>m</sup>	-1°43'	11 <sup>h</sup> 50 <sup>m</sup> 48 <sup>s</sup>	+25.6°	+6.8°	70.8°
Oct. 3	12 <sup>h</sup> 34.0 <sup>m</sup>	-3°40'	11 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup> 11 <sup>s</sup>	+26.0°	+6.6°	4.9°
8	12 <sup>h</sup> 52.2 <sup>m</sup>	-5°36'	11 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 40 <sup>s</sup>	+26.2°	+6.3°	298.9°
13	13 <sup>h</sup> 10.6 <sup>m</sup>	-7°29'	11 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 21 <sup>s</sup>	+26.2°	+6.0°	232.9°
18	13 <sup>h</sup> 29.2 <sup>m</sup>	-9°20'	11 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup> 15 <sup>s</sup>	+26.0°	+5.6°	167.0°
23	13 <sup>h</sup> 48.0 <sup>m</sup>	-11°08'	11 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup> 24 <sup>s</sup>	+25.7°	+5.2°	101.0°
28	14 <sup>h</sup> 07.1 <sup>m</sup>	-12°52'	11 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 50 <sup>s</sup>	+25.1°	+4.8°	35.1°
Nov. 2	14 <sup>h</sup> 26.5 <sup>m</sup>	-14°30'	11 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 35 <sup>s</sup>	+24.3°	+4.3°	329.2°
7	14 <sup>h</sup> 46.3 <sup>m</sup>	-16°03'	11 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 40 <sup>s</sup>	+23.4°	+3.8°	263.2°
12	15 <sup>h</sup> 06.4 <sup>m</sup>	-17°29'	11 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup> 05 <sup>s</sup>	+22.2°	+3.2°	197.3°
17	15 <sup>h</sup> 26.9 <sup>m</sup>	-18°48'	11 <sup>h</sup> 44 <sup>m</sup> 52 <sup>s</sup>	+20.9°	+2.6°	131.4°
22	15 <sup>h</sup> 47.7 <sup>m</sup>	-19°58'	11 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 01 <sup>s</sup>	+19.4°	+2.1°	65.5°
27	16 <sup>h</sup> 08.8 <sup>m</sup>	-20°59'	11 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup>	+17.7°	+1.4°	359.6°
Dec. 2	16 <sup>h</sup> 30.3 <sup>m</sup>	-21°51'	11 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup>	+15.8°	+0.8°	293.7°
7	16 <sup>h</sup> 52.0 <sup>m</sup>	-22°31'	11 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup>	+13.8°	+0.2°	227.8°
12	17 <sup>h</sup> 13.9 <sup>m</sup>	-23°01'	11 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup>	+11.7°	-0.4°	161.9°
17	17 <sup>h</sup> 36.0 <sup>m</sup>	-23°20'	11 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 53 <sup>s</sup>	+ 9.4°	-1.1°	96.0°
22	17 <sup>h</sup> 58.2 <sup>m</sup>	-23°27'	11 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup> 22 <sup>s</sup>	+ 7.1°	-1.7°	30.2°
27	18 <sup>h</sup> 20.4 <sup>m</sup>	-23°22'	12 <sup>h</sup> 00 <sup>m</sup> 51 <sup>s</sup>	+ 4.7°	-2.3°	324.3°
32	18 <sup>h</sup> 42.5 <sup>m</sup>	-23°05'	12 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup>	+ 2.3°	-2.9°	258.5°

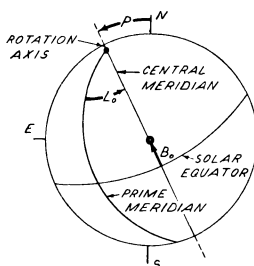
## SUNDIAL CORRECTION

The "Transit at Greenwich" time on the previous two pages may be used to calculate the sundial correction at the observer's position. e.g. To find the correction at Winnipeg on August 16, 1987: At Greenwich the Sun transits at  $12^{\text{h}}04^{\text{m}}44^{\text{s}}$  on August 14 and at  $12^{\text{h}}03^{\text{m}}42^{\text{s}}$  on August 19. Thus, to the nearest minute, on August 16 at both Greenwich and Winnipeg the Sun will transit at  $12^{\text{h}}04^{\text{m}}$  mean solar time, or  $12^{\text{h}}33^{\text{m}}$  CST, since Winnipeg has a longitude correction of  $+29^{\text{m}}$  (see page 60). Thus a  $4^{\text{m}}$  correction must be added to the reading of a simple sundial to obtain mean solar time.

A figure accurate to a second or two can be obtained by interpolating for longitude. The interpolated transit time at Greenwich for August 16 is  $12^{\text{h}}04^{\text{m}}19^{\text{s}}$ , the daily change in the time being  $-12^{\text{s}}$ . Adjusting this for the longitude of Winnipeg:  $12^{\text{h}}04^{\text{m}}19^{\text{s}} - (12^{\text{s}} \times 6^{\text{h}}29^{\text{m}} \div 24^{\text{h}}) = 12^{\text{h}}04^{\text{m}}16^{\text{s}}$ . Thus the sundial correction is  $4^{\text{m}}16^{\text{s}}$ . To find the standard time of the Sun's transit to the nearest second or two, the observer's longitude must be known to  $10''$  or better. e.g. Suppose an observer in Winnipeg is at longitude  $97^{\circ}13'50''$  W, or  $6^{\text{h}}28^{\text{m}}55^{\text{s}}$  W of Greenwich. The time of transit will be  $12^{\text{h}}04^{\text{m}}16^{\text{s}} + 28^{\text{m}}55^{\text{s}} = 12^{\text{h}}33^{\text{m}}11^{\text{s}}$  CST ( $13^{\text{h}}33^{\text{m}}11^{\text{s}}$  CDT).

## ORIENTATION OF THE SUN

The tables on the previous two pages give three angles which specify the orientation of the Sun.  $P$  is the position angle of the axis of rotation, measured eastward from the north point on the disk.  $B_0$  is the heliographic latitude of the centre of the disk, and  $L_0$  is the heliographic longitude of the centre of the disk, from Carrington's solar meridian, measured in the direction of rotation (see diagram, and also note the table below). The rotation period of the Sun depends on latitude. The *sidereal* period of rotation at the equator is 25.38d.



## SOLAR ROTATION (SYNODIC)

### DATES OF COMMENCEMENT (UT, $L_0 = 0^\circ$ ) OF NUMBERED SYNODIC ROTATIONS

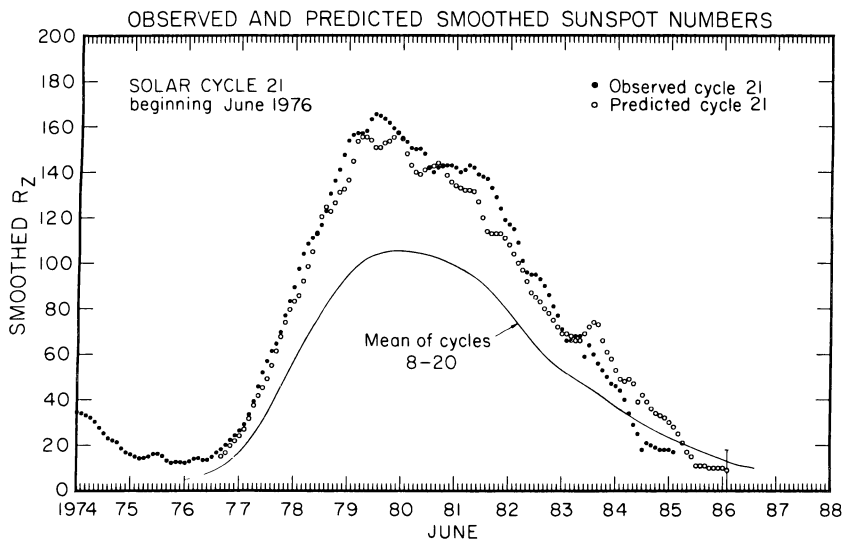
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1784	1987 Jan. 3.73	1789	May 20.23	1794	Oct. 3.36
1785	Jan. 31.07	1790	June 16.43	1795	Oct. 30.65
1786	Feb. 27.40	1791	July 13.63	1796	Nov. 26.96
1787	Mar. 26.72	1792	Aug. 9.85	1797	Dec. 24.28
1788	Apr. 23.00	1793	Sept. 6.09	1798	1988 Jan. 20.62

# SOLAR ACTIVITY

## SUNSPOTS, FLARES, AND AURORAE

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The present sunspot cycle (21) is compared with the mean of cycles 8 to 20 in the diagram adapted from "Solar-Geophysical Data" (U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado). The data plotted in the graph are monthly smoothed International sunspot numbers. The vertical bar defines the interval in which the most recent value in the graph can be predicted with a confidence of 90%. These *smoothed* data indicate that the maximum of the cycle occurred in the interval December 1979–January 1980. Another measure of solar activity is the 10 cm microwave flux which has been monitored daily since 1947 by the National Research Council of Canada (Covington, A.E. 1967, *J. Roy. Astron. Soc. Can.*, 61, 314). The 10 cm flux correlates closely with sunspot number and has the advantage of being reproducible without subjective bias by an observer.



An exceptionally quiet Sun is suggested by the sustained drop since 1984–85 of the observed smoothed sunspot numbers to values below the mean curve plotted in the above figure. But this smoothed trend conceals vigorous transient outbursts. Between February 3 and 15, 1986, two low-latitude sunspot groups produced spectacular activity which included a dozen large flares. Subsequent geomagnetic activity erupted in violent storms, the strongest since 1982 in terms of disruptive effects on communication and power-transmission systems. Similar spasmodic outbreaks of intense solar activity can be expected even though active regions are forming sporadically as we approach sunspot minimum in 1987. During 1986–87 cycles 21 and 22 are overlapping. Active regions belonging to cycle 21 are more habitual

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*Editor's Note:* Some of the hazards in viewing the Sun and some effective safety precautions are discussed by B. Ralph Chou (*J. Roy. Astron. Soc. Can.*, 75, 36, 1981; *Sky and Telescope*, 62, 119, 1981).

and form very close to the solar equator; regions for the new cycle are as yet rare and form at latitudes near 30°.

Successive eleven-year peaks of sunspot activity follow long-term trends which can in extreme cases result in prolonged periods of very low activity (Eddy, J. A. 1976, *Science*, 192, 1189; 1977, *Scientific Am.*, 236, 80). We are at an opposite extreme; Cycle 21 has the second highest peak of this century, exceeded only by Cycle 19 (maximum at 1957.9).

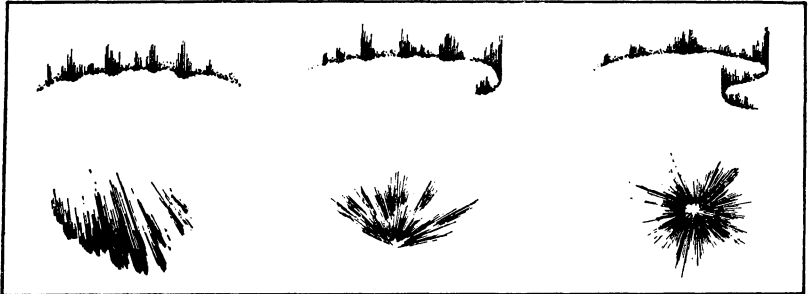
Some auroral displays may yet be observed in 1987 in the southern, populous parts of Canada. Aurorae ("Northern Lights") are caused by the precipitation into the ionosphere of energetic charged particles from a vast reservoir enveloping Earth, the *magnetosphere*. Seen from above (e.g. from the Canadian ISIS satellites) aurorae are concentrated in elliptical bands called *auroral ovals* that ring Earth's magnetic poles. When the Sun is calm, the ovals shrink to nearly circular rings centred close to the geomagnetic poles. As the Sun grows more active, the ovals advance towards lower latitudes (e.g. in Canada to Churchill, Man. and to Yellowknife, N.W.T.) and become more eccentric with respect to the geomagnetic poles. During periods of very intense solar activity, the ovals shift closer still towards the Equator (e.g. down to the southern United States for the northern oval). For an observer at the ground, the shifting patterns of the aurora over the night sky reflect the changes in the magnetic and electric fields along the paths of electrons streaming toward Earth.

The magnetospheric reservoir of particles is created by a complicated interaction between Earth's magnetic field and the *solar wind*, a magnetized plasma that flows continuously from the Sun even in the absence of solar activity. The solar wind has considerable structure; the highest speed streams originate in *coronal holes*, extended regions of low density and temperature in the solar corona. Near sunspot maximum, coronal holes are nearly absent except in small areas near the Sun's poles. But during the declining phase of the cycle, holes form rapidly and live longer (e.g. up to 10 solar rotations). They were most prominent just before 1984 when long-lived holes extended from either of the Sun's poles to its equator and into the adjacent hemisphere. While coronal holes are still expected to be prominent at the polar caps in 1987, mid-latitude holes shrank rapidly during 1984–85 and are expected to be small, weak and intermittent in 1987. They are firmly associated with recurrent 27-day geomagnetic disturbances. The normal balance between the solar wind and the magnetosphere can be suddenly upset (e.g. by changes in the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field 'blown' towards Earth by the solar wind, by changes in the wind's speed, or by a major solar flare) and can lead to an *auroral sub-storm*. But universal agreement is still lacking on the exact mechanism which triggers sub-storms.

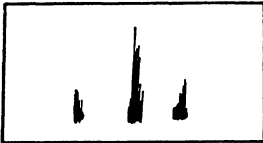
The atoms and molecules, mostly those of oxygen and nitrogen, that radiate the shimmering light of the aurora are terrestrial in origin. They become luminous at heights between 100 and 400 km through collisions with energetic particles that have leaked out of the magnetosphere during a sub-storm. A faint auroral display may not exceed the brightness threshold of colour perception for the eye; it will be sensed as white. Most aurorae appear green or blue-green with occasional faint patches of pink or red. The green colour is due to excited atoms of oxygen radiating at a wavelength of 558 nm; the blue is produced by ionized nitrogen molecules radiating in a group of spectral bands between 391 and 470 nm. The green and blue emissions are concentrated near an altitude of 110 km. Rare, all-red auroras have been measured to occur between 200 and 400 km; the red colour is due to the 630 and 636 nm lines of atomic oxygen, and is normally faint (because of the low concentration of oxygen at that altitude) unless the influx of particles is very great. Red emission also occurs at lower altitudes, near 90 km, where the spectrum can be dominated by emission in a series of bands between 650 and 680 nm.



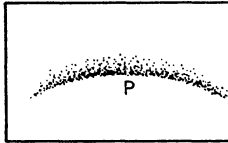
HA (HOMOGENEOUS ARC)



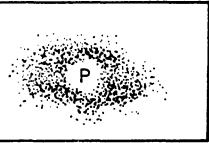
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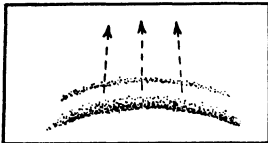
R (RAYS)



PA (PULSATING ARC)



PS (PULSATING SPOT)



F (FLAMES)



G (GLOW)



S (SPOT OR PATCH)

*Illustrative sketches of standard auroral forms. This simplified classification was devised for visual observers during the International Geophysical Year (IGY), three decades ago. The sketches emphasize the fundamental features of auroral patterns and minimize variations which depend on the location of the observer.*

## TIMES OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET

The tables on the next three pages give the times of sunrise and sunset at four day intervals for places ranging from 20° to 60° north latitude. "Rise" and "set" correspond to the upper limb of the Sun appearing at the horizon for an observer at sea level. The values are in UT and are for the Greenwich meridian, although for North American observers the stated values may be read as standard time at the standard meridians (60°, 75°, etc.) without significant error. The values may be interpolated linearly for both non-tabular latitudes and dates. Also, it is possible to extrapolate the table beyond the 20° and 60° latitude limits a few degrees without significant loss of accuracy.

The standard time of an event at a particular location must take account of the observer's longitude relative to his or her standard meridian. The table below lists the latitude and the longitude correction (in minutes of time) for a number of cities and towns. e.g. To find the time of sunrise at Toronto on February 17, 1987: The latitude is 44°, and from the table the time of sunrise at 0° longitude is 06:57 UT. Thus at the Eastern time zone (E) meridian (75° west), the time of sunrise will be approximately 06:57 EST. The correction for Toronto is +18 minutes, so sunrise will occur at 07:15 EST on that date. Corrections for places not listed below may be found by converting the difference between the longitude of the place and that of its standard meridian to time (15° = 1 h), the correction being positive if the place is west of its standard meridian, negative if east. Finally, *it should be emphasized* that the observed time will often differ up to several minutes from the predicted time because of a difference in height between the observer and the actual horizon.

CANADIAN CITIES AND TOWNS				AMERICAN CITIES				
	Lat.	Corr.		Lat.	Corr.		Lat.	Corr.
Baker Lake	64°	+24C	Peterborough	44°	+13E	Atlanta	34°	+37E
Brandon	50	+40C	Prince Albert	53	+63C	Baltimore	39	+06E
Calgary	51	+36M	Prince George	54	+11P	Birmingham	33	-13C
Charlottetown	46	+12A	Prince Rupert	54	+41P	Boston	42	-16E
Chicoutimi	48	-16E	Quebec	47	-15E	Buffalo	43	+15E
Churchill	59	+17C	Regina	50	+58C	Chicago	42	-10C
Comer Brook	49	+22N	Resolute	75	+20C	Cincinnati	39	+38E
Cornwall	45	-01E	Rimouski	48	-26E	Cleveland	42	+26E
Edmonton	54	+34M	St. Catharines	43	+17E	Dallas	33	+27C
Fredericton	46	+27A	St. Hyacinthe	46	-08E	Denver	40	00C
Gander	49	+08N	St. John, N.B.	45	+24A	Fairbanks	65	-10A
Goose Bay	53	+02A	St. John's, Nfld.	48	+01N	Flagstaff	35	+27M
Granby	45	-09E	Sarnia	43	+29E	Indianapolis	40	-15C
Halifax	45	+14A	Saskatoon	52	+67C	Juneau	58	+58P
Hamilton	43	+20E	Sault Ste. Marie	47	+37E	Kansas City	39	+18C
Kapuskasing	49	+30E	Sept Iles	50	-35E	Los Angeles	34	-07P
Kenora	50	+18C	Sherbrooke	45	-12E	Louisville	38	-17C
Kingston	44	+06E	Sudbury	47	+24E	Memphis	35	00C
Kitchener	43	+22E	Sydney	46	+01A	Miami	26	+21E
Lethbridge	50	+31M	The Pas	54	+45C	Milwaukee	43	-09C
London	43	+25E	Thunder Bay	48	+57E	Minneapolis	45	+13C
Medicine Hat	50	+23M	Timmins	48	+26E	New Orleans	30	00C
Moncton	46	+19A	Toronto	44	+18E	New York	41	-04E
Montreal	46	-06E	Trail	49	-09P	Omaha	41	+24C
Moosonee	51	+23E	Trois Rivieres	46	-10E	Philadelphia	40	+01E
Moose Jaw	50	+62C	Vancouver	49	+12P	Phoenix	33	+28M
Niagara Falls	43	+16E	Victoria	48	+13P	Pittsburgh	40	+20E
North Bay	46	+18E	Whitehorse	61	00Y	St. Louis	39	+01C
Ottawa	45	+03E	Windsor, Ont.	42	+32E	San Francisco	38	+10P
Owen Sound	45	+24E	Winnipeg	50	+29C	Seattle	48	+09P
Pangnirtung	66	+23A	Yarmouth	44	+24A	Tucson	32	+24M
Penticton	49	-02P	Yellowknife	62	+38M	Washington	39	+08E

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LAT.	+20°		+30°		+35°		+40°		+44°		+50°		+54°		+60°		
	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	
Jan.	-2	h 30	h 09	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	h 07	
	2	6 35	17 32	6 56	17 12	7 08	17 00	7 22	16 43	7 34	16 30	7 59	16 06	8 19	15 45	9 04	15 01
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	14	6 38	17 40	6 57	17 21	7 08	17 10	7 21	16 57	7 32	16 46	7 54	16 24	8 15	16 00	8 55	15 20
	18	6 38	17 43	6 56	17 25	7 07	17 14	7 19	17 02	7 30	16 51	7 51	16 30	8 08	16 06	8 50	15 28
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	24	5 59	18 13	5 56	18 15	5 55	18 17	5 53	18 19	5 52	18 20	5 49	18 23	5 47	18 25	5 42	18 30
	28	5 55	18 14	5 51	18 18	5 49	18 20	5 47	18 23	5 44	18 25	5 40	18 29	5 37	18 33	5 30	18 40
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	12	5 45	18 17	5 37	18 25	5 33	18 30	5 28	18 35	5 23	18 39	5 15	18 48	5 08	18 55	4 54	19 09
	16	5 42	18 18	5 33	18 27	5 28	18 33	5 22	18 39	5 16	18 44	5 06	18 54	4 58	19 03	4 42	19 19
	20	5 39	18 20	5 29	18 30	5 23	18 36	5 16	18 43	5 10	18 49	4 58	19 01	4 49	19 04	4 31	19 29
	24	5 36	18 21	5 24	18 32	5 18	18 39	5 10	18 47	5 03	18 54	4 51	19 07	4 40	19 18	4 19	19 39
28	5 33	18 22	5 21	18 35	5 13	18 42	5 05	18 51	4 57	18 59	4 43	19 13	4 31	19 25	4 08	19 49	

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LAT.	+20°		+30°		+35°		+40°		+44°		+50°		+54°		+60°	
	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET
May	2	h 5 31	h 18 24	h 18 38	h 5 09	h 18 46	h 5 00	h 18 55	h 4 51	h 19 04	h 4 36	h 19 19	h 4 23	h 19 32	h 3 57	h 19 59
	6	5 28	18 25	18 40	5 05	18 49	4 55	18 59	4 46	19 08	4 29	19 25	4 15	19 40	3 46	20 09
	10	5 26	18 27	18 43	5 01	18 52	4 50	19 03	4 41	19 13	4 22	19 31	4 07	19 47	3 36	20 18
	14	5 25	18 28	18 45	4 58	18 55	4 46	19 07	4 36	19 17	4 16	19 37	4 00	19 54	3 26	20 28
	18	5 23	18 30	18 48	4 55	18 58	4 43	19 11	4 31	19 22	4 11	19 43	3 53	20 00	3 17	20 37
	22	5 22	18 32	18 50	4 52	19 01	4 39	19 14	4 24	19 26	4 06	19 48	3 47	20 07	3 08	20 46
26	5 21	18 33	18 53	4 50	19 04	4 37	19 18	4 24	19 30	4 02	19 53	3 42	20 13	3 00	20 55	
30	5 20	18 35	18 55	4 48	19 07	4 34	19 21	4 22	19 34	3 58	19 58	3 37	20 18	2 53	21 03	
June	3	5 20	18 36	18 57	4 47	19 09	4 33	19 24	4 19	19 37	3 55	20 02	3 33	20 23	2 47	21 10
	7	5 20	18 38	18 59	4 46	19 12	4 31	19 26	4 18	19 40	3 53	20 05	3 30	20 27	2 42	21 16
	11	5 20	18 39	19 01	4 45	19 14	4 31	19 28	4 17	19 42	3 51	20 08	3 28	20 31	2 39	21 21
	15	5 20	18 40	19 02	4 45	19 15	4 30	19 30	4 16	19 44	3 50	20 11	3 27	20 34	2 36	21 25
	19	5 21	18 41	19 04	4 46	19 17	4 31	19 32	4 17	19 46	3 50	20 12	3 27	20 35	2 35	21 27
	23	5 22	18 42	19 04	4 47	19 17	4 32	19 33	4 17	19 47	3 51	20 13	3 28	20 36	2 36	21 28
	27	5 23	18 43	19 05	4 48	19 18	4 33	19 33	4 19	19 47	3 52	20 13	3 29	20 36	2 36	21 27
July	1	5 24	18 43	19 05	4 49	19 18	4 34	19 33	4 21	19 47	3 54	20 13	3 32	20 35	2 41	21 25
	5	5 25	18 44	19 05	4 51	19 18	4 37	19 32	4 23	19 46	3 57	20 11	3 35	20 33	2 46	21 22
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	17	5 30	18 42	19 02	4 58	19 14	4 45	19 27	4 32	19 39	4 09	20 02	3 49	20 22	3 06	21 05
	21	5 31	18 41	19 00	5 01	19 11	4 48	19 24	4 36	19 36	4 14	19 58	3 55	20 17	3 14	20 57
	25	5 33	18 40	18 58	5 04	19 09	4 51	19 21	4 40	19 32	4 19	19 53	4 01	20 11	3 23	20 48
	29	5 34	18 39	18 56	5 07	19 06	4 55	19 17	4 44	19 28	4 24	19 53	4 07	20 05	3 32	20 39
	Aug.	2	5 35	18 37	18 53	5 10	19 02	4 59	19 13	4 48	19 23	4 30	19 42	4 14	19 58	3 41
6	5 37	18 35	18 50	5 13	18 59	5 02	19 09	4 53	19 18	4 35	19 35	4 21	19 50	3 51	20 19	
10	5 38	18 32	18 46	5 16	18 55	5 06	19 04	4 57	19 13	4 41	19 29	4 28	19 42	4 00	20 09	
14	5 39	18 30	18 43	5 19	18 50	5 10	18 59	5 02	19 07	4 47	19 21	4 35	19 33	4 10	19 58	
18	5 41	18 27	18 39	5 22	18 46	5 14	18 53	5 06	19 01	4 53	19 14	4 42	19 25	4 20	19 46	
22	5 42	18 24	18 35	5 25	18 41	5 18	18 48	5 11	18 54	4 59	19 06	4 49	19 16	4 29	19 35	
26	5 43	18 21	18 30	5 28	18 36	5 21	18 42	5 15	18 48	5 15	18 48	4 56	19 06	4 39	19 23	
30	5 44	18 18	18 26	5 31	18 30	5 25	18 36	5 20	18 41	5 11	18 50	5 03	18 57	4 48	19 11	



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LAT.	+20°		+30°		+35°		+40°		+44°		+50°		+54°		+60°		
	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	
Sep.	3	h 5 45	h 18 14	h 18 21	h 18 25	h 18 29	h 5 29	h 18 29	h 5 25	h 18 34	h 5 17	h 18 41	h 5 10	h 18 47	h 4 58	h 18 59	
	7	5 46	18 11	5 40	18 16	5 36	18 23	5 33	18 23	5 29	18 26	5 23	18 32	5 18	18 38	5 07	18 47
	11	5 46	18 07	5 42	18 11	5 39	18 14	5 36	18 16	5 34	18 19	5 29	18 24	5 25	18 28	5 17	18 35
	15	5 47	18 03	5 44	18 06	5 42	18 08	5 40	18 10	5 38	18 12	5 35	18 15	5 32	18 18	5 26	18 23
	19	5 48	18 00	5 46	18 01	5 45	18 02	5 44	18 03	5 43	18 04	5 41	18 06	5 39	18 08	5 36	18 11
	23	5 49	17 56	5 48	17 56	5 48	17 56	5 48	17 57	5 47	17 57	5 47	17 57	5 46	17 58	5 45	17 59
	27	5 50	17 52	5 51	17 51	5 51	17 51	5 52	17 50	5 52	17 49	5 53	17 49	5 53	17 48	5 54	17 47
Oct.	1	5 51	17 49	5 53	17 46	5 54	17 45	5 56	17 43	5 57	17 42	5 59	17 40	6 01	17 38	6 04	17 34
	5	5 52	17 45	5 55	17 41	5 57	17 39	5 59	17 37	6 01	17 35	6 05	17 31	6 08	17 28	6 13	17 22
	9	5 53	17 42	5 58	17 34	6 00	17 34	6 04	17 31	6 06	17 28	6 11	17 23	6 15	17 19	6 23	17 11
	13	5 54	17 39	6 00	17 32	6 04	17 29	6 08	17 25	6 11	17 21	6 18	17 14	6 23	17 09	6 33	16 59
	17	5 55	17 35	6 03	17 28	6 07	17 23	6 12	17 19	6 16	17 14	6 24	17 06	6 30	17 00	6 43	16 47
	21	5 57	17 33	6 05	17 24	6 10	17 19	6 16	17 13	6 21	17 08	6 30	16 58	6 38	16 51	6 53	16 36
	25	5 58	17 30	6 08	17 20	6 14	17 14	6 20	17 07	6 26	17 01	6 37	16 51	6 46	16 42	7 03	16 25
	29	6 00	17 27	6 11	17 16	6 18	17 09	6 25	17 02	6 32	16 55	6 44	16 43	6 53	16 33	7 13	16 14
	Nov.	2	6 02	17 25	6 14	17 13	17 05	6 29	16 57	6 37	16 50	6 50	16 36	7 01	16 25	7 23	16 03
	6	6 04	17 23	6 17	17 10	6 25	17 02	6 34	16 53	6 42	16 45	6 57	16 30	7 09	16 17	7 33	15 53
10	6 06	17 22	6 20	17 07	6 29	16 58	6 39	16 49	6 48	16 40	7 04	16 24	7 17	16 10	7 44	15 43	
14	6 08	17 21	6 24	17 05	6 33	16 56	6 43	16 45	6 53	16 35	7 10	16 18	7 25	16 03	7 54	15 34	
18	6 10	17 20	6 27	17 03	6 37	16 53	6 48	16 42	6 58	16 32	7 17	16 13	7 32	15 57	8 04	15 26	
22	6 13	17 19	6 30	17 01	6 41	16 51	6 52	16 39	7 03	16 28	7 23	16 09	7 40	15 52	8 14	15 18	
26	6 15	17 19	6 34	17 00	6 44	16 50	6 57	16 37	7 08	16 26	7 29	16 05	7 47	15 47	8 23	15 11	
30	6 18	17 19	6 37	17 00	6 48	16 49	7 01	16 36	7 13	16 24	7 35	16 02	7 53	15 44	8 32	15 05	
Dec.	4	6 20	17 20	6 40	17 00	6 52	16 48	7 05	16 35	7 17	16 23	7 40	16 00	7 59	15 41	8 40	15 00
	8	6 23	17 21	6 43	17 01	6 55	16 48	7 09	16 35	7 21	16 22	7 45	15 59	8 05	15 39	8 47	14 56
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	28	6 33	17 29	6 55	17 08	7 07	16 56	7 21	16 42	7 34	16 29	7 58	16 04	8 19	15 44	9 04	14 59
	32	6 35	17 32	6 56	17 11	7 08	16 59	7 22	16 45	7 35	16 32	7 59	16 08	8 19	15 48	9 03	15 04

## TWILIGHT

This table gives the beginning of morning and ending of evening astronomical twilight (Sun 18° below the horizon) in UT at the Greenwich meridian. For observers in North America, the times may be treated in the same way as those of sunrise and sunset (see p. 60).

LAT.	+20°		+30°		+35°		+40°		+44°		+50°		+54°		+60°	
	MORN.	EVE.	MORN.	EVE.	MORN.	EVE.	MORN.	EVE.	MORN.	EVE.	MORN.	EVE.	MORN.	EVE.	MORN.	EVE.
Jan. 0	5 15	18 50	5 30	18 35	5 36	18 29	5 44	18 21	5 50	18 15	5 59	18 06	6 06	18 00	6 18	17 48
10	5 19	18 55	5 32	18 42	5 39	18 36	5 45	18 26	5 51	18 24	6 00	18 16	6 05	18 10	6 15	18 00
20	5 21	19 01	5 32	18 50	5 38	18 44	5 43	18 39	5 48	18 35	5 54	18 28	5 59	18 24	6 06	18 16
30	5 20	19 06	5 30	18 57	5 34	18 49	5 43	18 49	5 41	18 47	5 45	18 43	5 48	18 39	5 52	18 36
Feb. 9	5 18	19 11	5 24	19 05	5 27	19 02	5 29	19 00	5 31	18 58	5 32	18 57	5 33	18 56	5 33	18 57
19	5 13	19 15	5 17	19 11	5 18	19 11	5 18	19 10	5 18	19 11	5 16	19 12	5 14	19 15	5 09	19 20
Mar. 1	5 07	19 18	5 07	19 18	5 06	19 19	5 05	19 21	5 03	19 23	4 57	19 20	4 53	19 34	4 42	19 45
11	5 09	19 21	5 06	19 25	5 03	19 28	4 49	19 32	4 45	19 37	4 36	19 46	4 28	19 54	4 10	20 12
21	4 51	19 24	4 46	19 31	4 39	19 37	4 32	19 43	4 26	19 50	4 13	20 04	4 01	20 16	3 35	20 42
31	4 41	19 28	4 31	19 38	4 24	19 46	4 14	19 55	4 05	20 05	3 47	20 23	3 31	20 40	2 55	21 17
Apr. 10	4 32	19 31	4 18	19 46	4 08	19 56	3 56	20 08	3 44	20 20	3 21	20 44	2 59	21 07	2 06	22 02
20	4 23	19 36	4 05	19 54	3 53	20 06	3 38	20 22	3 22	20 37	2 52	21 08	2 23	21 38	1 31	23 20
30	4 14	19 41	3 52	20 03	3 38	20 18	3 20	20 36	3 01	20 55	2 23	21 34	1 41	22 18	0 51	24 00
May 10	4 07	19 46	3 41	20 12	3 24	20 29	3 03	20 51	2 40	21 14	1 51	22 05	0 39	23 24	..	..
20	4 01	19 52	3 32	20 21	3 13	20 40	2 48	21 06	2 21	21 33	1 16	22 40	..	..	..	..
30	3 58	19 57	3 26	20 29	3 05	20 51	2 37	21 19	2 05	21 51	0 29	23 33	..	..	..	..
June 9	3 56	20 02	3 23	20 36	3 00	20 59	2 30	21 29	1 53	22 06	..	..	..	..	..	..
19	3 57	20 05	3 22	20 40	2 59	21 04	2 27	21 35	1 49	22 13	..	..	..	..	..	..
29	3 59	20 07	3 25	20 41	3 02	21 05	2 31	21 36	1 53	22 13	..	..	..	..	..	..
July 9	4 03	20 07	3 30	20 39	3 08	21 01	2 39	21 31	2 05	22 05	..	..	..	..	..	..
19	4 08	20 04	3 38	20 34	3 17	20 55	2 51	21 21	2 21	21 51	1 00	23 08	..	..	..	..
29	4 14	19 59	3 46	20 26	3 28	20 44	3 04	21 08	2 38	21 33	1 41	23 29	..	..	..	..
Aug. 18	4 19	19 52	3 53	20 16	3 39	20 32	3 19	20 52	2 57	21 52	2 13	21 56	..	..	..	..
28	4 24	19 44	4 05	20 04	3 50	20 17	3 33	20 34	3 15	20 52	2 40	21 25	..	..	..	..
Sep. 7	4 28	19 35	4 11	19 51	4 00	20 02	3 46	20 15	3 32	20 29	3 05	20 56	..	..	1 26	22 30
17	4 31	19 25	4 18	19 37	4 10	19 46	3 59	19 57	3 48	20 07	3 26	20 28	..	..	2 20	21 32
27	4 34	19 15	4 25	19 24	4 18	19 30	4 10	19 38	4 02	19 46	3 46	20 02	..	..	2 59	20 48
Oct. 7	4 37	19 05	4 31	19 11	4 27	19 15	4 21	19 20	4 15	19 26	4 04	19 37	..	..	3 30	20 10
17	4 39	18 57	4 37	18 58	4 35	19 01	4 32	19 04	4 28	19 07	4 20	19 14	..	..	3 58	19 36
27	4 42	18 49	4 43	18 48	4 43	18 48	4 42	18 49	4 40	18 50	4 36	18 54	..	..	4 23	19 06
Nov. 6	4 45	18 43	4 49	18 38	4 51	18 37	4 52	18 36	4 50	18 35	4 52	18 35	..	..	4 07	18 40
16	4 48	18 39	4 56	18 31	4 59	18 28	5 02	18 25	5 04	18 23	5 06	18 20	..	..	5 09	18 18
26	4 53	18 36	5 03	18 26	5 07	18 22	5 12	18 17	5 15	18 14	5 20	18 09	..	..	5 29	18 00
Dec. 6	5 03	18 36	5 10	18 24	5 16	18 19	5 21	18 13	5 26	18 08	5 33	18 01	..	..	5 47	17 56
16	5 09	18 32	5 17	18 25	5 23	18 18	5 30	18 11	5 36	18 06	5 44	17 57	..	..	6 01	17 40
26	5 14	18 47	5 23	18 28	5 30	18 21	5 37	18 13	5 43	18 07	5 53	17 58	..	..	6 12	17 39
Jan. 5	5 18	18 52	5 28	18 33	5 35	18 25	5 43	18 18	5 50	18 12	6 00	18 10	..	..	6 18	17 43
			5 32	18 39	5 38	18 32	5 44	18 25	5 50	18 20	6 00	18 10	..	..	6 18	17 52

# MOON

## KEY TO THE MAP OF THE MOON

### CRATERS

21—Albategnius  
22—Alphonsus  
23—Arago  
24—Archimedes  
25—Aristarchus  
26—Aristillus  
27—Aristoteles  
28—Arzachel  
29—Atlas  
31—Autolycus  
32—Bessel  
33—Bullialdus  
34—Cassini  
35—Catharina  
36—Clavius  
37—Cleomedes  
38—Cook  
39—Copernicus  
41—Cyrillus  
42—Delambre  
43—Endymion  
44—Eratosthenes  
45—Eudoxus  
46—Fracastorius  
47—Furmerius  
48—Gassendi  
49—Grimaldi  
51—Halley  
52—Hercules  
53—Herschel  
54—Hevelius  
55—Hipparchus  
56—Julius Caesar  
57—Kepler  
58—Langrenus  
59—Lansberg  
61—Longomontanus  
62—Macrobius  
63—Maginus  
64—Manilius  
65—Maskelyne  
66—Maurolycus  
67—Mersenius  
68—Newcomb  
69—Petavius  
71—Piccolomini  
72—Plato  
73—Plinius  
74—Posidonius

### MOUNTAINS

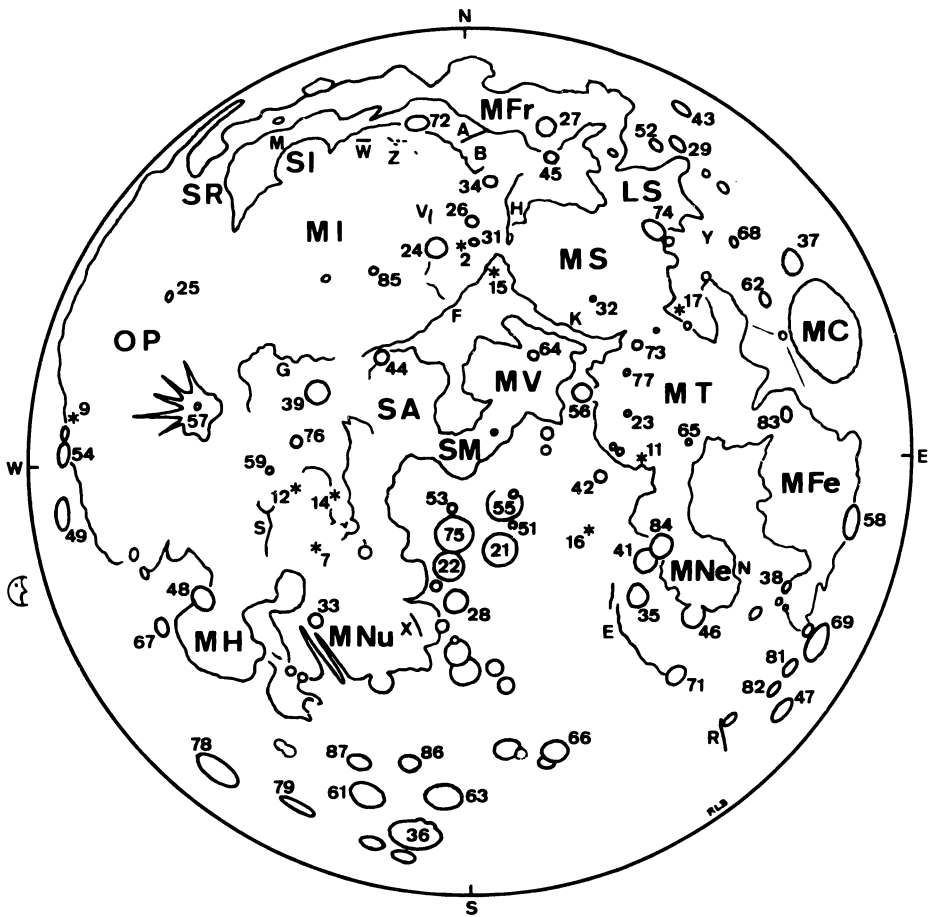
A —Alpine Valley  
B —Alps Mts.  
E —Altai Mts.  
F —Apennine Mts.  
G —Carpathian Mts.  
H —Caucasus Mts.  
K —Haemus Mts.  
M—Jura Mts.  
N —Pyrenees Mts.  
R —Rheita Valley  
S —Riphaeus Mts.  
V —Spitzbergen  
W—Straight Range  
X —Straight Wall  
Y —Taurus Mts.  
Z —Teneriffe Mts.

### MARIA

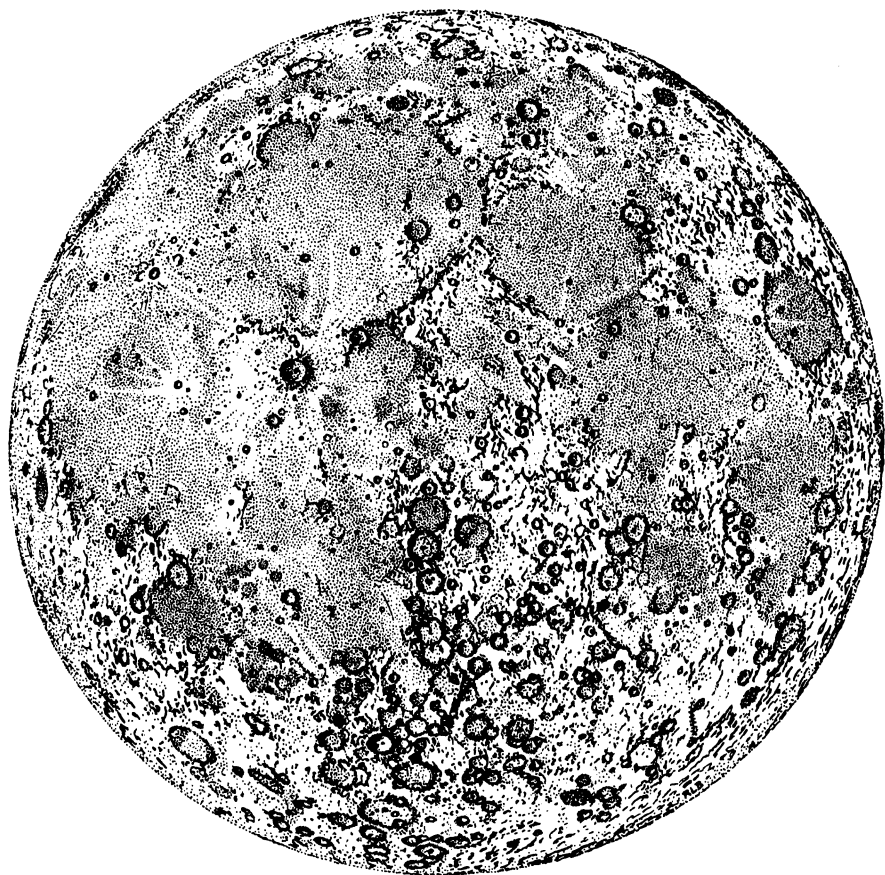
LS —Lacus Somniorum (Lake of Dreams)  
MC —Mare Crisium (Sea of Crises)  
MFe —Mare Fecunditatis (Sea of Fertility)  
MFr —Mare Frigoris (Sea of Cold)  
MH —Mare Humorum (Sea of Moisture)  
MI —Mare Imbrium (Sea of Rains)  
MNe—Mare Nectaris (Sea of Nectar)  
MNu—Mare Nubium (Sea of Clouds)  
MS —Mare Serenitatis (Sea of Serenity)  
MT —Mare Tranquillitatis (Sea of Tranquillity)  
MV —Mare Vaporum (Sea of Vapors)  
OP —Oceanus Procellarum (Ocean of Storms)  
SA —Sinus Aestuum (Seething Bay)  
SI —Sinus Iridium (Bay of Rainbows)  
SM —Sinus Medii (Central Bay)  
SR —Sinus Roris (Bay of Dew)

### LUNAR PROBES

2—Luna 2, First to reach Moon (1959·9·13)  
7—Ranger 7, First close pictures (1964·7·31)  
9—Luna 9, First soft landing (1966·2·3)  
11—Apollo 11, First men on Moon (1969·7·20)  
12—Apollo 12 (1969·11·19)  
14—Apollo 14 (1971·2·5)  
15—Apollo 15 (1971·7·30)  
16—Apollo 16 (1972·4·21)  
17—Apollo 17 (1972·12·11)



# MAP OF



**T H E   M O O N**

## FULL MOON DATES (UT)

1987		1988	
Jan. 15	July 11	Jan. 4	June 29
Feb. 13	Aug. 9	Feb. 2	July 29
Mar. 15	Sept. 7	Mar. 3	Aug. 27
Apr. 14	Oct. 7	Apr. 2	Sept. 25
May 13	Nov. 5	May 1	Oct. 25
June 11	Dec. 5	May 31	Nov. 23
			Dec. 23

## TIMES OF MOONRISE AND MOONSET

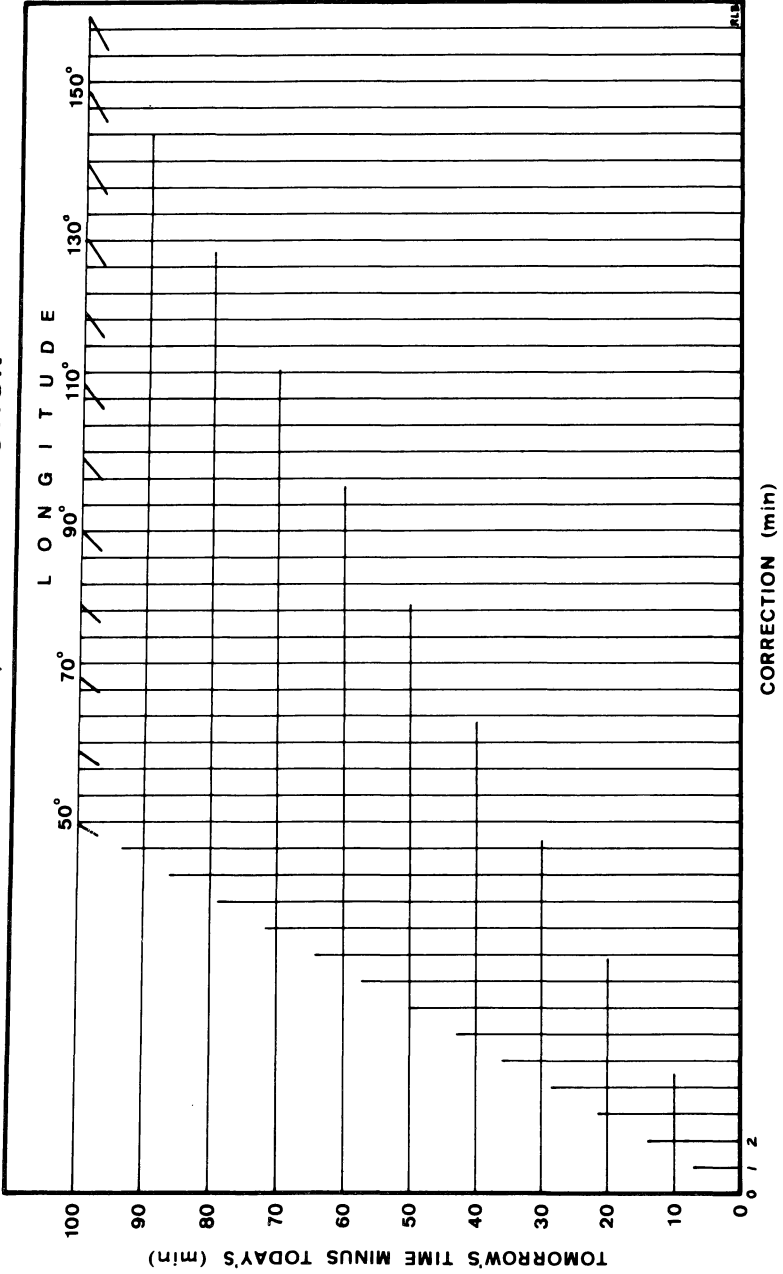


The tables on pages 70 to 81 give the times of moonrise and moonset for each day of the year for places ranging from 20° to 60° north latitude. The tables may be interpolated linearly for non-tabular latitudes, and can be extrapolated beyond the 20° and 60° latitude limits a few degrees without significant loss of accuracy. “Rise” and “set” correspond to the upper limb of the Moon appearing at the horizon for an observer at sea level. The times are in UT and are for the Greenwich meridian. Because of the relatively rapid eastward motion of the Moon, unlike the sunrise and sunset tables, the times *cannot* be read directly as standard times at the various standard meridians in North America. The table must be interpolated according to the observer’s longitude. Also, the observer’s longitude correction relative to his standard meridian must, of course, be applied (see p. 60). The graph on the opposite page enables the sum of these two corrections to be determined easily in one step. However, the graph must be set for your longitude.

To prepare the Moon Rise/Set Correction graph, first locate your longitude on the longitude scale. Using a straight-edge, draw a line from the origin (0,0 point) to your position on the longitude scale (a *red* pen is recommended to make this line stand out). Next, the CORRECTION axis must be labeled. As a guide, the first three divisions have been tentatively labeled 0, 1, 2; *but*, to these numbers must be added your longitude correction relative to your standard meridian (p. 60). e.g. For Toronto the correction is +18 minutes, thus an observer in Toronto would label this axis: 18, 19, 20, 21, ... 62, 63. An observer in Rimouski (longitude correction: -26) would label the axis: -26, -25, -24, ... 18, 19.

The graph is now ready for use on any day from your position. From the table obtain tomorrow’s time and today’s time for the event (moonrise, or moonset), enter the difference on the ordinate, and run horizontally across to meet the diagonal line. The correction, to the nearest minute, can then be read directly below off the abscissa. This correction is applied to “today’s time” in the table. (*Note* that, due to a difference in height between the observer and the actual horizon, the observed time may differ by up to several minutes from the predicted time.)

# MOON RISE/SET CORRECTION



# MOON



LATITUDE:		+20°		+30°		+35°		+40°		+44°		+50°		+54°		+60°	
		RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET
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# ECLIPSES DURING 1987

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Four eclipses will occur during 1987. Two of these are solar eclipses (one annular/total and one annular) and two are lunar eclipses (both penumbral).

## 1. *March 29: Annular/Total Eclipse of the Sun*

The first solar eclipse of 1987 will be of the rare annular/total type as the vertex of the Moon's umbral shadow barely grazes Earth's surface. This will be the second and last such eclipse of the decade with the first occurring six months earlier on 3 October 1986 (Esenak [1985]). Beginning in southern Argentina, the path of annularity runs eastward across the South Atlantic where it narrows to a point 3200 km west of South Africa. Continuing on a northeastern course, the path becomes total as the curvature of Earth brings its surface within the Moon's umbral shadow. As the path broadens, it passes 25 km southeast of St. Helena which will witness an eclipse of magnitude 0.9920 at 12:34 UT. St. Helena is best known as the island of Napoleon's imprisonment, but Edmond Halley also spent time there while he compiled his star catalog of the Southern Hemisphere in 1677. The island should form a convenient base from which to launch a sea rendezvous with the umbra for the 7.3 second total phase.

The path reaches its maximum width of 4.8 km at 12:49 UT. At this instant of greatest eclipse, totality will last a mere 7.7 seconds as the Sun stands 72 degrees above the horizon. Unfortunately, the path rapidly narrows again, becoming annular before it reaches the western shore of Gabon, Africa. Nevertheless, observers there will have the unique opportunity of witnessing the spectacular "diamond necklace" effect when the Sun appears as a string of brilliant jewels, shining through low valleys surrounding the Moon's entire circumference. This phenomenon only lasts 5 seconds but will be accompanied by one to two minutes of intense beading activity. In addition, the Sun's crimson red chromosphere and prominences will be visible for up to thirty seconds before and after the beaded annular phase. If the sky is very transparent, it will even be possible to observe and photograph the elusive solar corona for several minutes. The recent eclipse of 30 May 1984 dramatically demonstrated just how many of the total eclipse related phenomena could be seen at an annular eclipse when its magnitude approaches 1.0000 (Esenak [1984] and Robinson [1984]). During the 1984 eclipse, the chromosphere, the corona, shadow bands, the planet Venus and the eerie twilight sky of a total eclipse were all observed. Since the 1987 eclipse has a magnitude of 0.9989 in Gabon (as opposed to 0.9980 for May 1984), we can expect an eclipse which is even more spectacular.

As the annular path travels into Africa's interior, it widens and changes from beaded to true annular. Stretching across the continent, the annular track ends in the Indian Ocean east of Somalia. The partial phases will be visible from southern South America, the South Atlantic, most of Africa, Madagascar and the Middle East. The magnitudes, altitudes and times of maximum eclipse for several cities of interest are as follows:

Buenos Aires	0.655	11°	11:04 UT
Rio de Janeiro	0.446	31°	11:21 UT
Santiago	0.583	1°	11:00 UT
Athens	0.101	25°	14:30 UT
Tel-Aviv	0.312	17°	14:35 UT
Cairo	0.388	20°	14:34 UT
Cape Town	0.236	44°	12:45 UT
Nairobi	0.661	21°	14:15 UT

## 2. April 14: Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon

Four days before reaching perigee, the Moon will swing through Earth's outer penumbral shadow. At maximum eclipse (2:18.9 UT), the penumbral magnitude will peak at 0.8023 as the Moon's northern limb passes within 8 arc-minutes of the edge of the umbral shadow. To the naked eye, the northern half of the Moon will appear somewhat darker than several hours earlier. In addition, observers will have a good opportunity to detect the Moon's motion as it passes less than one degree north of the first magnitude star Spica in Virgo.

The event begins at 00:19.6 UT, shortly after moonrise for North American observers east of Lake Michigan. For observers further west, the eclipse will already be in progress at moonrise. At mid-eclipse, the Moon will appear in the zenith from Recife, Brazil. This eclipse is also visible from South America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and western Siberia.

## 3. September 23: Annular Eclipse of the Sun

Just thirteen hours before the Autumnal Equinox, the second solar eclipse of 1987 begins as the Moon's penumbral shadow first makes contact with Earth. Since the Moon is only five days past apogee, its umbral shadow falls short of our planet, resulting in an annular eclipse. The central eclipse begins at 1:19.4 UT as the anti-umbra crosses the terminator in the Soviet steppes between the Aral Sea and Lake Balkhash. Quickly entering China, the shadow sweeps through the northern countryside and reaches the coast of the East China Sea at 2:06 UT. There, the City of Shanghai lies near the southern limit and will witness 164 seconds of annularity. Traveling southeast, the shadow rushes out to sea where it engulfs Okinawa at 2:25 UT. The instant of greatest eclipse occurs in the Philippine Sea at 3:11.4 UT. At that time, the Sun will have an altitude of 74° during the 229 second annular phase. Continuing on its course, the anti-umbra passes north of the Solomon Islands and sweeps through the South Pacific where it leaves Earth at 5:03.6 UT. The partial phases of this eclipse will be visible from most of Asia, Indonesia, northeastern Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Ocean and Hawaii. The magnitudes, altitudes and times of maximum eclipse for several cities of interest are as follows:

Manila	0.589	67°	2:36 UT
Canton	0.634	50°	2:04 UT
Peking	0.858	40°	1:51 UT
Shanghai	0.966	51°	2:06 UT
Tokyo	0.577	55°	2:30 UT
Sydney	0.139	35°	4:53 UT
Auckland	0.230	14°	5:05 UT

## 4. October 7: Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon

The second lunar eclipse of the year occurs with the Moon in Pisces. The penumbral magnitude reaches a maximum value of 1.0115 at 4:01.5 UT, when the Moon's southern limb will pass a scant 8 arc-seconds from the northern edge of the dark umbral shadow. This is about as close as you can get to a partial eclipse while technically classifying the event as penumbral. The umbral shadow is not defined by a sharp edge and its appearance is strongly dependent on the transparency of Earth's atmosphere. Therefore, it's difficult to predict exactly what the eclipse will look like at maximum. At the very least, the Moon's southern limb will be noticeably darker to even the most casual observer.

This eclipse will be widely observed from all of North and South America with moonrise occurring after first contact for Alaskans and Hawaiians. All of Europe and Africa will also enjoy the event but observers in the eastern half of these continents will experience moonset before the eclipse ends.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE MAPS

For each solar eclipse, an orthographic projection map of Earth shows the path of partial and total (or annular) eclipse. The maps for total or annular eclipses are oriented with the point of greatest eclipse at the origin. Greatest eclipse is defined as the instant when the axis of the Moon's shadow passes closest to Earth's center. The point on Earth's surface which is at or is nearest to the axis at this instant is marked by an '\*'. Although greatest eclipse differs slightly from the instants of greatest magnitude and greatest duration, the differences are usually negligible. The position of the Moon's umbral shadow at each hour (UT) is labeled along the path of totality (or annularity). The much larger outline of the penumbral shadow is also shown at each hour (UT) and appears as a dotted curve. The limits of the penumbra delineate the region of visibility of the partial solar eclipse. Loops at the western and eastern extremes of the penumbra's path identify the areas where the eclipse is in progress at sunrise and sunset, respectively.

Data pertinent to the eclipse appear with each map. In the upper left corner are the times of greatest eclipse and conjunction of the Moon and Sun in right ascension, the minimum distance of the Moon's shadow axis from Earth's center in Earth radii ( $\Gamma$ ) and the geocentric ratio of diameters of the Moon and the Sun. To the upper right are contact times of the Moon's shadow with Earth. P1 and P4 are the first and last contacts of the penumbra; they mark the start and end of the partial eclipse. U1 and U4 are the first and last contacts of the umbra; they denote the start and end of the total (or annular) eclipse. Below each map are the geocentric coordinates of the Sun and Moon at the instant of greatest eclipse. They consist of the right ascension (RA), declination (DEC), apparent semi-diameter (SD) and horizontal parallax (HP). The Saros series for the eclipse is listed along with the Julian Date at greatest eclipse and  $\Delta T$ , the difference between Dynamical and Universal Time. Finally, the geocentric coordinates of the point of greatest eclipse are given, as well as the local circumstances there. In particular, the Sun's altitude (ALT) and azimuth (AZ) are listed along with the duration of totality (or annularity) and the width of the path.

## LUNAR ECLIPSE MAPS

Each lunar eclipse has two diagrams associated with it. The top one shows the path of the Moon with respect to Earth's penumbral and umbral shadows. Above it and to the left is the time of maximum eclipse, the angle subtended between the Moon and the shadow axis at that instant, followed by the penumbral (PMAG) magnitude of the eclipse. The penumbral magnitude is the fraction of the Moon's disk obscured by the penumbra at maximum eclipse as measured along a common diameter. To the upper right are the contact times of the eclipse. P1 and P4 are the first and last contacts of the Moon with the penumbra; they mark the start and end of the penumbral eclipse. In the lower left corner are the Julian Date at maximum eclipse and  $\Delta T$ , the difference between Dynamical and Universal Time. The Moon's geocentric coordinates at maximum eclipse are given in the lower right corner. They consist of the right ascension (RA), declination (DEC), apparent semi-diameter (SD) and horizontal parallax (HP).

The bottom map is a cylindrical equidistant projection of Earth which shows the regions of visibility for each stage of the eclipse. In particular, the moonrise/moonset terminator is plotted for each contact and is labelled accordingly. The point where the Moon is in the zenith at maximum eclipse is indicated by an '\*'. The region which is completely unshaded will observe the entire eclipse while the area marked by solid diagonal lines will not witness any of the event. The remaining shaded areas will experience moonrise or moonset while the eclipse is in progress. The shaded zones east of '\*' will witness moonset before the eclipse ends while the shaded zones west of '\*' will witness moonrise after the eclipse has begun.

## ACCURACY OF EPHEMERIDES

These predictions were generated using a solar ephemeris based on the classic work of Newcomb [1895]. The lunar ephemeris was developed primarily from the 'Improved Lunar Ephemeris 1952-1959' [1954]. In order to determine the accuracy of these ephemerides, they have been compared against the 1980 American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac. The solar ephemeris agrees with the published values with a standard deviation of 0.02 seconds in right ascension and 0.0 arc-seconds in declination. The standard deviation of differences between the lunar ephemeris and the published values are 0.032 seconds in right ascension and 0.29 arc-seconds in declination. The largest disagreements are clearly in the Moon's coordinates. For all practical purposes, these ephemerides are indistinguishable unless very careful observations are made near the path limits during a total or annular eclipse.

In August 1982, the IAU General Assembly passed a resolution to adopt a value for the mean lunar radius of  $k = 0.2725076$ , in units of Earth's equatorial radius. This is the value currently used in lunar occultation calculations and is believed to be the best mean radius, averaging mountain peaks and low valleys along the Moon's rugged limb. As has been pointed out by Meeus [1966], an eclipse of the Sun cannot be regarded as total as long as any photospheric rays reach the observer through deep valleys along the Moon's limb. Using a smaller value of  $k = 0.272281$  results in a better approximation of the Moon's minimum diameter and a slightly shorter total eclipse. The author has chosen to use the latter value of  $k$  for calculating the duration of totality. However, the larger IAU value for  $k$  is used for annular and partial eclipses.

These eclipse predictions were generated on a DEC VAX 11/780 computer using algorithms developed primarily from the Explanatory Supplement [1974]. I would like to thank Goddard's Laboratory for Extraterrestrial Physics for several minutes of computer time. Additional information about eclipses is published annually in the Astronomical Almanac. Special circulars on up-coming solar eclipses are usually published twelve months in advance of an event. They contain many pages of detailed predictions and are highly recommended. They can be obtained by writing to the Almanac Office, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C. 20390 U.S.A. All calculations, diagrams and opinions presented in this section are those of the author and he assumes full responsibility for their accuracy.

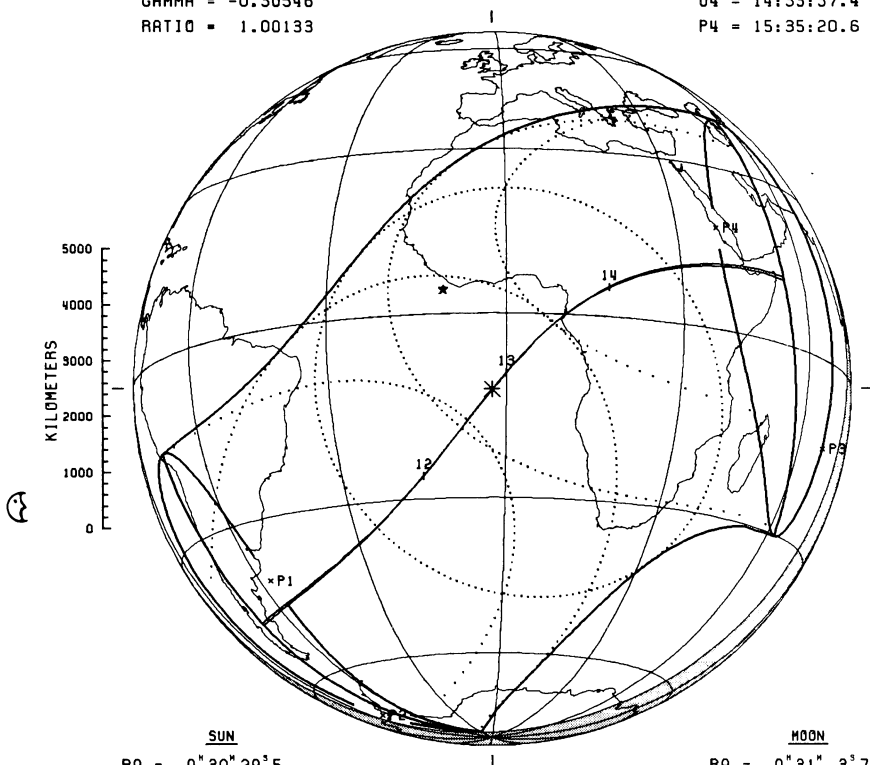
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# ANN/TOT SOLAR ECLIPSE - 29 MAR 1987

GREATEST = 12:48:50.1 UT  
 CONJUNCTION = 12:30:22.2 UT  
 GAMMA = -0.30546  
 RATIO = 1.00133

P1 = 10: 2:33.0 UT  
 U1 = 11: 4:17.6 UT  
 U4 = 14:33:37.4 UT  
 P4 = 15:35:20.6 UT



SUN  
 RA = 0° 30' 29.5  
 DEC = 3° 17' 31.9  
 SD = 16' 1".1  
 HP = 0° 0' 8".8

MOON  
 RA = 0° 31' 3.7  
 DEC = 3° 2' 4".6  
 SD = 15' 47".7  
 HP = 0° 57' 58".2

SAROS 129

JD = 2446884.035

$\Delta T = 56.3$  S

GREATEST      LAT = 12° 20' 45      ALT = 72°.2      DURATION = 7.6 S  
 ECLIPSE :      LONG = 2° 17' 4W      AZ = 929°.9      WIDTH = 4.8 KM

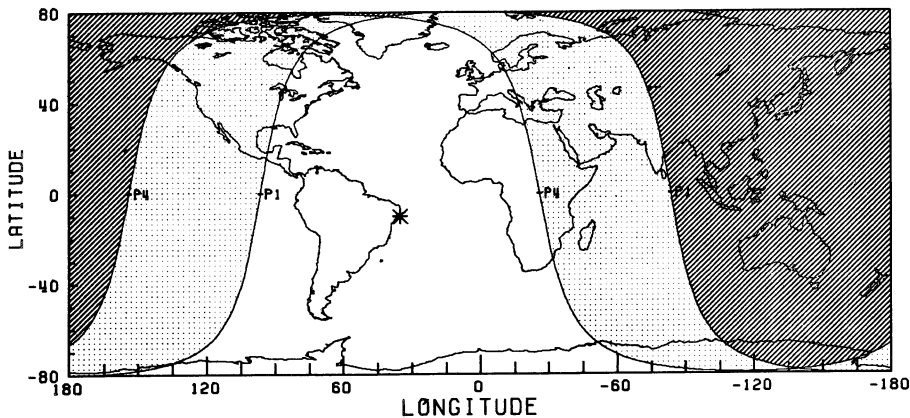
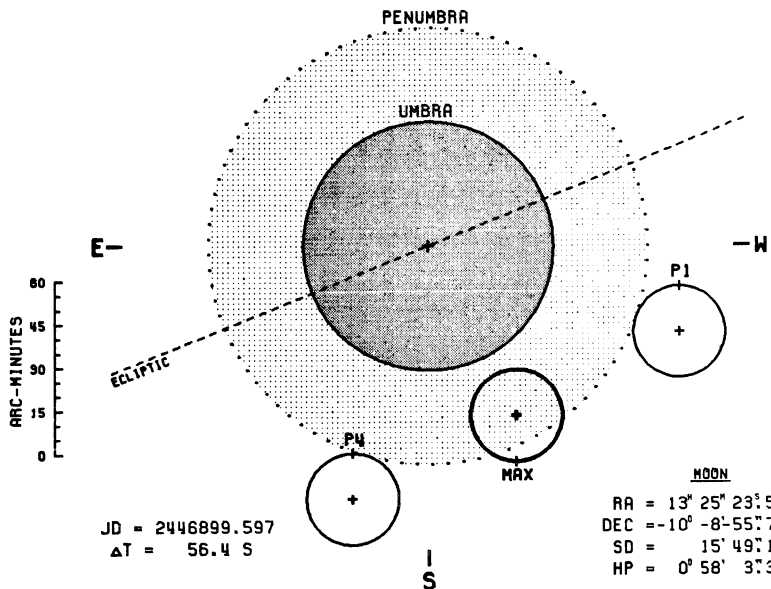


# PENUMBRAL LUNAR ECLIPSE - 14 APR 1987

MAXIMUM = 2:18.9 UT  
 AXIS = 1°.0995  
 PMAG = 0.8023

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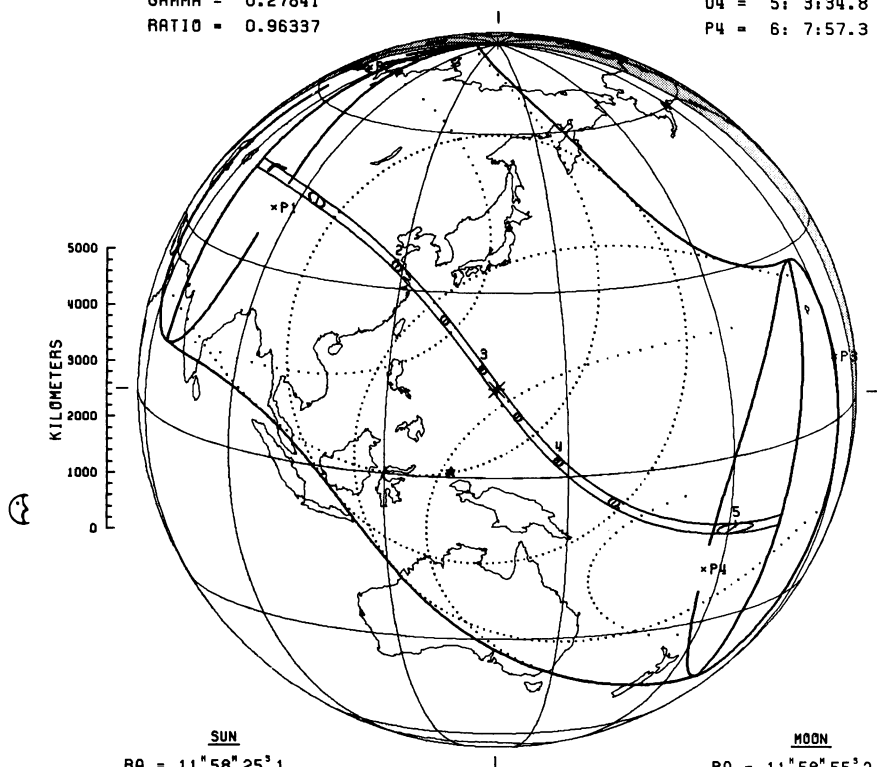
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 P4 = 4:18.2 UT



# ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE - 23 SEPT 1987

GREATEST = 3:11:24.6 UT  
 CONJUNCTION = 2:53:32.2 UT  
 GAMMA = 0.27841  
 RATIO = 0.96337

P1 = 0:14:53.4 UT  
 U1 = 1:19:22.1 UT  
 U4 = 5:33:4.8 UT  
 P4 = 6:7:57.3 UT



SUN  
 RA = 11° 58' 25".1  
 DEC = 0° 10' 17".4  
 SD = 15' 56".2  
 HP = 0° 0' 8".8

MOON  
 RA = 11° 58' 55".2  
 DEC = 0° 23' 45".4  
 SD = 15' 7".6  
 HP = 0° 55' 30".9

SAROS 134

JD = 2447061.634

$\Delta T$  = 56.8 S

GREATEST      LAT = 14° 20' 0"N      ALT = 73°.8      DURATION = 229.1 S  
 ECLIPSE :      LONG = 138° 21' 7"E      AZ = 210°.8      WIDTH = 137.1 KM



# OCCULTATIONS BY THE MOON

PREDICTIONS BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL LUNAR OCCULTATION CENTRE  
TOKYO, JAPAN

The Moon often passes between Earth and a star, an event called an occultation. During an occultation a star suddenly disappears as the east limb of the Moon crosses the line between the star and observer. The star reappears from behind the west limb some time later. Because the Moon moves through an angle about equal to its own diameter every hour, the longest time for an occultation is about an hour. The time is shorter if the occultation is not central. Occultations are equivalent to total solar eclipses, except they are eclipses of stars other than the Sun.

Since observing occultations is rather easy, amateur astronomers are encouraged to try this activity. The slow, majestic drift of the Moon in its orbit is an interesting part of such observations, and the disappearance or reappearance of a star at the Moon's limb is a remarkable sight, particularly when it occurs as a *graze* near the Moon's northern or southern edge. In the latter case the star may disappear and reappear several times in succession as mountains and valleys in the Moon's polar regions pass by it. On rarer occasions the moon occults a planet.

Lunar occultation and graze observations are used to refine our knowledge of the Moon's orbit, the shape of the lunar profile, and the fundamental star coordinate system. These observations complement those made by other techniques, such as laser-ranging and photographs. Improved knowledge of the lunar profile is useful in determinations of the Sun's diameter from solar eclipse records. Occultation observations are also useful for detecting double stars and measuring their separations. Binaries with separations as small as 0'02 have been discovered visually during grazes. Doubles with separations in this range are useful for filling the gap between doubles which can be directly resolved visually and those whose duplicity has been discovered spectroscopically.

Analysis of lunar occultation observations is currently being done at the U.S. Naval Observatory and the International Lunar Occultation Centre (ILOC). The latter organization is the world clearing house for such observations. Readers who are interested in pursuing a systematic program of lunar occultation observations should write to the ILOC (address on the inside front cover under "Send") for their booklet: *Guide to Lunar Occultation Observations*.

Observers in North America should also contact the International Occultation Timing Association (IOTA), 6 N 106 White Oak Lane, St. Charles, IL 60174, U.S.A. IOTA provides predictions and coordination services for occultation observers. Detailed predictions for any grazing occultation are available (\$1.50 U.S. each); instructions concerning the use of predictions are also available (\$2.50 U.S.). Annual membership in IOTA is \$11.00 U.S. in North America, \$16.00 U.S. overseas. Membership includes free graze predictions, descriptive materials, and a subscription to *Occultation Newsletter* (available separately for \$7.00 U.S.).

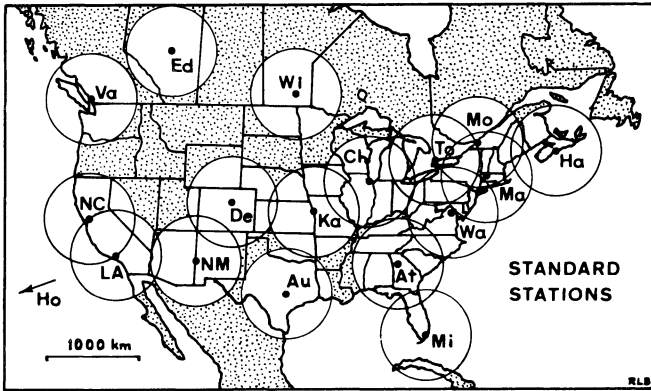
The main information required in a lunar occultation observation is the time of the event and the observer's location. Supplementary information includes the seeing conditions, size of telescope used, timing method used, estimate of the observer's reaction time and the accuracy of the timing, and whether or not the reaction time correction has been applied. The timing should be as accurate as possible, preferably to 0.5 s or better. (A shortwave radio time signal and cassette tape recorder provide a simple, permanent time record). The observer's geodetic latitude, longitude, and altitude should be known to at least the nearest second of arc and 20 metres respectively. These can be determined from a suitable topographical map. For Canada these are available from the Canada Map Office, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0E9. In the United States east of the Mississippi write to: U.S. Geological

Survey, 1200 S. Eads St., Arlington, VA 22202; west of the Mississippi the address is: U.S. Geological Survey, Denver Federal Centre, Bldg. 41, Denver, CO 80225.

The following pages give tables of predictions, and a table and maps of northern or southern limits for many cases where grazing occultations may be seen.

### 1. TOTAL OCCULTATION PREDICTIONS

The total occultation predictions are for the 18 standard stations identified on the map below; the coordinates of these stations are given in the table headings.



The tables (see pages 94–98) are generally limited to stars of magnitude 5.0 or brighter. The first five columns give for each occultation the date, the Zodiacal Catalogue number of the star, its magnitude, the phenomenon (D.D. or D.B. = disappearance at dark limb or bright limb, respectively; R.D. or R.B. = reappearance at dark limb or bright limb, respectively), and the elongation of the Moon from the Sun in degrees (see page 28). Under each station are given the universal time of the event, factors A and B (see below), and the position angle (from the north point, eastward around the Moon's limb to the point of occurrence of the phenomenon). In several cases, predictions have been replaced by the cryptic notations: GBG (after moonset); GSM (before moonrise); NB2 (Sun's altitude greater than  $-6^\circ$ ); NSG (after sunrise); NBM (before sunset). If A and B are insignificant, they are omitted.

The terms A and B are for determining corrections to the times of the phenomena for stations within 500 km of the standard stations. Thus if  $\lambda_o, \phi_o$ , be the longitude and latitude of the standard station and  $\lambda, \phi$ , the longitude and latitude of the observer, then for the observer we have: UT of phenomenon = UT of phenomenon at the standard station +  $A(\lambda - \lambda_o) + B(\phi - \phi_o)$  where  $\lambda - \lambda_o$  and  $\phi - \phi_o$  are expressed in degrees and A and B are in minutes of time per degree. Due regard must be paid to the algebraic signs of the terms. Also, to convert UT to the standard time of the observer, see page 23.

As an example, consider the occultation of ZC 3175 on Jan. 2, 1987 as seen from Ottawa. For Ottawa,  $\lambda = 75.72^\circ$  and  $\phi = 45.40^\circ$ . The nearest standard station is Montreal, for which  $\lambda_o = 73.60^\circ$  and  $\phi_o = 45.50^\circ$ . Therefore, the UT of the disappearance at the dark limb ("D.D.") is  $23^h25^m6 - 1^m6(75.72 - 73.60) - 2^m6(45.40 - 45.50) = 23^h22^m5$ . Note that almost the same result is obtained by using Toronto as the standard station. The elongation of the Moon is  $40^\circ$  which means that the Moon is in the waxing crescent phase (between new and first quarter). The position angle of disappearance is about  $114^\circ$ .

The total lunar occultation predictions on the next three pages, being limited to stars of magnitude 5.0 or brighter, are only the more spectacular events and are presented in order to introduce observers to this type of work. The number of events observable at any location increases *rapidly* as predictions are extended to fainter and fainter stars. Observers who wish to pursue this work can obtain more extensive lists from Walter V. Morgan, 10961 Morgan Territory Rd., Livermore, CA 94550, U.S.A., by providing accurate geographical coordinates and a long, self-addressed envelope (with postage). Experienced observers who regularly measure 60 or more events per year may obtain even more detailed predictions computed for their location by contacting: Occultation Project, Nautical Almanac Office, U.S. Naval Observatory, 34th and Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20390, U.S.A.

## 2. GRAZE PREDICTIONS

The table on page 99 lists lunar graze predictions for much of North America for 1987. The events are limited to stars of magnitude 7.5 or brighter which will graze the limb of the Moon when it is at a favourable elongation from the Sun and at least  $10^\circ$  above the observer's horizon ( $5^\circ$  in the case of stars brighter than  $5^m.5$  and  $2^\circ$  for those brighter than  $3^m.5$ ). For each is given: a chronological sequential number, the Zodiacal Catalogue number and magnitude of the star, the time of the beginning of each graze track (the west end of the track), the percent of the Moon sunlit (a minus sign indicates a waning Moon), and whether the track is the northern (N) or southern (S) limit of the occultation.

The maps show the predicted graze tracks. Note that although some of the graze tracks are quite crowded on the maps, it is easy to distinguish them by looking along the tracks with one's line of sight near grazing incidence with the page. Each track appears as a smooth curve without kinks in it. Each track is keyed to the sequential number in the table. Several tracks begin and/or end with a letter *A*, *B*, or *S* indicated. *A* denotes that the Moon is at a low altitude, *B* that the bright limb interferes, and *S* that daylight interferes. The tick marks along the tracks indicate multiples of 5 minutes of every hour. e.g. If the time for the west end of a track is  $3^h16^m11^s$ , the tick marks proceeding eastward correspond to  $3^h20^m00^s$ ,  $3^h25^m00^s$ , etc. Also, the tick marks are located on the side of each line that the star is occulted. The locations of the North American *standard stations* for lunar total occultation predictions are indicated by dots on the graze maps (as on the map on page 91, where the names are indicated by symbols).

Detailed predictions for any graze are available from the International Occultation Timing Association (see page 90).

### NAMES OF OCCULTED STARS

The stars which are occulted by the Moon are stars which lie along the zodiac; hence they are known by their number in the *Zodiacal Catalogue* (ZC) compiled by James Robertson and published in the *Astronomical Papers Prepared for the Use of the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac*, vol. 10, pt. 2 (U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1940). Since stars are not usually recognized by their ZC numbers, the equivalent Bayer designations or Flamsteed numbers of 23 of the brightest stars occulted during the year are given in the following table:

ZC	Name	ZC	Name	ZC	Name
146	ε Psc	890	136 Tau	2366	α Sco
472	ζ Ari	1149	υ Gem	2609	W Sgr
539	19 Tau	1609	χ Leo	2910	ω Sgr
541	20 Tau	1644	σ Leo	2914	60 Sgr
545	23 Tau	1712	β Vir	3164	ε Cap
552	η Tau	1925	α Vir	3175	κ Cap
560	27 Tau	2268	2 A Sco	3412	φ Aqr
810	β Tau	2287	π Sco		



HALIFAX, N.S.  
W 63.6 / N 44.6

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P.
JAN. 2	3175	4.8	D.D.	40	..	5.5	-0.4	-0.6	60
FEB. 6	472	5.0	D.D.	95	GBG				
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	234					
APR. 12	1712	3.8	D.D.	155	1	22.6	-0.6	-1.9	164
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	D.B.	328	10	46.8	-0.9	2.0	58
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	329	12	4.2	-1.1	2.0	225
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	303	16	14.0	...	...	37
JULY 20	552	3.0	R.D.	303	16	45.8	...	...	303
AUG. 8	2914	5.0	D.D.	141	2	51.8	-1.2	1.0	29
AUG. 16	472	5.0	R.D.	269	...	...	...	...	...
SEP. 13	545	4.3	R.D.	249	4	34.8	-1.1	1.1	283
SEP. 13	552	3.0	D.B.	249	4	25.8	0.4	2.8	18
SEP. 13	552	3.0	R.D.	250	5	11.9	-1.6	0.7	290
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	6	7.4	-0.9	2.0	237
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	59	GBG				
SEP. 30	2609	4.3	D.D.	85	GBG				
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0	48.0	-0.8	-0.7	69
OCT. 29	2914	5.0	D.D.	82	GBG				
NOV. 6	560	3.8	R.D.	196	23	55.7	...	...	312
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	129	2	56.7	-1.5	-0.6	78
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	168	8	54.7	-0.4	-0.5	57
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	168	9	46.9	0.4	-1.7	288

WINNIPEG, MAN  
W 97.2 / N 49.9

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P.
JAN. 19	1644	4.1	R.D.	230	3	35.6	-1.2	-0.1	59
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	210	11	37.6	-0.4	-2.2	339
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	234	12	12.6	-0.9	-1.7	151
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	235	13	15.5	-1.1	-1.5	275
MAR. 20	2268	4.8	R.D.	242	GBG				
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	329	11	45.3	-0.5	-1.9	260
MAY 2	890	4.5	D.D.	48	5	8.1	0.9	-1.9	141
AUG. 16	472	5.0	D.D.	269	5	46.0	0.5	1.9	214
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	5	47.1	-0.8	1.0	298
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	58	23	16.4	-1.6	-0.6	90
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	R.B.	59	24	29.8	-1.3	-1.4	299
OCT. 10	552	3.0	D.B.	224	15	41.7	-0.2	-0.4	46
OCT. 10	552	3.0	R.D.	224	16	25.9	0.7	-1.8	297
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0	25.8	...	...	7

MONTREAL, P.Q.  
W 73.6 / N 45.5

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P.
JAN. 2	3175	4.8	D.D.	40	..	5.5	-0.4	-0.6	60
FEB. 6	472	5.0	D.D.	95	GBG				
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AUG. 8	2914	5.0	D.D.	141	2	51.8	-1.2	1.0	29
AUG. 16	472	5.0	R.D.	269	...	...	...	...	...
SEP. 13	545	4.3	R.D.	249	4	34.8	-1.1	1.1	283
SEP. 13	552	3.0	D.B.	249	4	25.8	0.4	2.8	18
SEP. 13	552	3.0	R.D.	250	5	11.9	-1.6	0.7	290
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	6	7.4	-0.9	2.0	237
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	59	GBG				
SEP. 30	2609	4.3	D.D.	85	GBG				
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0	48.0	-0.8	-0.7	69
OCT. 29	2914	5.0	D.D.	82	GBG				
NOV. 6	560	3.8	R.D.	196	23	55.7	...	...	312
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	129	2	56.7	-1.5	-0.6	78
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	168	8	54.7	-0.4	-0.5	57
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	168	9	46.9	0.4	-1.7	288

EDMONTON, ALTA.  
W 113.4 / N 53.6

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P.
JAN. 19	1644	4.1	R.D.	230	3	35.6	-1.2	-0.1	59
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	210	11	37.6	-0.4	-2.2	339
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	234	12	12.6	-0.9	-1.7	151
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	235	13	15.5	-1.1	-1.5	275
MAR. 20	2268	4.8	R.D.	242	GBG				
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	329	11	45.3	-0.5	-1.9	260
MAY 2	890	4.5	D.D.	48	5	8.1	0.9	-1.9	141
AUG. 16	472	5.0	D.D.	269	5	46.0	0.5	1.9	214
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	5	47.1	-0.8	1.0	298
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	58	23	16.4	-1.6	-0.6	90
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	R.B.	59	24	29.8	-1.3	-1.4	299
OCT. 10	552	3.0	D.B.	224	15	41.7	-0.2	-0.4	46
OCT. 10	552	3.0	R.D.	224	16	25.9	0.7	-1.8	297
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0	25.8	...	...	7

TORONTO, ONT.  
W 79.4 / N 43.7

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P.
JAN. 2	3175	4.8	D.D.	40	..	5.5	-0.4	-0.6	60
FEB. 6	472	5.0	D.D.	95	GBG				
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	234					
APR. 12	1712	3.8	D.D.	155	1	22.6	-0.6	-1.9	164
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	D.B.	328	10	46.8	-0.9	2.0	58
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	329	12	4.2	-1.1	2.0	225
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	303	16	14.0	...	...	37
JULY 20	552	3.0	R.D.	303	16	45.8	...	...	303
AUG. 8	2914	5.0	D.D.	141	2	51.8	-1.2	1.0	29
AUG. 16	472	5.0	R.D.	269	...	...	...	...	...
SEP. 13	545	4.3	R.D.	249	4	34.8	-1.1	1.1	283
SEP. 13	552	3.0	D.B.	249	4	25.8	0.4	2.8	18
SEP. 13	552	3.0	R.D.	250	5	11.9	-1.6	0.7	290
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	6	7.4	-0.9	2.0	237
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	59	GBG				
SEP. 30	2609	4.3	D.D.	85	GBG				
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0	48.0	-0.8	-0.7	69
OCT. 29	2914	5.0	D.D.	82	GBG				
NOV. 6	560	3.8	R.D.	196	23	55.7	...	...	312
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	129	2	56.7	-1.5	-0.6	78
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	168	8	54.7	-0.4	-0.5	57
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	168	9	46.9	0.4	-1.7	288

VANCOUVER, B.C.  
W 123.1 / N 49.2

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P.
JAN. 19	1644	4.1	R.D.	230	3	35.6	-1.2	-0.1	59
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	210	11	37.6	-0.4	-2.2	339
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	234	12	12.6	-0.9	-1.7	151
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	235	13	15.5	-1.1	-1.5	275
MAR. 20	2268	4.8	R.D.	242	GBG				
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	329	11	45.3	-0.5	-1.9	260
MAY 2	890	4.5	D.D.	48	5	8.1	0.9	-1.9	141
AUG. 16	472	5.0	D.D.	269	5	46.0	0.5	1.9	214
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	5	47.1	-0.8	1.0	298
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	58	23	16.4	-1.6	-0.6	90
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	R.B.	59	24	29.8	-1.3	-1.4	299
OCT. 10	552	3.0	D.B.	224	15	41.7	-0.2	-0.4	46
OCT. 10	552	3.0	R.D.	224	16	25.9	0.7	-1.8	297
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0	25.8	...	...	7



WINNIPEG/MAN  
W 97.2 , N 49.9  
TIME H M A B P  
OCT. 29 2914 5.0 D.D. 82  
NOV. 15 1609 4.7 R.D. 291  
DEC. 1 146 4.5 D.D. 129  
DEC. 4 552 3.0 D.D. 168  
DEC. 4 552 3.0 R.B. 168  
DEC. 26 3412 4.4 D.D. 74

EDMONTON/ALTA.  
W 113.4 , N 53.6  
TIME H M A B P  
1 28.6 -0.8 0.4 26  
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8 4.5 -1.3 0.7 53  
9 14.1 -1.1 -1.5 277  
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VANCOUVER/B.C.  
W 123.1 , N 49.2  
TIME H M A B P  
1 16.8 -1.0 1.0 21  
13 8.1 ... ..  
7 47.6 -1.6 0.8 63  
9 6.4 -1.5 -0.6 261  
... ..

KANSAS CITY, MO.  
W 94.5 , N 39.0  
TIME H M A B P  
3 48.4 -1.3 -1.7 98  
12 3.3 -0.5 -2.3 329  
12 36.9 -0.9 -2.5 160  
13 34.0 -1.2 -1.2 262  
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DENVER/COLORADO  
W 105.0 , N 39.8  
TIME H M A B P  
3 30.2 -1.9 -1.3 94  
11 54.3 -0.9 -2.1 317  
12 27.0 -0.5 -2.5 174  
13 17.1 -1.9 -0.8 255  
... ..

NEW MEX.-ARIZONA  
W 109.0 , N 34.0  
TIME H M A B P  
3 33.7 -2.5 -3.3 119  
12 1.4 -1.3 -1.8 303  
12 47.6 ... ..  
13 6.1 ... ..  
5 21.8 -1.9 2.2 31  
4 58.1 -1.3 1.2 35  
GSM  
GSM  
GSM  
3 38.4 -1.4 -1.0 79

MAR. 6 560 3.8 D.D. 76  
APR. 22 3175 4.8 R.D. 290  
APR. 25 VENUS -3.4 R.D. 328  
JUN. 14 2914 5.0 R.D. 214  
JULY 2 1609 4.7 D.D. 65  
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3 40.9 ... .. 56  
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16 10.7 -2.3 -1.3 282  
GSM  
GSM  
GSM

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... ..  
14 35.6 -1.7 2.2 48  
16 4.7 -2.5 -0.0 263  
GSM  
GSM  
GSM

JULY 20 552 3.0 D.B. 302  
JULY 20 552 3.0 R.D. 303  
AUG. 8 2914 5.0 D.D. 160  
AUG. 16 472 5.0 R.D. 269  
AUG. 28 1925 1.2 D.D. 48  
AUG. 28 1925 1.2 R.B. 48  
SEP. 13 560 3.8 R.D. 250  
SEP. 27 2287 3.0 D.B. 58  
SEP. 28 2287 3.0 R.B. 58  
SEP. 30 2609 4.3 D.D. 85  
... ..

15 12.3 -1.9 1.6 48  
16 33.4 -1.8 -1.3 276  
1 55.2 -1.6 2.1 56  
5 22.9 0.8 2.2 195  
16 52.5 -0.7 1.3 92  
17 47.5 -0.2 -1.2 339  
5 36.4 -0.5 1.2 274  
23 29.3 -1.9 -0.9 101  
0 49.0 -1.5 -1.4 286  
0 31.0 -2.0 -0.1 81  
GBG  
0 16.2 -1.2 1.0 33  
1 47.5 -1.4 -0.4 73  
2 4.0 -1.3 1.7 43  
8 39.2 -1.1 -1.8 102

15 48.2 0.0 -1.0 83  
NSG  
1 32.5 -1.4 0.2 26  
1 55.6 -0.6 2.4 21  
8 23.3 -1.6 -1.7 103  
MSG  
15 55.7 0.2 -1.5 105  
NSG  
1 24.0 -1.8 0.5 60  
1 39.0 -0.7 2.4 25  
8 31.6 -1.9 -4.3 132  
MSG  
17 45.3 -0.4 0.0 302  
5 27.2 -0.1 0.8 285  
23 3.0 -2.1 -0.7 117  
0 28.9 -2.1 -0.9 281  
MSG

OCT. 10 552 3.0 D.B. 224  
OCT. 29 2910 4.8 D.P. 81  
OCT. 29 2914 5.0 D.D. 82  
DEC. 1 146 4.5 D.D. 129  
DEC. 4 552 3.0 D.D. 168  
DEC. 4 552 3.0 R.B. 168  
DEC. 26 3412 4.4 D.D. 74

9 45.8 -1.0 -0.2 238  
3 46.4 -0.5 0.2 47

9 18.7 -2.0 3.2 202  
3 37.4 -0.7 0.4 48

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MASSACHUSETTS  
W 72.5 , N 42.5

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	TIME	A	B	P.
M	D				H	M		°
JAN. 2	3175	4.8	D-D.	40	23 42.9	...	...	146
JAN. 2	3175	4.8	R-D.	40	23 46.2	...	...	152
FEB. 6	472	5.0	D-D.	95	4 3.1	-0.5	-0.9	74
FEB. 15	1609	4.7	D-D.	199	NSG			
FEB. 15	1609	4.7	R-D.	199	NB2			
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R-D.	210	NB2			
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D-B.	234	12 47.5	-0.7	-2.1	144
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	R-D.	235	GBG			
APR. 12	1712	3.8	R-D.	150	1 28.0	...	...	195
APR. 22	3175	4.8	R-D.	290	NB2			
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	D-B.	328	10 35.9	-0.6	2.1	53
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R-D.	329	11 50.3	-1.1	2.0	234
JUN. 14	2914	5.0	R-D.	214	...			
JULY 20	552	3.0	D-B.	303	15 55.9	-1.6	1.3	36
JULY 20	552	3.0	R-D.	303	16 52.0	-0.5	-2.8	301
AUG. 8	2910	4.8	D-D.	160	...			
AUG. 8	2914	5.0	D-D.	161	2 37.6	-1.4	1.6	25
AUG. 16	472	5.0	R-D.	269	...			
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	D-D.	48	...			
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	R-D.	48	...			
SEP. 13	545	4.3	R-D.	249	4 23.4	-1.0	0.8	295
SEP. 13	552	3.0	D-B.	249	4 26.1	...	...	3
SEP. 13	552	3.0	R-D.	250	4 55.8	...	...	306
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R-D.	250	5 55.8	-0.8	1.8	247
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D-D.	59	GBG			
SEP. 28	2287	3.0	R-B.	59	GBG			
SEP. 30	2609	4.3	D-D.	85	1 5.6	-1.4	-1.1	95
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D-D.	81	0 41.2	-1.0	-0.3	60
OCT. 29	2914	5.0	D-D.	82	GBG			
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D-D.	129	2 42.8	-1.7	0.0	73
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D-D.	168	8 51.9	-0.5	-0.8	73
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R-B.	168	9 52.1	0.1	-1.3	272
DEC. 26	3412	4.4	D-D.	74	GBG			

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
W 77.0 , N 38.9

TIME	A	B	P.	
H	M		°	
4	4.6	-0.6	-1.3	90
NSG				
NB2				
NB2				
12 32.2	-0.8	-2.3	149	
GBG				
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NB2				
10 26.1	-0.5	2.1	54	
11 38.3	-0.9	2.1	235	
5 49.1	...	...	329	
15 45.2	-1.7	0.6	53	
16 57.2	-0.9	-1.9	283	
1 0.	...	...	15	
2 24.6	-1.7	1.8	29	
17 33.4	...	...	51	
17 38.7	...	...	27	
4 16.6	-0.8	0.7	295	
4 19.7	...	...	2	
4 47.6	...	...	307	
5 46.1	-0.6	1.8	247	
23 58.1	-1.3	-1.4	105	
GBG				
1 2.8	-1.6	-1.0	96	
0 37.2	-1.2	-0.1	60	
2 12.0	-1.4	-1.7	105	
2 34.1	-2.1	0.1	76	
8 53.3	-0.5	-1.2	88	
9 49.3	-0.2	-0.9	257	
GBG				

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
W 87.7 , N 41.9

TIME	A	B	P.
H	M		°
23 9.3	-1.7	-1.3	96
R-B.			
3 52.1	-1.0	-1.2	85
11 48.8	...	...	210
11 52.4	...	...	217
11 59.2	-0.3	-2.4	340
12 36.6	-0.9	-2.1	150
13 36.9	-0.8	-1.4	269
...			
10 17.2	-1.2	1.2	272
10 29.0	-0.2	2.1	47
11 35.5	-0.7	1.9	248
5 32.6	...	...	334
15 29.4	-1.8	1.7	41
16 39.2	-1.4	-2.2	288
GSM			
2 12.8	-1.7	2.2	25
5 23.9	0.8	2.4	192
17 5.8	-1.7	3.1	68
17 41.3	0.6	-2.9	5
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5 43.9	-0.6	1.4	269
23 38.5	-1.6	-1.1	97
0 53.8	-1.2	-1.5	286
0 42.8	-1.7	-0.4	81
0 26.0	-1.0	0.5	38
1 54.8	-1.2	-0.7	78
2 17.7	-1.4	1.3	49
8 41.8	-0.9	-1.2	88
9 49.3	-0.5	-0.9	254
3 48.4	-0.1	0.2	41

MIAMI, FLORIDA									
W 80.3 / N 25.8									
DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P
M	D			°	TIME				°
FEB. 6	472	5.0	D.D.	95	...	...	...	...	...
FEB. 11	1149	4.2	D.D.	148	1 21.4	-2.1	2.2	66	66
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	210	NB2	...	...	...	...
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	235	13 28.3	...	...	...	185
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	235	13 52.0	...	...	...	227
MAR. 6	545	4.3	D.D.	75	3 52.5	-1.2	1.6	31	31
MAR. 6	545	3.8	D.D.	76	GBG	...	...	...	...
APR. 22	3175	4.8	R.D.	290	10 7.2	-1.7	1.5	244	244
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	D.B.	328	10 1.3	-0.3	1.4	74	74
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	328	11 7.3	-0.6	2.3	219	219
JUN. 14	2910	4.8	R.D.	213	4 14.2	-1.0	0.2	292	292
JUN. 14	2914	5.0	R.D.	214	5 51.1	-2.0	-0.1	290	290
JULY 2	1609	4.7	D.D.	65	GBG	...	...	...	...
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	303	15 43.6	-2.2	-1.5	103	103
JULY 20	552	3.0	R.D.	303	17 1.3	-1.7	0.8	233	233
AUG. 8	2910	4.8	D.D.	159	0 23.3	-1.4	1.7	57	57
AUG. 8	2914	5.0	D.D.	160	1 55.8	-2.0	1.5	57	57
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	D.D.	48	16 58.0	-1.0	-0.2	118	118
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	R.B.	48	18 10.9	-1.0	-1.5	324	324
SEP. 13	552	3.0	D.B.	249	3 49.3	0.6	2.0	52	52
SEP. 13	545	4.3	R.D.	249	4 4.6	-0.2	0.9	270	270
SEP. 13	552	3.0	R.D.	250	4 38.0	-0.6	0.7	277	277
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	5 20.4	-0.1	2.0	225	225
SEP. 17	1149	4.2	R.D.	297	9 57.0	...	...	338	338
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	59	24 14.1	-1.9	-2.0	129	129
SEP. 28	2287	3.0	R.B.	59	1 12.9	-0.5	-0.2	246	246
SEP. 30	2609	4.3	D.D.	85	1 16.9	-2.6	-1.8	121	121
OCT. 1	810	1.8	D.B.	244	9 11.1	-2.5	2.8	47	47
OCT. 12	810	1.8	R.D.	244	10 30.7	-2.6	-2.5	303	303
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0 34.2	-2.1	-0.3	83	83
OCT. 29	2914	5.0	D.D.	82	...	...	...	...	...
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	129	2 44.7	...	...	134	134
DEC. 1	146	4.5	R.D.	129	2 50.5	...	...	142	142
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	168	9 21.2	...	...	147	147
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	168	9 49.9	...	...	201	201
DEC. 26	3412	4.4	D.D.	74	GBG	...	...	...	...

ATLANTA, GEORGIA									
W 84.3 / N 33.8									
DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P
M	D			°	TIME				°
FEB. 6	472	5.0	D.D.	95	...	...	...	...	...
FEB. 11	1149	4.2	D.D.	148	1 21.4	-2.1	2.2	66	66
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	210	NB2	...	...	...	...
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	235	13 28.3	...	...	...	185
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	235	13 52.0	...	...	...	227
MAR. 6	545	4.3	D.D.	75	3 52.5	-1.2	1.6	31	31
MAR. 6	545	3.8	D.D.	76	GBG	...	...	...	...
APR. 22	3175	4.8	R.D.	290	10 7.2	-1.7	1.5	244	244
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	D.B.	328	10 1.3	-0.3	1.4	74	74
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	328	11 7.3	-0.6	2.3	219	219
JUN. 14	2910	4.8	R.D.	213	4 14.2	-1.0	0.2	292	292
JUN. 14	2914	5.0	R.D.	214	5 51.1	-2.0	-0.1	290	290
JULY 2	1609	4.7	D.D.	65	GBG	...	...	...	...
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	303	15 43.6	-2.2	-1.5	103	103
JULY 20	552	3.0	R.D.	303	17 1.3	-1.7	0.8	233	233
AUG. 8	2910	4.8	D.D.	159	0 23.3	-1.4	1.7	57	57
AUG. 8	2914	5.0	D.D.	160	1 55.8	-2.0	1.5	57	57
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	D.D.	48	16 58.0	-1.0	-0.2	118	118
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	R.B.	48	18 10.9	-1.0	-1.5	324	324
SEP. 13	552	3.0	D.B.	249	3 49.3	0.6	2.0	52	52
SEP. 13	545	4.3	R.D.	249	4 4.6	-0.2	0.9	270	270
SEP. 13	552	3.0	R.D.	250	4 38.0	-0.6	0.7	277	277
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	5 20.4	-0.1	2.0	225	225
SEP. 17	1149	4.2	R.D.	297	9 57.0	...	...	338	338
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	59	24 14.1	-1.9	-2.0	129	129
SEP. 28	2287	3.0	R.B.	59	1 12.9	-0.5	-0.2	246	246
SEP. 30	2609	4.3	D.D.	85	1 16.9	-2.6	-1.8	121	121
OCT. 1	810	1.8	D.B.	244	9 11.1	-2.5	2.8	47	47
OCT. 12	810	1.8	R.D.	244	10 30.7	-2.6	-2.5	303	303
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0 34.2	-2.1	-0.3	83	83
OCT. 29	2914	5.0	D.D.	82	...	...	...	...	...
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	129	2 44.7	...	...	134	134
DEC. 1	146	4.5	R.D.	129	2 50.5	...	...	142	142
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	168	9 21.2	...	...	147	147
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	168	9 49.9	...	...	201	201
DEC. 26	3412	4.4	D.D.	74	GBG	...	...	...	...

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W 97.8 / N 30.2									
DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH.	ELG.	H	M	A	B	P
M	D			°	TIME				°
FEB. 6	472	5.0	D.D.	95	...	...	...	...	...
FEB. 11	1149	4.2	D.D.	148	1 21.4	-2.1	2.2	66	66
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	210	NB2	...	...	...	...
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	235	13 28.3	...	...	...	185
FEB. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	235	13 52.0	...	...	...	227
MAR. 6	545	4.3	D.D.	75	3 52.5	-1.2	1.6	31	31
MAR. 6	545	3.8	D.D.	76	GBG	...	...	...	...
APR. 22	3175	4.8	R.D.	290	10 7.2	-1.7	1.5	244	244
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	D.B.	328	10 1.3	-0.3	1.4	74	74
APR. 25	VENUS	-3.4	R.D.	328	11 7.3	-0.6	2.3	219	219
JUN. 14	2910	4.8	R.D.	213	4 14.2	-1.0	0.2	292	292
JUN. 14	2914	5.0	R.D.	214	5 51.1	-2.0	-0.1	290	290
JULY 2	1609	4.7	D.D.	65	GBG	...	...	...	...
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	303	15 43.6	-2.2	-1.5	103	103
JULY 20	552	3.0	R.D.	303	17 1.3	-1.7	0.8	233	233
AUG. 8	2910	4.8	D.D.	159	0 23.3	-1.4	1.7	57	57
AUG. 8	2914	5.0	D.D.	160	1 55.8	-2.0	1.5	57	57
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	D.D.	48	16 58.0	-1.0	-0.2	118	118
AUG. 28	1925	1.2	R.B.	48	18 10.9	-1.0	-1.5	324	324
SEP. 13	552	3.0	D.B.	249	3 49.3	0.6	2.0	52	52
SEP. 13	545	4.3	R.D.	249	4 4.6	-0.2	0.9	270	270
SEP. 13	552	3.0	R.D.	250	4 38.0	-0.6	0.7	277	277
SEP. 13	560	3.8	R.D.	250	5 20.4	-0.1	2.0	225	225
SEP. 17	1149	4.2	R.D.	297	9 57.0	...	...	338	338
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	59	24 14.1	-1.9	-2.0	129	129
SEP. 28	2287	3.0	R.B.	59	1 12.9	-0.5	-0.2	246	246
SEP. 30	2609	4.3	D.D.	85	1 16.9	-2.6	-1.8	121	121
OCT. 1	810	1.8	D.B.	244	9 11.1	-2.5	2.8	47	47
OCT. 12	810	1.8	R.D.	244	10 30.7	-2.6	-2.5	303	303
OCT. 29	2910	4.8	D.D.	81	0 34.2	-2.1	-0.3	83	83
OCT. 29	2914	5.0	D.D.	82	...	...	...	...	...
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	129	2 44.7	...	...	134	134
DEC. 1	146	4.5	R.D.	129	2 50.5	...	...	142	142
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	168	9 21.2	...	...	147	147
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	168	9 49.9	...	...	201	201
DEC. 26	3412	4.4	D.D.	74	GBG	...	...	...	...



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DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH. ELG.	TIME	A	B	P
JAN. 19	1644	4.1	R.D.	14 13.6	-0.6	-2.4	332
JAN. 23	2366	1.2	D.B.	13 5.0	...	...	52
JAN. 25	2366	1.2	R.D.	13 38.3	...	...	355
FEB. 6	472	3.0	R.D.	3 6.7	-3.1	-1.8	107
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	11 46.3	-2.0	-1.4	287
MAR. 6	552	3.0	D.D.	...	...	...	74
MAR. 6	545	4.3	D.D.	3 3.9	-2.0	2.3	33
MAR. 6	552	3.0	R.B.	...	...	...	75
MAR. 6	560	3.8	D.D.	4 45.2	-1.5	0.8	46
MAR. 20	2268	4.8	R.D.	NB2	...	...	242
MAR. 22	2609	4.3	R.D.	NB2	...	...	269
APR. 11	1644	4.1	D.D.	...	...	...	148
MAY 9	1712	3.8	D.D.	GBG	...	...	129
MAY 11	1925	1.2	D.D.	GBG	...	...	154
MAY 11	1925	1.2	R.B.	GBG	...	...	154
MAY 19	3164	4.7	R.D.	...	...	...	262
JULY 2	1609	4.7	D.D.	3 24.1	-1.6	-1.4	96
JULY 5	1925	1.2	D.D.	...	...	...	101
JULY 5	1925	1.2	R.B.	...	...	...	101
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	14 23.1	-0.9	3.0	31
JULY 20	560	3.8	R.D.	NB2	...	...	302
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.D.	...	...	...	303
AUG. 4	2268	4.8	D.D.	15 39.8	-2.8	-0.2	274
AUG. 18	810	1.8	D.B.	GBG	...	...	297
AUG. 18	810	1.8	R.D.	...	...	...	297
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	22 45.2	-1.7	-0.7	129
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	R.B.	24 8.0	-2.4	-0.4	276
OCT. 10	539	4.4	R.D.	...	...	...	224
OCT. 10	541	4.0	R.D.	NB2	...	...	224
OCT. 10	552	3.0	D.B.	15 57.3	0.2	-2.1	117
OCT. 10	552	3.0	R.D.	...	...	...	224
OCT. 25	2268	4.8	D.D.	16 46.5	-0.4	0.1	229
NOV. 15	1609	4.7	R.D.	GBG	...	...	31
NOV. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	13 44.0	-1.5	-1.3	316
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	...	...	...	303
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	...	...	...	327
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	...	...	...	327
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	1 36.5	0.1	3.0	4
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	8 0.2	-2.8	-3.8	127
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	9 0.5	-1.9	3.9	198
DEC. 26	3412	4.4	D.D.	3 50.7	-0.7	1.1	33

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W122.0 / N 38.0

DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH. ELG.	TIME	A	B	P
JAN. 19	1644	4.1	R.D.	14 13.6	-0.6	-2.4	332
JAN. 23	2366	1.2	D.B.	13 5.0	...	...	52
JAN. 25	2366	1.2	R.D.	13 38.3	...	...	355
FEB. 6	472	3.0	R.D.	3 6.7	-3.1	-1.8	107
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	11 46.3	-2.0	-1.4	287
MAR. 6	552	3.0	D.D.	...	...	...	74
MAR. 6	545	4.3	D.D.	3 3.9	-2.0	2.3	33
MAR. 6	552	3.0	R.B.	...	...	...	75
MAR. 6	560	3.8	D.D.	4 45.2	-1.5	0.8	46
MAR. 20	2268	4.8	R.D.	NB2	...	...	242
MAR. 22	2609	4.3	R.D.	NB2	...	...	269
APR. 11	1644	4.1	D.D.	...	...	...	148
MAY 9	1712	3.8	D.D.	GBG	...	...	129
MAY 11	1925	1.2	D.D.	GBG	...	...	154
MAY 11	1925	1.2	R.B.	GBG	...	...	154
MAY 19	3164	4.7	R.D.	...	...	...	262
JULY 2	1609	4.7	D.D.	3 24.1	-1.6	-1.4	96
JULY 5	1925	1.2	D.D.	...	...	...	101
JULY 5	1925	1.2	R.B.	...	...	...	101
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	14 23.1	-0.9	3.0	31
JULY 20	560	3.8	R.D.	NB2	...	...	302
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.D.	...	...	...	303
AUG. 4	2268	4.8	D.D.	15 39.8	-2.8	-0.2	274
AUG. 18	810	1.8	D.B.	GBG	...	...	297
AUG. 18	810	1.8	R.D.	...	...	...	297
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	22 45.2	-1.7	-0.7	129
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	R.B.	24 8.0	-2.4	-0.4	276
OCT. 10	539	4.4	R.D.	...	...	...	224
OCT. 10	541	4.0	R.D.	NB2	...	...	224
OCT. 10	552	3.0	D.B.	15 57.3	0.2	-2.1	117
OCT. 10	552	3.0	R.D.	...	...	...	224
OCT. 25	2268	4.8	D.D.	16 46.5	-0.4	0.1	229
NOV. 15	1609	4.7	R.D.	GBG	...	...	31
NOV. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	13 44.0	-1.5	-1.3	316
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	...	...	...	303
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	...	...	...	327
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	...	...	...	327
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	1 36.5	0.1	3.0	4
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	8 0.2	-2.8	-3.8	127
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	9 0.5	-1.9	3.9	198
DEC. 26	3412	4.4	D.D.	3 50.7	-0.7	1.1	33

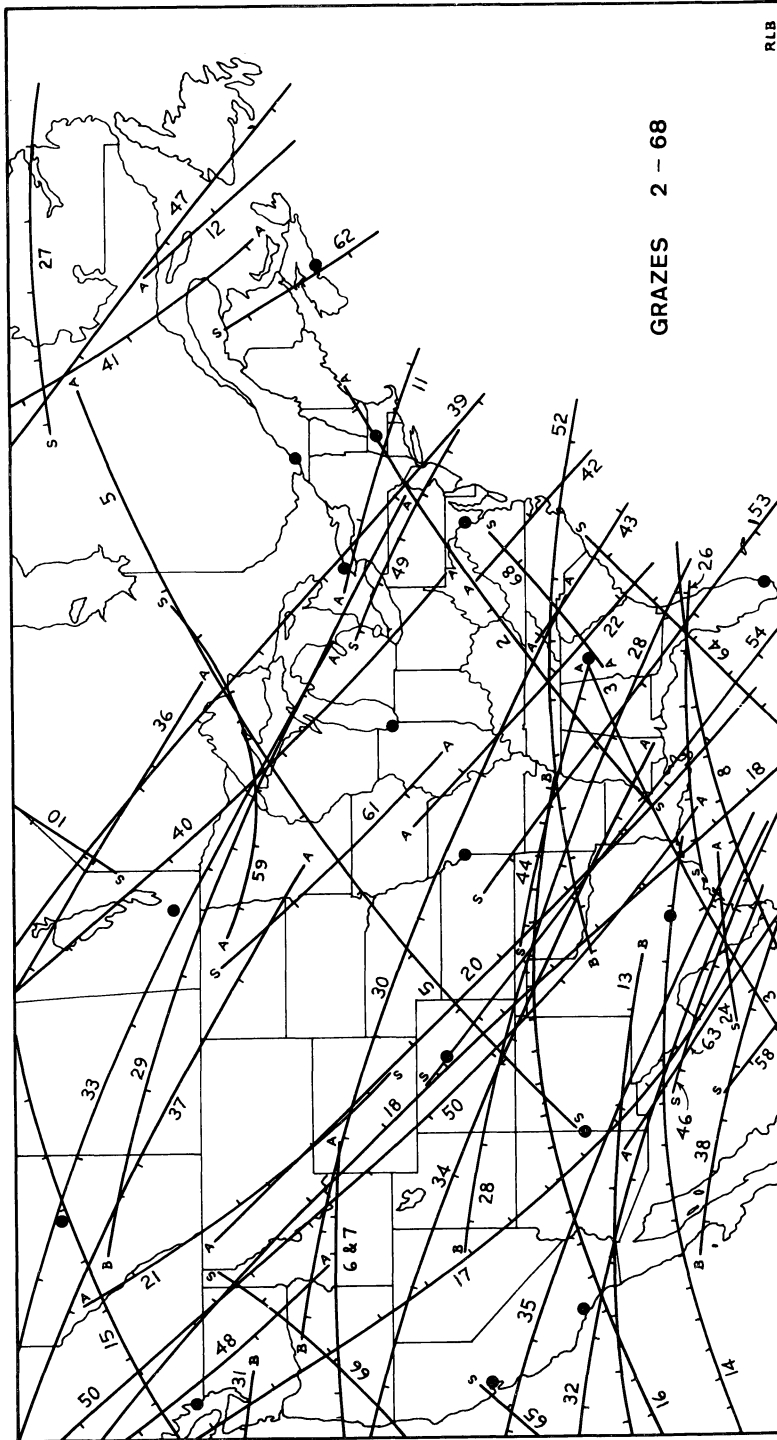
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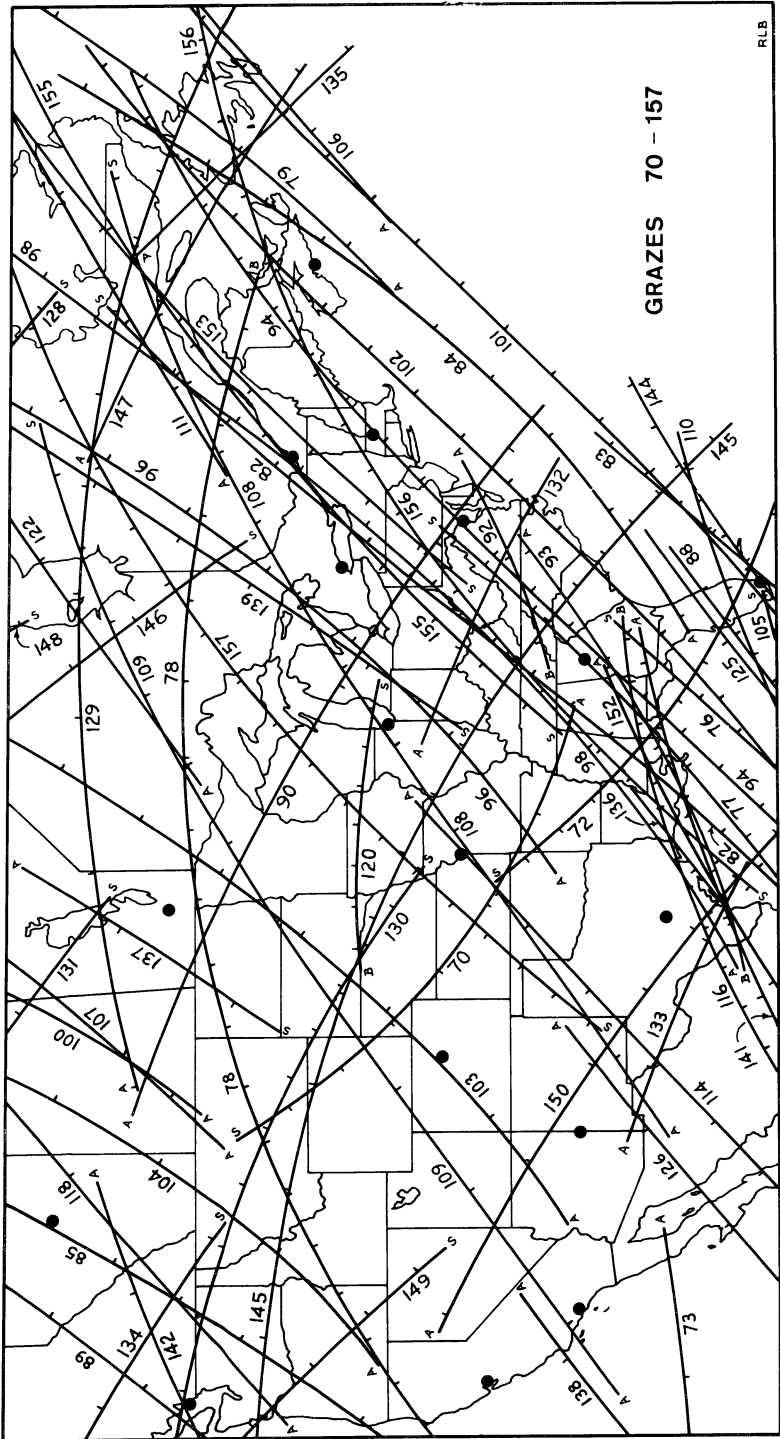
DATE	ZC	MAG.	PH. ELG.	TIME	A	B	P
JAN. 19	1644	4.1	R.D.	14 13.6	-0.6	-2.4	332
JAN. 23	2366	1.2	D.B.	13 5.0	...	...	52
JAN. 25	2366	1.2	R.D.	13 38.3	...	...	355
FEB. 6	472	3.0	R.D.	3 6.7	-3.1	-1.8	107
FEB. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	11 46.3	-2.0	-1.4	287
MAR. 6	552	3.0	D.D.	...	...	...	74
MAR. 6	545	4.3	D.D.	3 3.9	-2.0	2.3	33
MAR. 6	552	3.0	R.B.	...	...	...	75
MAR. 6	560	3.8	D.D.	4 45.2	-1.5	0.8	46
MAR. 20	2268	4.8	R.D.	NB2	...	...	242
MAR. 22	2609	4.3	R.D.	NB2	...	...	269
APR. 11	1644	4.1	D.D.	...	...	...	148
MAY 9	1712	3.8	D.D.	GBG	...	...	129
MAY 11	1925	1.2	D.D.	GBG	...	...	154
MAY 11	1925	1.2	R.B.	GBG	...	...	154
MAY 19	3164	4.7	R.D.	...	...	...	262
JULY 2	1609	4.7	D.D.	3 24.1	-1.6	-1.4	96
JULY 5	1925	1.2	D.D.	...	...	...	101
JULY 5	1925	1.2	R.B.	...	...	...	101
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.B.	14 23.1	-0.9	3.0	31
JULY 20	560	3.8	R.D.	NB2	...	...	302
JULY 20	552	3.0	D.D.	...	...	...	303
AUG. 4	2268	4.8	D.D.	15 39.8	-2.8	-0.2	274
AUG. 18	810	1.8	D.B.	GBG	...	...	297
AUG. 18	810	1.8	R.D.	...	...	...	297
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	D.D.	22 45.2	-1.7	-0.7	129
SEP. 27	2287	3.0	R.B.	24 8.0	-2.4	-0.4	276
OCT. 10	539	4.4	R.D.	...	...	...	224
OCT. 10	541	4.0	R.D.	NB2	...	...	224
OCT. 10	552	3.0	D.B.	15 57.3	0.2	-2.1	117
OCT. 10	552	3.0	R.D.	...	...	...	224
OCT. 25	2268	4.8	D.D.	16 46.5	-0.4	0.1	229
NOV. 15	1609	4.7	R.D.	GBG	...	...	31
NOV. 16	1712	3.8	R.D.	13 44.0	-1.5	-1.3	316
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	...	...	...	303
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	D.B.	...	...	...	327
NOV. 18	1925	1.2	R.D.	...	...	...	327
DEC. 1	146	4.5	D.D.	1 36.5	0.1	3.0	4
DEC. 4	552	3.0	D.D.	8 0.2	-2.8	-3.8	127
DEC. 4	552	3.0	R.B.	9 0.5	-1.9	3.9	198
DEC. 26	3412	4.4	D.D.	3 50.7	-0.7	1.1	33

No.	ZC	m <sub>v</sub>	UT at Start of Track in West		% L	No.	ZC	m <sub>v</sub>	UT at Start of Track in West		% L			
2	3175	4.8	Jan.	2	23 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 13 <sup>s</sup>	11	S	78	552	3.0	July 20	14 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup>	-23	N
3	3327	6.8		4	1 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 04 <sup>s</sup>	21	S	79	647	5.5	21	6 <sup>h</sup> 08 <sup>m</sup> 20 <sup>s</sup>	-18	N
5	3463	6.4		5	0 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 12 <sup>s</sup>	30	S	82	241	6.9	Aug. 14	7 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup>	-70	N
6	180	5.6		7	6 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup>	53	S	83	240	5.6	14	7 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup>	-70	N
7	181	6.5		7	6 <sup>h</sup> 54 <sup>m</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup>	53	S	84	348	6.8	15	4 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 35 <sup>s</sup>	-61	N
8	279	7.1		8	3 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 55 <sup>s</sup>	61	S	85	371	6.4	15	8 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup> 02 <sup>s</sup>	-60	N
10	487	5.2		9	22 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup> 08 <sup>s</sup>	78	S	88	771	6.1	18	9 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup> 12 <sup>s</sup>	-30	N
11	1814	7.0		21	5 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 24 <sup>s</sup>	-67	S	89	773	6.9	18	9 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 44 <sup>s</sup>	-30	N
12	2183	5.7		24	8 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup> 42 <sup>s</sup>	-34	S	90	1925	1.2	28	17 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup> 44 <sup>s</sup>	17	N
13	363	7.3	Feb.	5	4 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup>	45	S	92	2334	7.5	Sept. 1	1 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup> 01 <sup>s</sup>	49	S
14	472	5.0		6	3 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 54 <sup>s</sup>	54	S	93	2496	6.8	2	2 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup> 18 <sup>s</sup>	60	S
15	598	5.7		7	2 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup> 33 <sup>s</sup>	64	S	94	435	5.8	12	6 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup> 40 <sup>s</sup>	-75	N
16	885	5.6		9	2 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup> 54 <sup>s</sup>	81	S	96	545	4.2	13	3 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 58 <sup>s</sup>	-67	N
17	1925	1.2		18	12 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 21 <sup>s</sup>	-79	S	98	552	3.0	13	4 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup>	-67	N
18	2029	5.1		19	9 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup> 33 <sup>s</sup>	-70	S	100	551	7.1	13	4 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 54 <sup>s</sup>	-67	N
20	2298	5.1		21	10 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup> 53 <sup>s</sup>	-49	S	101	557	6.6	13	4 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup> 45 <sup>s</sup>	-67	N
21	2312	5.6		21	13 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 15 <sup>s</sup>	-48	S	102	562	6.6	13	5 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 26 <sup>s</sup>	-67	N
22	2453	6.7		22	10 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup> 08 <sup>s</sup>	-38	S	103	561	5.2	13	5 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup>	-67	N
24	50	6.0	Mar.	2	1 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup> 30 <sup>s</sup>	5	S	104	560	3.8	13	5 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup> 52 <sup>s</sup>	-67	N
26	421	6.6		5	0 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 39 <sup>s</sup>	26	S	105	731	5.9	14	10 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup> 50 <sup>s</sup>	-55	N
27	524	6.6		5	23 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 02 <sup>s</sup>	35	S	106	996	6.8	16	4 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup>	-38	N
28	545	4.2		6	3 <sup>h</sup> 37 <sup>m</sup> 46 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	107	1008	5.0	16	6 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup>	-37	N
29	550	6.8		6	3 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 55 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	108	1022	5.8	16	7 <sup>h</sup> 57 <sup>m</sup> 48 <sup>s</sup>	-36	N
30	551	7.1		6	4 <sup>h</sup> 03 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	109	1026	6.5	16	8 <sup>h</sup> 48 <sup>m</sup> 13 <sup>s</sup>	-36	N
31	556	5.5		6	4 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 04 <sup>s</sup>	37	S	110	1149	4.2	17	9 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup> 05 <sup>s</sup>	-27	N
32	552	3.0		6	4 <sup>h</sup> 12 <sup>m</sup> 47 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	111	1251	5.9	18	6 <sup>h</sup> 43 <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>s</sup>	-20	N
33	559	6.6		6	4 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 40 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	114	2965	7.0	Oct. 2	4 <sup>h</sup> 33 <sup>m</sup> 02 <sup>s</sup>	69	S
34	560	3.8		6	5 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 03 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	116	810	1.8	12	8 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup> 38 <sup>s</sup>	-71	N
35	561	5.2		6	5 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 33 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	118	1093	6.4	14	7 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup>	-54	N
36	567	6.8		6	5 <sup>h</sup> 19 <sup>m</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	120	1108	6.9	14	10 <sup>h</sup> 47 <sup>m</sup> 13 <sup>s</sup>	-53	S
37	570	6.8		6	5 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup> 00 <sup>s</sup>	37	N	122	1211	6.2	15	5 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup> 39 <sup>s</sup>	-45	N
38	701	6.5		7	3 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup> 24 <sup>s</sup>	46	N	125	2914	5.0	29	2 <sup>h</sup> 32 <sup>m</sup> 04 <sup>s</sup>	42	S
39	996	6.8		9	5 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup> 13 <sup>s</sup>	66	N	126	2925	7.5	29	3 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 59 <sup>s</sup>	43	S
40	1008	5.0		9	7 <sup>h</sup> 42 <sup>m</sup> 07 <sup>s</sup>	66	N	128	1402	7.5	Nov. 13	10 <sup>h</sup> 56 <sup>m</sup> 01 <sup>s</sup>	-51	S
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43	2751	6.9		23	9 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 49 <sup>s</sup>	-42	S	131	1798	6.3	17	13 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 08 <sup>s</sup>	-15	S
44	371	6.4	Apr.	1	1 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup>	7	N	132	1900	7.2	18	10 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup> 31 <sup>s</sup>	-9	S
46	771	6.1		4	1 <sup>h</sup> 52 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup>	29	N	133	1908	7.2	18	12 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 58 <sup>s</sup>	-8	S
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62	1730	6.5	June	6	1 <sup>h</sup> 02 <sup>m</sup> 43 <sup>s</sup>	63	N	146	1753	7.1	14	11 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 20 <sup>s</sup>	-40	S
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64	3089	5.3		15	9 <sup>h</sup> 21 <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup>	-82	N	148	1859	6.8	15	12 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 17 <sup>s</sup>	-30	S
65	3106	5.4		15	12 <sup>h</sup> 26 <sup>m</sup> 57 <sup>s</sup>	-81	N	149	1868	7.1	15	14 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 03 <sup>s</sup>	-29	S
66	326	6.0		21	10 <sup>h</sup> 45 <sup>m</sup> 21 <sup>s</sup>	-20	N	150	1968	6.9	16	11 <sup>h</sup> 49 <sup>m</sup> 34 <sup>s</sup>	-21	S
68	564	6.1		23	9 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 37 <sup>s</sup>	-7	N	152	3275	6.1	25	2 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 27 <sup>s</sup>	24	S
70	1609	4.7	July	2	3 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup> 05 <sup>s</sup>	28	N	153	3391	6.8	25	22 <sup>h</sup> 35 <sup>m</sup> 08 <sup>s</sup>	33	S
72	1795	7.1		4	2 <sup>h</sup> 20 <sup>m</sup> 29 <sup>s</sup>	47	N	155	3394	7.4	25	23 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup> 54 <sup>s</sup>	34	S
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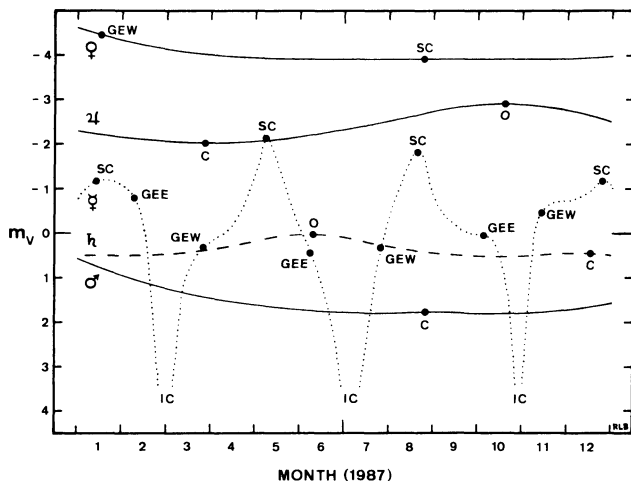
# PLANETS, SATELLITES, AND ASTEROIDS

## PLANETARY HELIOCENTRIC LONGITUDES 1987

The heliocentric longitude of a planet is the angle between the vernal equinox and the planet, as seen from the Sun. It is measured in the ecliptic plane, in the direction of the orbital motion of the planet (counterclockwise as viewed from the north side of the ecliptic plane). Knowing the heliocentric longitudes, and the approximate distances of the planets from the Sun (see page 9), one can construct a diagram or model showing the orientation of the Sun and planets on any date.

UT	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐
Jan. 1.0	259°	134°	100°	36°	358°	253°	263°	276°	218°
Feb. 1.0	5	184	132	53	1	254	263	276	218
Mar. 1.0	164	229	160	69	3	255	263	276	218
Apr. 1.0	264	279	191	84	6	256	264	276	218
May 1.0	10	326	220	99	9	257	264	276	219
June 1.0	181	15	250	114	12	258	265	276	219
July 1.0	273	63	279	127	15	259	265	277	219
Aug. 1.0	32	113	308	141	17	259	265	277	219
Sept. 1.0	196	164	338	155	20	260	266	277	219
Oct. 1.0	284	212	7	168	23	261	266	277	220
Nov. 1.0	56	262	38	181	26	262	266	277	220
Dec. 1.0	207	309	68	195	29	263	267	278	220
Jan. 1.0	296	358	100	209	31	264	267	278	220

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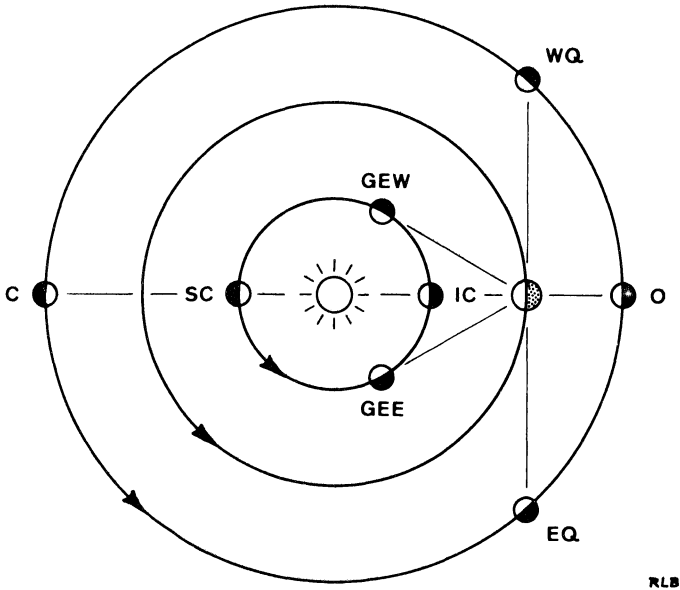
The magnitudes of the five, classical (naked eye) planets in 1987. Oppositions (O), conjunctions (C), inferior and superior conjunctions (IC, SC), and greatest elongations east and west (GEE, GEW) are indicated. (Note the diagram explaining these terms on page 103. For planetary symbols see page 8.)



PRONUNCIATION OF PLANET NAMES

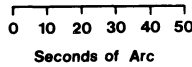
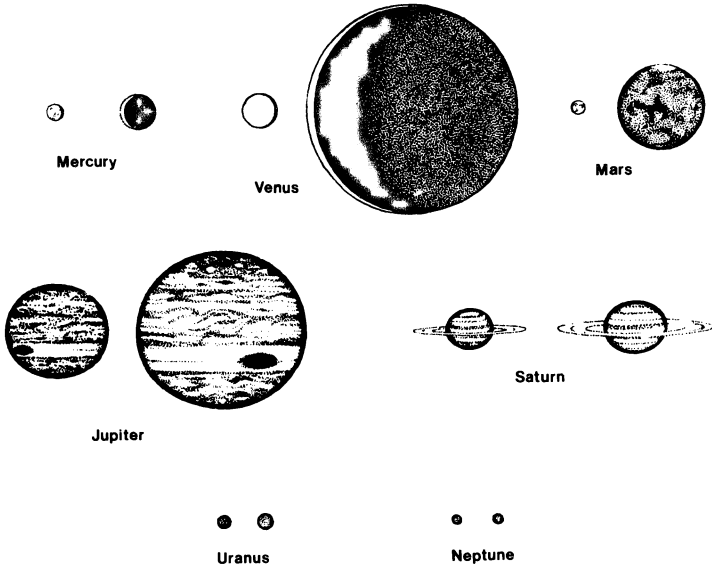
Mercury	mûr'kû-rê
Venus	vê'nûs
Earth	ûrth
Mars	mârs
Jupiter	jōō'pî-têr
Saturn	sât'ûrn
Uranus	yoor'â-nûs
Neptune	nêp'tyoōn
Pluto	plōō'tō

ā dāte; ă tăp; â câre; ą ąsk; ē wē; ě mět; ē makēr; ī ĩce; ĩ bĭt; ō gō; ǒ hōt; ô ôrb; oo book; oō mōōn; ū ũnite; ũ ũp; û ũrn.



*This diagram is a simplified view of the Solar System, from the north side. Earth is shown (middle orbit) together with an “inferior” planet (e.g. Venus) and a “superior” planet (e.g. Mars). Four special configurations of the inferior planet relative to Earth are shown (in counterclockwise chronological sequence): inferior conjunction (IC), greatest elongation west (GEW), superior conjunction (SC), greatest elongation east (GEE). Four special configurations of the superior planet relative to Earth are also shown (in clockwise chronological sequence): opposition (O), eastern quadrature (EQ), conjunction (C), western quadrature (WQ).*

PLANETS: APPARENT SIZES



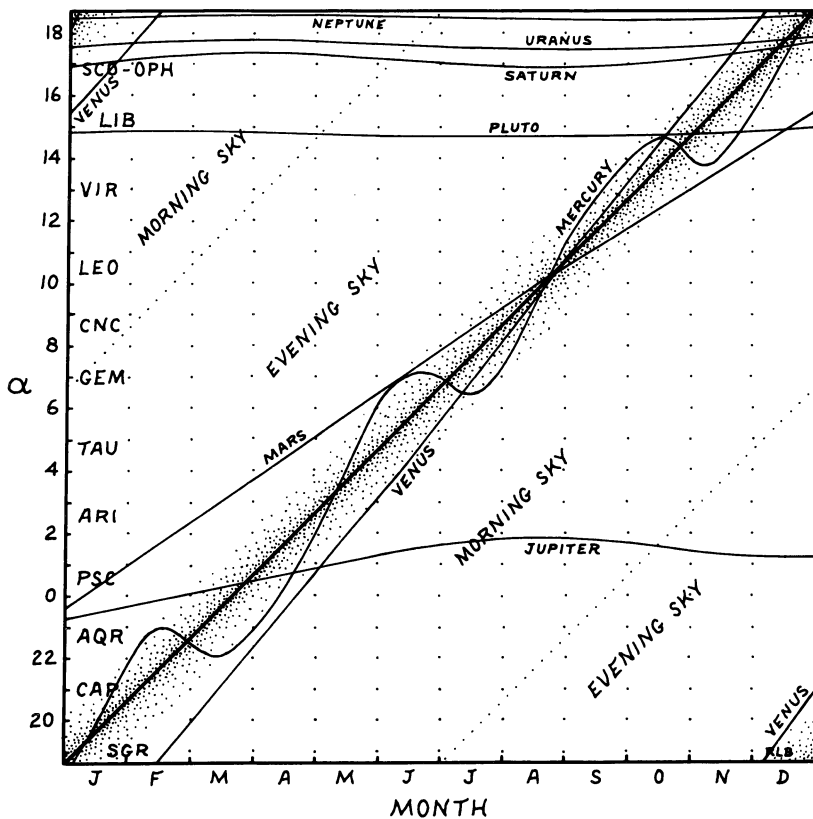
*The apparent maximum and minimum observable size of seven planets is illustrated along with characteristic telescopic appearance. The large satellites of Jupiter (not shown) appear smaller than Neptune.*

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PRONUNCIATION OF SATELLITE NAMES

Adrastea	â-drās'tē-â	Europa	yoo-rō'pâ	Oberon	ō'bâ-rōn'
Amalthea	âm'li-thē'â	Ganymede	gân'ē-mēd'	Pandora	pân-dōr'â
Ananke	â'nân-kē	Himalia	hīm'â-lī-â	Pasiphae	pâ-sīf'â ē'
Ariel	âr'ē-ēl	Hyperion	hī-pēr'i-ēn	Phobos	fō'bōs
Atlas	ât'lās	Iapetus	i-âp'ū-tūs	Phoebe	fē'bē
Callisto	kâ-līs'tō	Io	i'ō	Prometheus	prō-mē'thē-ūs
Calypso	kâ-līp'sō	Janus	jâ'nūs	Rhea	rē'â
Carme	kâr'mē	Leda	lē'dâ	Sinope	sī-nō'pē
Charon	kâr'ēn	Lysithea	lis'i-thē'-â	Telesto	tâ-lēs'tō
Deimos	dī'mōs	Metis	mē'tīs	Tethys	tē'thīs
Dione	dī-ō'nē	Mimas	mī'mās	Thebe	thē'bē
Elara	ē'lâr-â	Miranda	mī-rân'dâ	Titan	tī't'n
Enceladus	ēn-sēl'â-dūs	Moon	mōon	Titania	tī-tâ'nē-â
Epimetheus	ēp'â-mē'thē-ūs	Nereid	nēr'ē-id	Triton	trī't'n
				Umbriel	ūm'brē-ēl'

â dâte; â tâp; â câre; â âsk; ē wē; ē mēt; ē makēr; i ice; i bit; ō gō; ō hōt; ô orb; oo book; oō mōon; ū ūnite; ŭ ŭp; ŭ ūrn.



This diagram shows the variation during the year in the right ascension ( $\alpha$ ) of the Sun and the planets. The diagram is simplified in that the heavy diagonal line for the Sun (which should be slightly curved) is straight, and the months are assumed to be of equal duration. The stippling in the vicinity of the line for the Sun indicates the region of the night sky affected by twilight. The rectangular grid of dots is an aid to reading the two axes. The two dotted diagonal lines represent the boundary between the evening sky and the morning sky.

The diagram may be used as a quick reference to determine: in what part of the sky a planet may be found (including in which constellation – note the names along the vertical axis); when a superior planet is in conjunction with the Sun or at opposition (opposition is approximately where its curve intersects the dotted diagonal line, and note that, due to retrograde motion, this point is also where the planet's curve has its maximum negative slope); when Mercury and Venus have their various greatest elongations and conjunctions; and when there are conjunctions of planets (e.g. note the unusual conjunction of Mercury, Venus, Mars, and the Sun during the latter part of August). For more detailed information on all these events, see the following pages and "The Sky Month by Month" section. (RLB)

# THE PLANETS FOR 1987

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## INTRODUCTION

Planetary observing is perhaps the most widely accessible and diversified category of amateur astronomical pursuits. Planets can be seen almost any clear night of the year. Indeed, in heavily light-polluted cities they are sometimes the *only* celestial objects visible. With dark sky sites ever more remote from population centres, planetary observing is returning—partly by default—to take its place as an important part of the amateur astronomers' repertoire. But a more important factor than sky conditions is the recent resurgence of the refractor which has, in effect, been reborn in modern moderately-priced apochromatic and semi-apochromatic designs in 90mm to 180mm apertures. These telescopes provide by far the cleanest planetary images of any telescope design (for a reprint of a 1986 *Handbook* article on this subject contact the author).

Planetary observing divides into three distinct categories, each with its opportunities and limitations. *Unaided-eye* observing consists of detecting, identifying and monitoring the night-to-night and week-to-week motion and visibility of the five brighter planets. *Binoculars* add Uranus and Neptune along with the Galilean satellites of Jupiter. Binoculars are ideal for tracking planetary motion against the backdrop of stars, many of which are too faint for naked-eye detection. But it is only through *telescopic* observing that the planets reveal their uniqueness, and this section concentrates on that aspect.

Urban and suburban locales unsuited for many aspects of astronomy can be perfectly acceptable for telescopic planetary observing. Atmospheric turbulence—seeing—is often no worse, and sometimes better, in urban areas. However, observers should avoid using telescopes on pavement, balconies or immediately beside a house or substantial building due to the heat radiated to the surrounding atmosphere from these structures. Also, avoid looking over these objects if possible. A typical grassed backyard is fine in most instances. For optimum performance, all telescopes (except small refractors) require from 10 minutes to an hour to cool to outside temperature when taken outdoors. Hazy but otherwise cloudless nights are usually just as good as, and sometimes better than, clear skies for steady telescopic images of planets.

More than any other class of telescopic observing, planetary observing is most affected by seeing. Many nights are rendered useless for planet watching by ever-present ripples and undulations in Earth's atmosphere. Planets within 15° of the horizon are virtually always afflicted. Minimum altitude for expectations of reasonable seeing is 25°. A further problem with lower-altitude planetary targets is dispersion associated with atmospheric refraction. Refraction causes celestial objects to appear displaced to higher altitudes. Since the effect is wavelength-dependent (being less for longer wavelengths), for planets at low altitudes, this produces a red fringe on the lower side of the planet and a green (or blue) fringe on the upper, as well as introducing chromatic smearing to the whole image.

In the remarks below, when a planetary phenomenon is stated as being visible in a certain minimum aperture, good seeing is assumed. When a specific minimum aperture is cited, an unobstructed optical system (i.e. a refractor) is assumed. Somewhat larger apertures are often required if centrally obstructed systems are used.

## MERCURY

At just over one-third Earth's distance from the Sun, Mercury is the solar system's innermost planet and the only one known to be almost entirely without an

atmosphere. Mercury is a small world only 6% as large as Earth by volume—barely larger than our Moon.

Until the advent of interplanetary probes, virtually nothing was known about the surface of Mercury. Only the vaguest smudges have been seen through Earth-based telescopes. In 1974 the U.S. spacecraft Mariner 10 photographed one hemisphere of Mercury revealing it to be extremely heavily cratered, in many respects identical in appearance to the far side of Earth's Moon. There is no interplanetary mission planned to photograph the other hemisphere.

Mercury's orbit is the most elliptical of any planet except Pluto's. Once each orbit Mercury approaches to within 0.31 A of the Sun and then half an orbit (44 days) later it is out to 0.47 A. This amounts to a 24 million km range in distance from the Sun, making the Sun in Mercury's sky vary from about four times the area we see it to more than ten times its apparent area from Earth. Mercury's sidereal rotation period of 59 days combines with the 88 day orbital period of the planet to produce a solar day (one sunrise to the next) of 176 days—the longest of any planet.

Of the five planets visible to the unaided eye, Mercury is by far the most difficult to observe and is seldom conveniently located for either unaided eye or telescopic observation. The problem for observers is Mercury's tight orbit which constrains the planet to a small zone on either side of the Sun as viewed from Earth. When Mercury is east of the Sun we may see it as an evening star low in the west just after sunset. When it is west of the Sun we might view Mercury as a morning star in the east before sunrise. But due to celestial geometry involving the tilt of Earth's axis and Mercury's orbit we get much better views of Mercury at certain times of the year.

The best time to see the planet in the evening is in the spring, and in the morning in the fall (from the northern hemisphere). Binoculars are of great assistance in searching for the planet about 40 minutes to an hour after sunset or before sunrise during the periods when it is visible. The planet's brightness, which varies by more than two magnitudes, is a more important factor influencing its visibility than its distance from the Sun during any particular elongation. Mercury's true colour is almost pure white but absorption from Earth's atmosphere within 15° of the horizon, where Mercury is usually best seen, usually imparts a yellow or ochre hue to the planet. Telescopic observers will find the rapidly changing phases of Mercury of interest. The planet appears to zip from gibbous to crescent phase in about three weeks during each of its elongations.

**MERCURY**  
**TELESCOPIC OBSERVING DATA FOR**  
**FAVOURABLE EASTERN (EVENING) ELONGATIONS 1987**

Date 0 <sup>h</sup> UT	Mag.	Angular Diameter	% of Disk Illuminated	Distance From Sun	$\alpha$ (1987)	$\delta$
<b>Feb. 4</b>	-1.0	5.8"	81%	15°	22 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup>	-12°24'
10	-0.7	6.7"	61%	18°	22 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup>	-08°05'
16	+0.2	8.0"	34%	17°	22 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup>	-04°39'
<b>May 21</b>	-0.9	5.8"	79%	15°	04 <sup>h</sup> 53 <sup>m</sup>	+24°30'
27	-0.4	6.4"	63%	20°	05 <sup>h</sup> 39 <sup>m</sup>	+25°36'
<b>June 2</b>	+0.1	7.3"	49%	22°	06 <sup>h</sup> 17 <sup>m</sup>	+25°26'
8	+0.6	8.3"	36%	23°	06 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup>	+24°23'

Mercury's phases have been detected with telescopes of 75 mm aperture or less, but generally a 100 mm or larger telescope is required to distinguish them. In larger instruments under conditions of excellent seeing (usually when Mercury is viewed in the daytime) dusky features have been glimpsed by experienced observers. Thorough analysis has shown only a fair correlation between these visually observed features and the surface of the planet as photographed by Mariner 10.

## VENUS

Venus is the only world in the solar system that closely resembles Earth in size and mass. It also comes nearer to Earth than to any other planet, at times approaching as close as 0.27 A. Despite the fundamental similarity, surface conditions on Earth and Venus differ greatly, according to findings of spacecraft missions to the planet during the past decade. The chief disparity is that Venus' surface temperature varies only a few degrees from a mean of 455°C on both day and night sides of the planet. The high temperature is due to the dense carbon dioxide atmosphere of Venus which, when combined with small quantities of water vapour and other gases known to be present, has the special property of allowing sunlight to penetrate to the planet's surface but does not permit the resulting heat to escape. This process is commonly known as the greenhouse effect.

Venus' atmosphere has a surface pressure 91 times Earth's sea-level atmospheric pressure. A haze layer extends down from about 65 km above the surface to about 50 km, where a dense 3-km-thick cloud deck occurs. The haze continues to within about 30 km from the surface, where the atmosphere clears. Several Soviet Venera spacecraft have landed on Venus since 1975 and have photographed the planet's surface, revealing daytime lighting conditions similar to those on Earth on a heavily overcast day. Winds at the surface range from 2 to 10 km/h. The clouds and haze that cloak the planet, consisting chiefly of droplets of sulphuric acid, are highly reflective, making Venus the brightest natural celestial object in the nighttime sky apart from the Moon, and whenever visible, it is readily recognized. Because its orbit is within that of Earth's, Venus is never separated from the Sun by an angle greater than 47 degrees. However, this is more than sufficient for the dazzling object to dominate the morning or evening sky.

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Like Mercury, Venus exhibits phases, although they are much more easily detected in small telescopes because of Venus' greater size. When it is far from us (near the other side of its orbit), we see the planet nearly fully illuminated, but because of its distance, it appears small—about 10 seconds of arc in diameter. As Venus moves closer to Earth, the phase decreases (we see less of the illuminated portion of the planet), but the diameter increases until it is a thin slice nearly a minute of arc in diameter. It takes Venus several months to move from one of these extremes to the other, compared to just a few weeks for Mercury.

When Venus is about a 20% crescent even rigidly-held, good quality binoculars can be used to distinguish that the planet is not spherical or a point source. A 60 mm refractor should be capable of revealing all but the gibbous and full phases of Venus. Experienced observers prefer to observe Venus during the daytime, and indeed the planet is bright enough to be seen with the unaided eye if one knows where to look.

Venus appears to most observers to be featureless no matter what type of telescope is used or what the planet's phase. However, over the past century some observers using medium or large size telescopes have reported dusky, patchy markings usually described as slightly less brilliant than the dazzling white of the rest of the planet. We now know that there are many subtle variations in the intensity of the clouds of Venus as photographed in ultraviolet by spacecraft and Earth-based telescopes. But when the ultraviolet photos are compared to drawings of the patchy markings seen by visual observers the correlation is fair at best.

When Venus is less than 10% illuminated the cusps (the points at the ends of the crescent) can sometimes be seen to extend into the night side of the planet. This is an actual observation of solar illumination being scattered by the atmosphere of Venus. When Venus is a thin sliver of a crescent the extended cusps may be seen to ring the entire planet.

As 1987 opens, Venus is a brilliant beacon in the east before sunrise. During the next six months it gradually sinks toward the early morning horizon and by July becomes lost in the solar glare. Superior conjunction is reached August 23. By early October the planet climbs out of the evening twilight and is seen low in the southwest for the remainder of the year. Telescopically Venus is 42% illuminated and 29.8" in diameter on January 1. These values will be 58% and 21.0" on February 1, and 78% and 13.7" on April 1. After superior conjunction the corresponding values are: 95% and 10.4" on November 1 and 85% and 12.5" on December 31. In general Venus will have little telescopic appeal this year. Aesthetically, the planet is much more attractive when it is within two months of inferior conjunction. The phase is then less than 40% and the disc subtends a substantial angular diameter.

## MARS

Mars is the planet that has long captivated the imagination of mankind as a possible abode of life. One of the major objectives of the Viking spacecraft which landed on Mars in 1976 was the quest for Martian microorganisms. The Viking biology experiments completed the search in 1977 and, although the results are somewhat ambiguous, there is no convincing evidence of life we are familiar with.

The landscapes photographed by the Viking landers were basically desert vistas strewn with rocks ranging up to several metres wide. Judging by their texture and colour, and chemistry analysis by Viking, the rocks are fragments of lava flows. The soil composition resembles that of basaltic lavas on Earth and our Moon. About 1% of the soil is water, chemically bound in the crystal structure of the rock and soil particles. Some planetary scientists speculate that water in the form of permafrost exists a few metres below the surface. However, Viking and its predecessors have shown that water was once abundant enough on Mars to leave major structures on the planet resembling riverbeds. Analysis of high resolution Viking Orbiter photographs of these structures has led most investigators to conclude that they were likely carved during the planet's early history.

The red planet's thin atmosphere has an average surface pressure only 0.7% of Earth's and consists of 95% carbon dioxide, 2.7% nitrogen, 1.6% argon, 0.6% carbon monoxide, 0.15% oxygen and 0.03% water vapour. Winds in the Martian atmosphere reach speeds exceeding 300 km/h and in so doing raise vast amounts of dust that can envelop the planet for weeks at a time. The dust storms were thought to occur with seasonal regularity shortly after Mars passed the perihelion point of its elliptical orbit, but the Viking observations revealed more complex weather patterns.

In many ways Mars is the most interesting planet to observe with the unaided eye. It moves rapidly among the stars—its motion can usually be detected after an interval of less than a week—and it varies in brightness over a far greater range than any other planet. Mars may be distinguished by its orange-red colour, a hue that originates with rust-coloured dust that covers much of the planet.

Telescopically Mars is usually a disappointingly small featureless ochre disk except within a few months of opposition when its distance from Earth is then near minimum. If Mars is at perihelion at these times the separation can be as little as 56 million km. Such close approaches occur at intervals of 15 to 17 years; the most recent was in 1986. At a perihelion opposition the telescopic disk of Mars is 25 seconds of arc in diameter and much detail on the planet can be distinguished with telescopes of 100 mm aperture or greater. At oppositions other than when Mars is at perihelion, the disk is correspondingly smaller.

This year marks a lull between the perihelion oppositions of 1986 and 1988, the closest oppositions during the last quarter of the 20th century. Last year's opposition proved disappointing for many observers because of the planet's low altitude (from Canada and most of the U.S.). Poor seeing frustrated most attempts to discern the finer details on the Martian disc. Due to Mars's location near the celestial equator at the time of the 1988 opposition, next year should offer far superior conditions—probably the most favourable for mid-northern latitude telescopic observers since 1956.

During 1987 Mars is of no telescopic interest since it is less than 7" in apparent diameter all year, appearing as nothing more than an orange blip. To the unaided eye, Mars opens the year as a first-magnitude object in Pisces in the evening sky. In February it will move into Aries, and into Taurus in March. The planet's motion is so rapid it may be noticeable on a nightly basis in binoculars. Mars passes 6° north of Aldebaran on April 21 and 6° south of Pollux June 27. At these times it will be fainter than either star. Mars will be lost in twilight from early July to late October when it reappears in the morning sky in Virgo. It advances to Libra in early December but remains inconspicuous into early 1988.

## JUPITER

Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet, is a colossal ball of hydrogen and helium without any solid surface comparable to land masses on Earth. In some respects Jupiter is more like a star than a planet. Jupiter likely has a small rocky core encased in a thick mantle of metallic hydrogen which is enveloped by a massive atmospheric cloak topped by a quilt of multi-coloured clouds.

The windswept visible surface of Jupiter is constantly changing. Vast dark belts merge with one another or sometimes fade to insignificance. Brighter zones—actually smeared bands of ammonia clouds—vary in intensity and frequently are carved up with dark rifts or loops called festoons. The equatorial region of Jupiter's clouds rotates five minutes faster than the rest of the planet: 9 hours 50 minutes compared to 9 hours 55 minutes. This means constant interaction as one region slips by the other at about 400 km/h. It also means that there are basically two rotational systems from the viewpoint of week-to-week telescopic observation.

**P** In the table on the next page, the two quantities  $L(1)$  and  $\Delta$  can be used to calculate the longitude  $L$  of the central meridian of the illuminated disk of Jupiter. System I is the most rapidly rotating region between the middle of the North Equatorial Belt and the middle of the South Equatorial Belt. System II applies to the rest of the planet. For a given date and time (U.T.) of observation,  $L$  is equal to  $L(1)$  for the month in question *plus*  $\Delta$  times the number of complete days elapsed since 0 h U.T. on the first of the month *plus* either 36.58° (for system I) or 36.26° (for system II) times the number of hours elapsed since 0 h U.T. The result will usually exceed 360°; if so, divide the result by 360 and then multiply the decimal portion of the quotient by 360°. This procedure, which is accurate to 1°, is readily computed using a modest calculator.

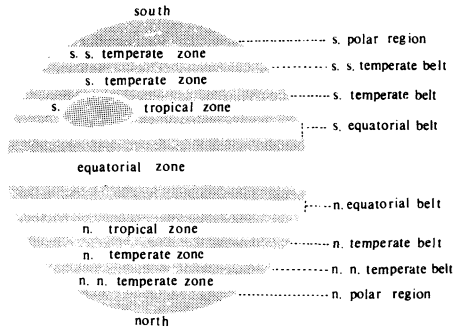
Jupiter's rapid rotation also makes the great globe markedly oval so that it appears about 7% "squashed" at the poles. Jupiter's apparent equatorial diameter ranges from a minimum of 33" at conjunction on March 27 to 50" at opposition on October 18.

The Great Red Spot, a salmon-coloured oval vortex whose hue may possibly be due to organic-like compounds that are constantly spewed from some heated atmospheric source below, is the longest-lived structure on the visible surface of Jupiter. The spot and the changing cloud structures that stripe the planet can be easily observed in small telescopes because the apparent size of the visible surface of Jupiter is far greater than that of any other planet. Occasionally (1981–86 for example) the Red Spot loses its prominence, becoming difficult to detect in smaller telescopes, only to return to its normal state a few years later.



## JUPITER'S BELTS AND ZONES

*Viewed through a telescope of 150 mm aperture or greater, Jupiter exhibits a variety of changing detail and colour in its cloudy atmosphere. Some features are of long duration, others are short-lived. The standard nomenclature of the belts and zones is given in the figure.*



### JUPITER — EPHEMERIS FOR PHYSICAL OBSERVATIONS — 1987

Date UT	Mag.	App. Equat. Diam.	System I		System II	
			L(1)	$\Delta$	L(1)	$\Delta$
Jan. 1.0	-2.3	37.5"	323.5°	157.65°	171.0°	150.02°
Feb. 1.0	-2.1	34.8"	170.6°	157.63°	141.6°	150.00°
Mar. 1.0	-2.1	33.5"	264.3°	157.65°	21.7°	150.02°
Apr. 1.0	-2.0	33.1"	111.4°	157.68°	352.2°	150.05°
May 1.0	-2.1	33.7"	161.9°	157.73°	173.8°	150.10°
June 1.0	-2.2	35.5"	11.6°	157.80°	146.9°	150.17°
July 1.0	-2.3	38.2"	65.4°	157.87°	331.9°	150.24°
Aug. 1.0	-2.5	42.0"	279.5°	157.96°	309.4°	150.33°
Sept. 1.0	-2.7	46.2"	136.2°	158.03°	289.6°	150.40°
Oct. 1.0	-2.9	49.2"	197.1°	158.03°	121.6°	150.40°
Nov. 1.0	-2.9	49.3"	56.1°	157.95°	104.0°	150.32°
Dec. 1.0	-2.7	46.4"	114.6°	157.82°	293.6°	150.19°
Jan. 1.0	-2.5	42.0"				$R_{L_b}$

Two Voyager spacecraft swung through the Jovian system in 1979 and transmitted to Earth superbly detailed photographs of the planet and its five inner moons. Among the most surprising finds was a ring of dust-size particles around the giant planet's equator. The ring apparently extends from the Jovian clouds out to 59 000 km.

The smallest of telescopes will reveal Jupiter's four large moons, each of which is equal to or larger than Earth's satellite. The moons provide a never-ending fascination for amateur astronomers. Sometimes the satellites are paired on either side of the belted planet; frequently one is missing—either behind Jupiter or in the planet's shadow. Even more interesting are the occasions when one of the moons

casts its shadow on the disk of the planet. The tiny black shadow of one of the moons can be particularly evident if it is cast on one of the bright zones of Jupiter. According to some observers this phenomenon is evident in a good 60 mm refractor.

The satellite shadows vary significantly in size from one moon to another. Mean opposition angular diameters in seconds of arc are: Io 0.8, Europa 0.6, Ganymede 1.0, and Callisto 0.5. Theoretically such tiny markings should not be visible in telescopes smaller than 120mm, but the enormous contrast between the dark shadow and the bright Jovian clouds enhances the phenomenon in a way that the human eye is very sensitive to. The satellites themselves have the following mean opposition apparent diameters: Io 1.2, Europa 1.0, Ganymede 1.7, Callisto 1.5. A 150mm telescope reveals the size differences as well as colour variations among the moons. When the Galilean satellites transit the disc of Jupiter they are seldom visible in telescopes under 100mm and are best seen near the planet's limb when entering or leaving the disc. Tracking a satellite transit completely across Jupiter is a challenging observation.

Both the satellite positions and the times of their interaction with the Jovian disk are given elsewhere in the HANDBOOK. Jupiter's other satellites are photographic objects for large instruments.

As 1987 opens, Jupiter is seen in Aquarius, low in the southwest after sunset. By early March it is too close to the Sun for observation. Jupiter enters the morning sky in April and by early May it is a prominent dawn object in Pisces, where it remains for the rest of the year. In August it rises not long after midnight, beginning a five month period when the giant planet is well placed for telescopic viewing. Opposition occurs on October 18.

In several respects this is the best year in over a decade for telescopic observation of the giant planet. Jupiter passes perihelion July 10, making its apparent opposition diameter of 49.7" greater than at any time since 1975. For comparison, at the aphelion opposition of 1981 Jupiter's disk was 44.2". Opposition declination is +8°, which for observers in mid-northern latitudes places the planet well above seeing degradation near the horizon. Also, the opposition date occurs at a time when many areas of North America can experience stable atmospheric conditions along with increasing hours of darkness compared to summer.

Near opposition this year a telescope magnifying only 36 times will yield an image of Jupiter equal in size to the full moon seen with the naked eye. A telescope at 190× will make the Great Red Spot's major axis the same apparent diameter as the Moon to the unaided eye. At opposition Jupiter's distance is 3.959 A (592 million km) from Earth.

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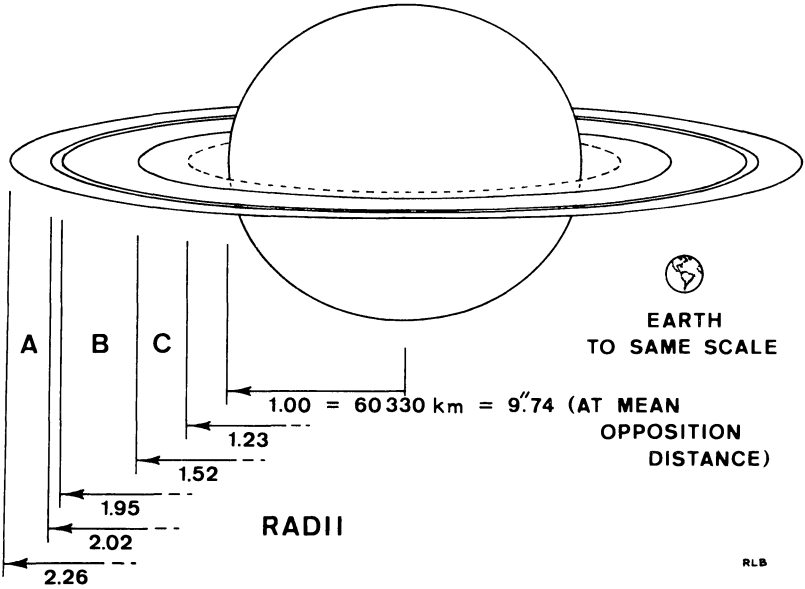
## SATURN

Saturn is the telescopic showpiece of the night sky. The chilling beauty of the small pale orb floating in a field of velvet is something no photographs or descriptions can adequately duplicate. According to recent Voyager spacecraft findings, the rings consist of billions of particles that range in size from microscopic specks to flying mountains kilometres across. The reason "rings" is plural and not singular is that gaps and brightness differences define hundreds of distinct rings. However, from Earth only the three most prominent components—known simply as rings A, B, and C—can be distinguished visually. (See the diagram on p. 113.)

Cassini's Division, a gap between rings A and B discovered in 1675, is visible in small telescopes when the ring system is well inclined to our view. The Voyager spacecraft revealed Cassini's Division as a region less densely populated with ring particles than adjacent rings. Ring B, the brightest, overpowers ring C to such an extent that ring C, also known as the crepe ring, is seen only with difficulty in small telescopes.

# SATURN

## MAIN RING FEATURES VISIBLE FROM EARTH

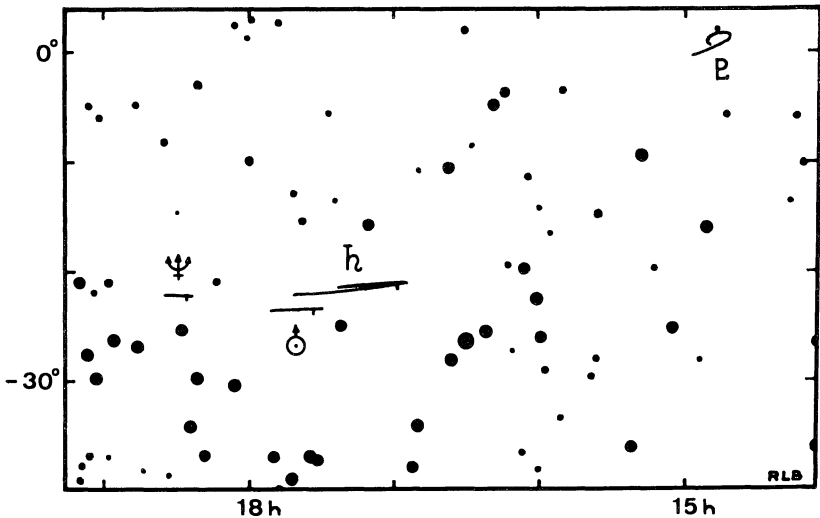


### SATURN'S RING SYSTEM MAIN STRUCTURAL REGIONS

Ring	Radius <sup>1</sup>	Discoverer
D	1.11 - 1.23	Voyager 1 (1980)
C*	1.23 - 1.52	W. C. & G. P. Bond, W. R. Dawes (1850)
B*	1.52 - 1.95	{ Galileo (1610), C. Huygens (1659), G. D. Cassini (1675)
A*	2.02 - 2.26	
F	2.33	Pioneer 11 (1979)
G	2.8	Voyager 1 (1980)
E	3 - 8	W. A. Feibelman (1966)

<sup>1</sup> In units of Saturn's equatorial radius (60 330 km).

\* Visible from Earth. Also, the "E" ring can be detected when Saturn's ring system appears edge-on.



The paths of Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto during 1987 (for planetary symbols see page 8, and note that larger scale charts for Uranus, Neptune and Pluto appear a few pages ahead). The coordinates are for 2000.0. For Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, the single tick mark on each path indicates the position of the planet at the beginning of the year. With the exception of Neptune, each planet is at the east (left) end of its path at year's end. Saturn begins its retrograde loop on March 31, is at opposition on June 9, and ends retrograde motion on August 19.

Charts for Mars and Jupiter are not provided. Because of its large distance (it is not at opposition this year), Mars is of little telescopic interest during 1987. See the text in this section and "The Sky Month By Month" section for more information on the location of Mars in the sky. Because of Jupiter's brightness, a separate finder chart is really superfluous. Prime viewing time this year is the autumn when Jupiter is in Pisces. Jupiter begins its retrograde loop on August 20, is at opposition on October 18, and ends retrograde motion on December 16. (RLB)

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In addition to the rings, Saturn has a family of at least twenty satellites. Titan, the largest, is easily seen in any telescope as an eighth-magnitude object orbiting Saturn in about 16 days. At east and west elongation Titan appears about five ring diameters from the planet. Titan is the only satellite in the solar system with a substantial atmosphere, now known to be primarily nitrogen and 4.6 times as massive as Earth's, with a surface pressure of 1.6 Earth atmospheres.

Telescopes over 60 mm aperture should reveal Rhea at 10th magnitude less than two ring-diameters from Saturn. The satellite Iapetus has the peculiar property of being five times brighter at western elongation ( $10^m$ ) than at eastern elongation ( $11^m$ ). One side of the moon has the reflectivity of snow while the other resembles dark rock. The reason for this is unknown. When brightest, Iapetus is located about 12 ring-diameters west of its parent planet. Of the remaining moons Tethys and Dione may be glimpsed in a 150 mm telescope but the others require larger apertures or photographic techniques. (See pages 133–136 for the configurations of Saturn's four brightest satellites during 1987.)

The disk of Saturn appears about 1/6 the area Jupiter appears through the same telescope with the same magnification. In telescopes less than 75 mm aperture probably no features will ever be seen on the surface of the planet other than the

shadow cast by the rings. As the size of the telescope is increased the pale equatorial region, a dusky equatorial band, and the darker polar regions become evident. Basically, Saturn has a belt system like Jupiter's but it is much less active and the contrast is reduced. Seldom in telescopes less than 100 mm aperture do more than one or two belts come into view. In 1980, the planet's rotation period was established at 10 hours, 40 minutes, four percent longer than previous estimates. Very rarely a spot among the Saturnian clouds will appear unexpectedly, but less than a dozen notable spots have been recorded since telescopic observation of Saturn commenced in the 17th century.

From year to year the rings of Saturn take on different appearances. The planet's orbit is an immense 29.5 year circuit about the Sun, so in the course of an observing season the planet moves relatively little in its orbit (and thus appears to remain in about the same general area of the sky) and maintains an essentially static orientation toward Earth. 1987 marks the maximum inclination (26.9°) of the north side of the rings towards Earth. This last occurred in 1958, with the south side being in a similar position in 1944 and 1973. The rings were edge-on in 1950, 1966, 1980, and will be again in 1996. In apparent width the rings are equal to the equatorial diameter of Jupiter.

Saturn is in Ophiuchus during 1987. As the year opens, the sixth planet may be seen low in the morning twilight. Its elongation from the Sun continues to increase until opposition on June 9 when the planet is 9.014 A (1.348 billion km) from Earth. At that time Saturn's equatorial diameter is 18.4", and the rings are 41.6" in width. Throughout the prime telescopic observing window, from April to September, the rings are tilted between 25.0° and 25.6° with respect to Earth, with the north face being visible. Saturn becomes lost in the evening twilight in mid-November, and is in conjunction with the Sun on December 16.

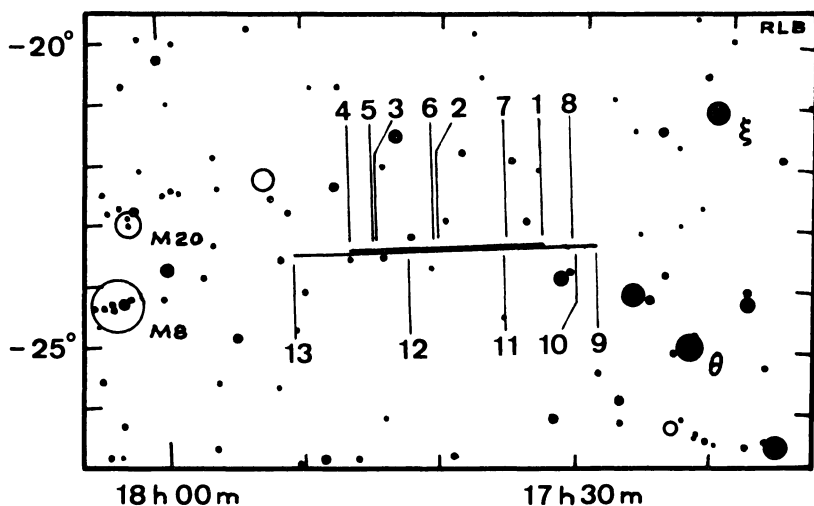
## URANUS

Although Uranus can be seen with the unaided eye under a clear, dark sky, it was apparently unknown until 1781 when it was accidentally discovered by William Herschel with a 150 mm reflecting telescope. It can be easily seen with binoculars, and a telescope will reveal its small, greenish, featureless disk.

Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are rather similar in the sense that their interiors consist mainly of hydrogen and helium and their atmospheres consist of these same elements and simple compounds of hydrogen. Unlike the three other giant planets, the axis of Uranus is tipped almost parallel to the plane of the solar system. This means that we can view Uranus nearly pole-on at certain points in its 84-year orbit of the Sun. The southern (and counter-clockwise turning) hemisphere of Uranus is now facing Earth. Its south pole appeared nearest to (and slightly south of) the centre of its disk in 1985, although the geometry is nearly the same in 1987. Uranus has at least fifteen satellites, all smaller than Earth's moon, none of which can be detected in small or moderate sized telescopes.

The first spacecraft encounter with Uranus was by the U.S. Voyager 2 probe in late-January 1986 and resulted in a huge increase in our meagre knowledge of the seventh planet. A rotation period of 17.24 hours for the planet's interior was determined together with a latitude-dependent rotation period for its atmosphere (average of 16.7 hours); a substantial magnetic field tilted at a remarkably large angle of some 60° to the rotation axis was found; detailed images of the surfaces of the five large satellites revealed them as individually unique worlds; ten previously unknown satellites were detected (see p.12); Uranus' nine, main, slender, dark rings were confirmed, and tenuous structure within the ring system was discovered. For detailed popular accounts of the Uranian findings, see *Sky and Telescope*, April 1986; *Astronomy*, April and May 1986; *National Geographic*, August 1986.

Uranus is on the Ophiuchus-Sagittarius border in 1987. When at opposition on June 16, the planet is 18.20 A (2.72 billion km) from Earth. Its magnitude is then +5.5 and its apparent diameter is 3.85 seconds of arc.



**P** The path of Uranus on the Ophiuchus-Sagittarius border during 1987 (note also the wide-field chart on page 114). The position of Uranus is indicated for the beginning of each month, where 1 = January, 2 = February, etc. The faintest stars shown are of magnitude 8. The coordinates are for 2000.0. The magnitude of Uranus is about 5.6 and its pale-green disk is about 3.8" in diameter when it is on the retrograde portion of its path. Opposition is on June 16. Note that Uranus' path against the stars occupies practically a single line; the reason is that it lies very near the ecliptic (Uranus is now near its descending node. Also, its orbit has the smallest inclination ( $0.77^\circ$ ) of any of the other planets). The circles near the left edge are the Lagoon (M8) and Trifid (M20) nebulae. The circle north of the year-end position of Uranus is the open star cluster NGC 6469. The small circle in the lower-right part of the chart is the 10th magnitude globular cluster NGC 6355. (RLB)

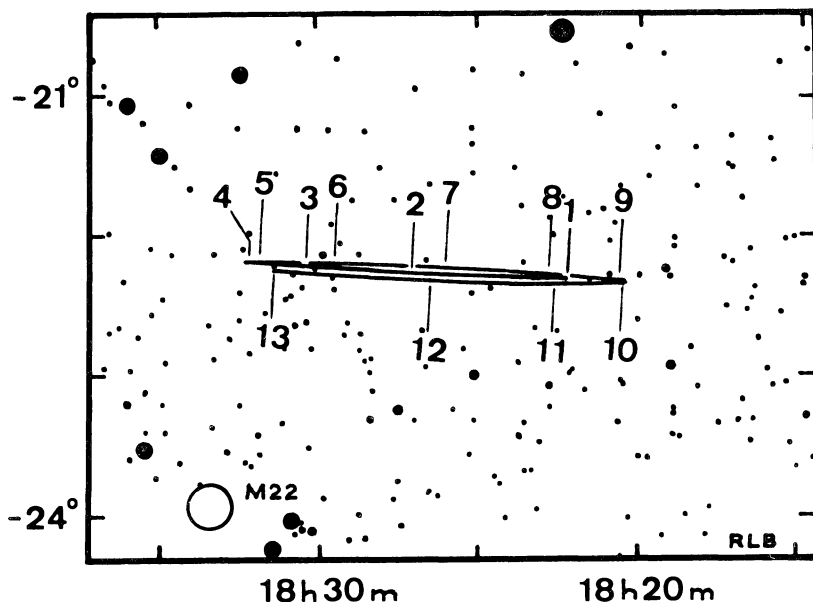
## NEPTUNE

The discovery of Neptune in 1846, after its existence in the sky had been predicted from independent calculations by Leverrier in France and Adams in England, was regarded as the crowning achievement of Newton's theory of universal gravitation. Actually Neptune had been seen—but mistaken for a star—several times before its "discovery".

Telescopically, the planet appears as a very small, featureless, bluish-green disk. Neptune's large moon Triton can be seen by an experienced observer using a 300 mm telescope. Recent measurements from NASA's Infrared Facility on Mauna Kea (Hawaii) suggest that Triton is smaller than Earth's Moon, thus effectively eliminating the possibility that it is the largest satellite in the solar system. Spectral studies in 1982 indicate that the surface of Triton may be rocky, with methane glaciers and a shallow sea of liquid nitrogen. However, these results are tentative. Triton varies from 8 to 17 seconds of arc from Neptune during its 5.9-day orbit.

Since the discovery of Uranus' rings in 1977, numerous searches for a Neptunian ring system have yielded evidence that a horseshoe-shaped "ring" may exist. The exact nature of the feature may be uncovered when Voyager 2 arrives at the planet in August 1989. Neptune's diameter was determined with high precision from occultation observations in 1969. Uncertainties in the rotation period of Neptune have narrowed in recent years with current values in the 18 to 19 hour range.

In 1987 Neptune is buried in the Milky Way in western Sagittarius a few degrees from the globular cluster M22 (see the chart). At opposition on June 28 Neptune is magnitude +7.9, 29.22 A (4.37 billion km) distant from Earth, and 2"3 in diameter.



*The path of Neptune in Sagittarius, 1987 (note also the wide-field chart on page 114). Neptune's position is indicated for the beginning of each month, where 1 = January, 2 = February, etc. The faintest stars shown are of magnitude 9. The coordinates are for 1950.0. The magnitude of Neptune is about 7.9 and its diameter 2.3" when it is on the retrograde portion of its path. Opposition is on June 28 when Neptune is 4.05 light-hours from Earth, the most distant planet at the present time. The circle in the southeast corner of the chart is the spectacular globular cluster M22. (RLB)*

## PLUTO

Pluto, the most distant known planet, was discovered at the Lowell Observatory in 1930 as a result of an extensive search started two decades earlier by Percival Lowell. The faint star-like image was first detected by Clyde Tombaugh by comparing photographs taken on different dates.

The most important advance in our knowledge of Pluto since its discovery came in 1978 as a result of routine examinations of photographs of the planet taken at the U.S. Naval Observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona. James W. Christy detected an elongation of Pluto's image on some of the photos which has been confirmed as a large satellite

revolving once every 6.3867 days—identical to the planet’s rotation period. This means that the moon is visible only from one hemisphere of Pluto. Calculations made some years ago suggest that this is the only stable orbit a satellite could have with Pluto’s slow rotation rate. The moon too would likely have one side constantly turned to Pluto forming a unique double-planet system. The name Charon has been proposed for the new-found object.

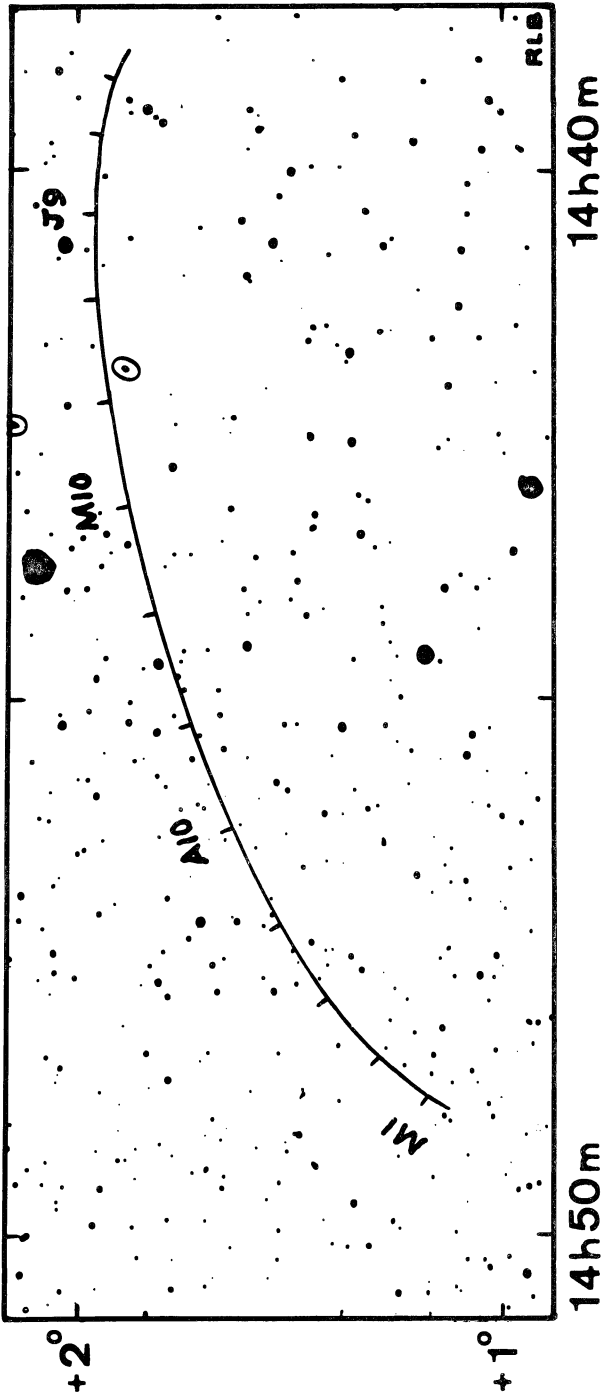
Pluto and Charon are almost certainly balls of ice, most likely water, methane, and ammonia. This conclusion is supported by recent observations of a tenuous methane atmosphere on Pluto. However, since Pluto’s surface gravity is too feeble to retain a primordial methane atmosphere it is probable that as the planet nears perihelion, the Sun is evaporating its frosty surface.

Besides being the solar system’s smallest planet, Pluto is different from the other eight in almost every respect. Its unique characteristics include its orbit which is relatively higher inclined and so elliptical that the planet will be closer to the Sun than Neptune from 1980 to 1999. Just where such a freak fits into the solar system’s origin and evolution is unknown. Perhaps Pluto is the largest member of a group of small, icy, comet-like structures beyond Neptune.

At opposition on April 29, Pluto is located in eastern Virgo (see chart) and its distance from Earth will be 28.72 A (4.30 billion km). With an apparent magnitude of +13.7, Pluto is a difficult target in telescopes below 250 mm aperture.

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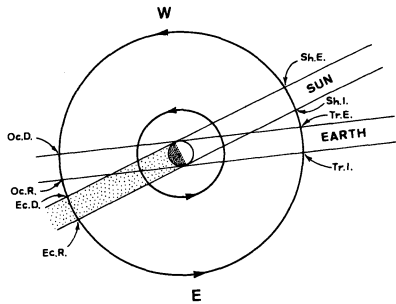
The path of Pluto in eastern Virgo during the four months centred on opposition, 1987. Its position is marked at 10-day intervals, beginning at March 1 (M1). The bright star (magnitude 3.7) near the top of the chart, 109 Vir, may be used to locate the star field shown here (109 Vir appears at  $\alpha = 14\text{h } 44\text{m}$  and just above the celestial equator on the "MAY" map of the night sky at the end of this Handbook. Note also the wide-field chart on page 114). Pluto reaches opposition on April 29 at magnitude 13.7 and 3.98 light-hours from Earth. The faintest stars shown on the chart are about magnitude 13. Note that an aperture of at least 200 mm will be needed to see Pluto. On the above chart near the May 20 position of Pluto, two objects have been enclosed in ellipses. These are spiral galaxies. The more northerly one (on the edge of the chart) is NGC 5746, an 11.7 magnitude, edge-on galaxy. The other is NGC 5740 at magnitude 12.6. The chart is based on Vehrenberg's Atlas Stellarum 1950.0, and the coordinates are for that epoch. (RLB)

# JUPITER

## PHENOMENA OF THE GALILEAN SATELLITES

The following tables give the various transits, occultations, and eclipses of the four great satellites of Jupiter. Since the phenomena are not instantaneous but require up to several minutes, the predicted times are for the middle of each event. The abbreviations are: I = Io, II = Europa, III = Ganymede, IV = Callisto; Ec = eclipse, Oc = occultation, Tr = transit of the satellite, Sh = transit of the shadow, I = ingress, E = egress, D = disappearance, R = reappearance.

The general motions of the satellites, and the successive phenomena are shown in the diagram at right. Satellites move from east to west across the face of the planet, and from west to east behind it. Before opposition, shadows fall to the west, and after opposition, to the east (as in the diagram). The sequence of phenomena in the diagram, beginning at the lower right, is: transit ingress (Tr.I.), transit egress (Tr.E.), shadow ingress (Sh.I.), shadow egress (Sh.E.), occultation disappearance (Oc.D.), occultation reappearance (Oc.R.), eclipse disappearance (Ec.D.) and eclipse reappearance (Ec.R.), but this sequence will depend on the actual Sun-Jupiter-Earth angle.



Over half the phenomena listed will not be visible from any one locality because they occur when Jupiter is below the horizon or when daylight interferes. To determine which phenomena are visible from a given locality (latitude  $\phi$ ) on a certain date, note the local time that Jupiter transits and its declination  $\delta$  (see The Sky Month By Month section). Jupiter will be above the horizon for a time of  $(1/15) \cos^{-1} (-\tan \phi \tan \delta)$  hours on either side of the time of transit. A second time interval corresponding to nighttime can be determined from the Twilight table. The region of overlap of these two time intervals will correspond to Jupiter being both above the horizon and in a dark sky. Those phenomena in the table which fall within this time "window" will be visible.

In practice, the observer usually knows when Jupiter will be conveniently placed in the night sky, and the table can simply be scanned to select those events which occur near these times. For example, an active observer in Victoria, British Columbia, on October 25 would know that Jupiter is well placed in the late evening sky. If he planned to observe from 10 pm to 2 am PDT (7 h behind UT), he could scan the table for events in the interval October 26, 5 h to 9 h UT. He would find four events, at 2241, 2253, 0051 and 0104 PDT, all involving the satellite Io.

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# SATELLITES OF JUPITER, 1987

## UNIVERSAL TIME OF GEOCENTRIC PHENOMENA

### FEBRUARY

d h m			d h m			d h m			d h m			
P	1	1 18	I. Tr.E.	8	3 20	I. Tr.E.	15	5 22	I. Tr.E.	22	7 24	I. Tr.E.
		2 11	I. Sh.E.		4 06	I. Sh.E.		6 02	I. Sh.E.		7 57	I. Sh.E.
		20 12	I. Oc.D.		6 16	IV. Oc.D.				23	2 17	I. Oc.D.
		23 20	I. Ec.R.		9 03	IV. Oc.R.	16	0 15	I. Oc.D.		5 05	I. Ec.R.
	2	2 44	II. Tr.I.		22 13	I. Oc.D.		3 10	I. Ec.R.		11 14	II. Tr.I.
		4 32	II. Sh.I.	9	1 15	I. Ec.R.		8 23	II. Tr.I.		12 22	II. Sh.I.
		5 28	II. Tr.E.		5 33	II. Tr.I.		9 45	II. Sh.I.		13 56	II. Tr.E.
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		16 46	III. Tr.I.		8 16	II. Tr.E.		17 11	IV. Tr.I.		23 39	I. Tr.I.
		17 33	I. Tr.I.		9 46	II. Sh.E.		19 39	IV. Tr.E.			
		18 26	I. Sh.I.		19 35	I. Tr.I.		21 37	I. Tr.I.	24	0 12	I. Sh.I.
		19 49	I. Tr.E.		20 22	I. Sh.I.		22 17	I. Sh.I.		1 26	I. Tr.E.
		20 04	III. Tr.E.		21 15	III. Tr.I.		23 52	I. Tr.E.		2 54	I. Sh.E.
		20 24	III. Sh.I.		21 50	I. Tr.E.					6 14	III. Tr.I.
		20 40	I. Sh.E.		22 35	I. Sh.E.	17	0 31	I. Sh.E.		8 31	III. Sh.I.
		23 28	III. Sh.E.					1 44	III. Tr.I.		9 29	III. Tr.E.
				10	0 27	III. Sh.I.		4 29	III. Sh.I.		11 31	III. Sh.E.
	3	14 42	I. Oc.D.		0 32	III. Tr.E.		5 00	III. Tr.E.		20 48	I. Oc.D.
		17 48	I. Ec.R.		3 29	III. Sh.E.		7 31	III. Sh.E.		23 34	I. Ec.R.
		21 51	II. Oc.D.		16 44	I. Oc.D.		18 46	I. Oc.D.			
				19 44	I. Ec.R.		21 39	I. Ec.R.	25	3 14	IV. Oc.D.	
4	2 17	II. Ec.R.				18	3 33	II. Oc.D.		5 25	IV. Oc.R.	
	12 04	I. Tr.I.	11	0 42	II. Oc.D.		7 31	II. Ec.R.		6 25	II. Oc.D.	
	12 55	I. Sh.I.		4 54	II. Ec.R.		16 08	I. Tr.I.		10 08	II. Ec.R.	
	14 19	I. Tr.E.		14 06	I. Tr.I.		16 46	I. Sh.I.		18 10	I. Tr.I.	
	15 09	I. Sh.E.		14 50	I. Sh.I.		18 23	I. Tr.E.		18 41	I. Sh.I.	
				16 21	I. Tr.E.		19 00	I. Sh.E.		20 25	I. Tr.E.	
5	9 13	I. Oc.D.		17 04	I. Sh.E.					20 55	I. Sh.E.	
	12 17	I. Ec.R.				19	13 16	I. Oc.D.				
	16 09	II. Tr.I.	12	11 14	I. Oc.D.		16 08	I. Ec.R.	26	15 19	I. Oc.D.	
	17 50	II. Sh.I.		14 12	I. Ec.R.		21 48	II. Tr.I.		18 03	I. Ec.R.	
	18 52	II. Tr.E.		18 58	II. Tr.I.		23 04	II. Sh.I.				
	20 27	II. Sh.E.		20 27	II. Sh.I.				27	0 40	II. Tr.I.	
				21 41	II. Tr.E.					1 41	II. Sh.I.	
				23 04	II. Sh.E.					3 21	II. Tr.E.	
6	6 34	I. Tr.I.				20	0 31	II. Tr.E.		4 17	II. Sh.E.	
	6 47	III. Oc.D.					1 41	II. Sh.E.		12 41	I. Tr.I.	
	7 24	I. Sh.I.	13	8 36	I. Tr.I.		10 38	I. Tr.I.		13 10	I. Sh.I.	
	8 49	I. Tr.E.		9 19	I. Sh.I.		11 15	I. Sh.I.		14 56	I. Tr.E.	
	9 37	I. Sh.E.		10 51	I. Tr.E.		12 53	I. Tr.E.		15 24	I. Sh.E.	
	10 06	III. Oc.R.		11 16	III. Oc.D.		13 28	I. Sh.E.		20 19	III. Oc.D.	
	10 14	III. Ec.D.		11 33	I. Sh.E.		15 48	III. Oc.D.				
	13 18	III. Ec.R.		17 19	III. Ec.R.		21 21	III. Ec.R.	28	1 23	III. Ec.R.	
										9 49	I. Oc.D.	
7	3 43	I. Oc.D.	14	5 45	I. Oc.D.		21 7 47	I. Oc.D.		12 32	I. Ec.R.	
	6 46	I. Ec.R.		8 41	I. Ec.R.		10 36	I. Ec.R.		19 51	II. Oc.D.	
	11 16	II. Oc.D.		14 07	II. Oc.D.		16 59	II. Oc.D.		23 26	II. Ec.R.	
	15 35	II. Ec.R.		18 12	II. Ec.R.		20 49	II. Ec.R.				
8	1 05	I. Tr.I.	15	3 07	I. Tr.I.	22	5 09	I. Tr.I.				
	1 53	I. Sh.I.		3 48	I. Sh.I.		5 44	I. Sh.I.				

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1	7 11	I. Tr.I.	9	6 22	I. Oc.D.	16	22 30	II. Tr.E.	24	7 53	I. Sh.I.
	7 39	I. Sh.I.		8 55	I. Ec.R.		22 50	II. Sh.E.		10 04	I. Tr.E.
	9 26	I. Tr.E.		16 57	II. Tr.I.					10 06	I. Sh.E.
	9 52	I. Sh.E.		17 36	II. Sh.I.	17	5 47	I. Tr.I.			
2	4 20	I. Oc.D.		19 38	II. Tr.E.		5 58	I. Sh.I.	25	0 26	III. Tr.I.
	7 00	I. Ec.R.		20 13	II. Sh.E.		8 01	I. Tr.E.		0 39	III. Sh.I.
	14 05	II. Tr.I.	10	3 44	I. Tr.I.		8 11	I. Sh.E.		3 33	III. Tr.E.
	14 59	III. Sh.I.		4 03	I. Sh.I.		19 53	III. Tr.I.		3 36	III. Sh.E.
	16 47	II. Tr.E.		5 59	I. Tr.E.		20 37	III. Sh.I.		4 58	I. Oc.D.
	17 36	II. Sh.E.		6 16	I. Sh.E.		23 02	III. Tr.E.		7 14	I. Ec.R.
				15 19	III. Tr.I.		23 36	III. Sh.E.		17 54	II. Oc.D.
3	1 42	I. Tr.I.		16 35	III. Sh.I.	18	2 55	I. Oc.D.		20 33	II. Ec.R.
	2 08	I. Sh.I.		18 30	III. Tr.E.		5 19	I. Ec.R.	26	2 20	I. Tr.I.
	3 57	I. Tr.E.		19 34	III. Sh.E.		15 02	II. Oc.D.		2 21	I. Sh.I.
	4 21	I. Sh.E.					17 57	II. Ec.R.		4 34	I. Tr.E.
	10 46	III. Tr.I.	11	0 53	I. Oc.D.					4 35	I. Sh.E.
	12 33	III. Sh.I.		3 24	I. Ec.R.	19	0 18	I. Tr.I.		23 29	I. Oc.D.
	13 59	III. Tr.E.		12 10	II. Oc.D.		0 27	I. Sh.I.			
	15 33	III. Sh.E.		15 21	II. Ec.R.		2 32	I. Tr.E.	27	1 43	I. Oc.R.
	22 50	I. Oc.D.		22 15	I. Tr.I.		2 40	I. Sh.E.		12 09	II. Tr.I.
				22 32	I. Sh.I.		21 26	I. Oc.D.		12 09	II. Sh.I.
4	1 29	I. Ec.R.					23 48	I. Ec.R.		14 45	II. Sh.E.
	9 17	II. Oc.D.	12	0 30	I. Tr.E.					14 48	II. Tr.E.
	12 45	II. Ec.R.		0 45	I. Sh.E.	20	9 16	II. Tr.I.		20 50	I. Sh.I.
	20 13	I. Tr.I.		19 23	I. Oc.D.		9 32	II. Sh.I.		20 51	I. Tr.I.
	20 36	I. Sh.I.		21 53	I. Ec.R.		11 56	II. Tr.E.		23 03	I. Sh.E.
	22 27	I. Tr.E.					12 08	II. Sh.E.		23 05	I. Tr.E.
	22 50	I. Sh.E.	13	6 23	II. Tr.I.		18 48	I. Tr.I.			
5	14 27	IV. Tr.I.		6 55	II. Sh.I.		18 55	I. Sh.I.	28	14 29	III. Ec.D.
	16 21	IV. Tr.E.		9 04	II. Tr.E.		21 02	I. Tr.E.		17 38	III. Oc.R.
	17 21	I. Oc.D.		9 31	II. Sh.E.		21 09	I. Sh.E.		17 58	I. Ec.D.
	19 58	I. Ec.R.		16 46	I. Tr.I.					20 14	I. Oc.R.
				17 00	I. Sh.I.	21	9 57	III. Oc.D.			
				19 00	I. Tr.E.		13 25	III. Ec.R.	29	7 16	II. Ec.D.
				19 14	I. Sh.E.		15 57	I. Oc.D.		9 58	II. Oc.R.
6	3 31	II. Tr.I.					18 17	I. Ec.R.		15 19	I. Sh.I.
	4 18	II. Sh.I.								15 21	I. Tr.I.
	6 12	II. Tr.E.	14	0 29	IV. Oc.D.					17 32	I. Sh.E.
	6 54	II. Sh.E.		2 13	IV. Oc.R.	22	4 28	II. Oc.D.		17 35	I. Tr.E.
	14 43	I. Tr.I.		5 25	III. Oc.D.		7 15	II. Ec.R.			
	15 05	I. Sh.I.		9 24	III. Ec.R.		12 05	IV. Tr.I.			
	16 58	I. Tr.E.		13 54	I. Oc.D.		12 57	IV. Tr.E.	30	12 27	I. Ec.D.
	17 19	I. Sh.E.		16 22	I. Ec.R.		13 19	I. Tr.I.		14 45	I. Oc.R.
							13 24	I. Sh.I.		22 13	IV. Oc.D.
7	0 52	III. Oc.D.	15	1 36	II. Oc.D.		15 33	I. Tr.E.		22 30	IV. Oc.R.
	5 24	III. Ec.R.		4 39	II. Ec.R.		15 37	I. Sh.E.			
	11 52	I. Oc.D.		11 16	I. Tr.I.				31	1 28	II. Sh.I.
	14 27	I. Ec.R.		11 29	I. Sh.I.	23	10 27	I. Oc.D.		1 35	II. Tr.I.
	22 43	II. Oc.D.		13 31	I. Tr.E.		12 45	I. Ec.R.		4 03	II. Sh.E.
				13 42	I. Sh.E.		22 42	II. Tr.I.		4 14	II. Tr.E.
							22 51	II. Sh.I.		9 47	I. Sh.I.
8	2 03	II. Ec.R.	16	8 25	I. Oc.D.					9 52	I. Tr.I.
	9 14	I. Tr.I.		10 50	I. Ec.R.					12 01	I. Sh.E.
	9 34	I. Sh.I.		19 50	II. Tr.I.	24	1 22	II. Tr.E.		12 06	I. Tr.E.
	11 29	I. Tr.E.		20 13	II. Sh.I.		7 49	I. Tr.I.			

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P	1	4 41	III. Sh.I.	8	11 37	III. Sh.E.	16	5 03	II. Oc.R.	23	12 41	I. Tr.E.
		4 59	III. Tr.I.		12 34	III. Tr.E.		8 05	I. Sh.I.			
		6 55	I. Ec.D.		23 10	II. Ec.d.		8 26	I. Tr.I.	24	7 09	I. Ec.D.
		7 37	III. Sh.E.	9	2 13	II. Oc.R.		10 18	I. Sh.E.		9 52	I. Oc.R.
		8 04	III. Tr.E.		6 11	I. Sh.I.		10 40	I. Tr.E.		22 39	II. Sh.I.
		9 15	I. Oc.R.		6 24	I. Tr.I.	17	5 14	I. Ec.D.		23 40	II. Tr.I.
		20 34	II. Ec.D.		8 24	I. Sh.E.		7 50	I. Oc.R.	25	1 13	II. Sh.E.
		23 23	II. Oc.R.		8 38	I. Tr.E.		20 01	II. Sh.I.		2 15	II. Tr.E.
	2	4 16	I. Sh.I.	10	3 19	I. Ec.D.		20 47	II. Tr.I.		4 28	I. Sh.I.
		4 22	I. Tr.I.		5 48	I. Oc.R.		22 36	II. Sh.E.		4 58	I. Tr.I.
		6 29	I. Sh.E.		17 24	II. Sh.I.		23 23	II. Tr.E.		6 41	I. Sh.E.
		6 36	I. Tr.E.		17 54	II. Tr.I.	18	2 34	I. Sh.I.		7 11	I. Tr.E.
					19 59	II. Sh.E.		2 57	I. Tr.I.	26	1 37	I. Ec.D.
	3	1 24	I. Ec.D.		20 32	II. Tr.E.		4 47	I. Sh.E.		4 23	I. Oc.R.
		3 46	I. Oc.R.					5 10	I. Tr.E.		6 37	III. Ec.D.
		14 46	II. Sh.I.	11	0 39	I. Sh.I.		23 43	I. Ec.D.		11 40	III. Oc.R.
		15 02	II. Tr.I.		0 55	I. Tr.I.					17 39	II. Ec.D.
		17 22	II. Sh.E.		2 52	I. Sh.E.	19	2 21	I. Oc.R.		21 16	II. Oc.R.
		17 40	II. Tr.E.		3 08	I. Tr.E.		2 35	III. Ec.D.		22 57	I. Sh.I.
		22 45	I. Sh.I.		21 48	I. Ec.D.		7 11	III. Oc.R.		23 29	I. Tr.I.
	22 53	I. Tr.I.		22 33	III. Ec.D.		15 04	II. Ec.D.				
4	0 58	I. Sh.E.	12	0 19	I. Oc.R.		18 27	II. Oc.R.	27	1 09	I. Sh.E.	
	1 07	I. Tr.E.		2 40	III. Oc.R.		21 03	I. Sh.I.		1 41	I. Tr.E.	
	18 30	III. Ec.D.		12 28	II. Ec.D.		21 27	I. Tr.I.		20 06	I. Ec.D.	
	19 53	I. Ec.D.		15 38	II. Oc.R.		23 15	I. Sh.E.		22 53	I. Oc.R.	
	22 09	III. Oc.R.		19 08	I. Sh.I.		23 40	I. Tr.E.				
	22 16	I. Oc.R.		19 25	I. Tr.I.	20	18 11	I. Ec.D.	28	11 58	II. Sh.I.	
5	9 52	II. Ec.D.		21 21	I. Sh.E.		20 51	I. Oc.R.		13 07	II. Tr.I.	
	12 48	II. Oc.R.		21 39	I. Tr.E.					14 32	II. Sh.E.	
	17 13	I. Sh.I.	13	16 16	I. Ec.D.					15 41	II. Tr.E.	
	17 23	I. Tr.I.		18 49	I. Oc.R.					17 26	I. Sh.I.	
	19 26	I. Sh.E.				21	9 21	II. Sh.I.		17 59	I. Tr.I.	
	19 37	I. Tr.E.					10 14	II. Tr.I.		19 38	I. Sh.E.	
6	14 21	I. Ec.D.	14	6 43	II. Sh.I.		11 55	II. Sh.E.		20 12	I. Tr.E.	
	16 47	I. Oc.R.		7 21	II. Tr.I.		12 50	II. Tr.E.				
				9 18	II. Sh.E.		15 31	I. Sh.I.	29	14 35	I. Ec.D.	
				9 58	II. Tr.E.		15 58	I. Tr.I.		17 23	I. Oc.R.	
7	4 05	II. Sh.I.		13 37	I. Sh.I.		17 44	I. Sh.E.		20 47	III. Sh.I.	
	4 28	II. Tr.I.		13 56	I. Tr.I.		18 11	I. Tr.E.		23 08	III. Tr.I.	
	6 41	II. Sh.E.		15 49	I. Sh.E.					23 38	III. Sh.E.	
	7 06	II. Tr.E.		16 09	I. Tr.E.	22	12 40	I. Ec.D.				
	11 42	I. Sh.I.					15 22	I. Oc.R.				
	11 54	I. Tr.I.	15	10 45	I. Ec.D.		16 45	III. Sh.I.	30	2 02	III. Tr.E.	
	13 55	I. Sh.E.		12 44	III. Sh.I.		18 36	III. Tr.I.		6 57	II. Ec.D.	
	14 08	I. Tr.E.		13 20	I. Oc.R.		19 38	III. Sh.E.		10 40	II. Oc.R.	
8	8 42	III. Sh.I.		14 04	III. Tr.I.	23	4 22	II. Ec.D.		11 54	I. Sh.I.	
	8 50	I. Ec.D.		15 37	III. Sh.E.		7 52	II. Oc.R.		12 29	I. Tr.I.	
	9 32	III. Tr.I.		17 04	III. Tr.E.		10 00	I. Sh.I.		14 07	I. Sh.E.	
	11 18	I. Oc.R.	16	1 46	II. Ec.D.		10 28	I. Tr.I.		14 42	I. Tr.E.	
							12 12	I. Sh.E.				

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d	h	m		d	h	m		d	h	m		d	h	m	
1	9	03	I. Ec.D.	9	6	27	II. Sh.E.	16	11	01	I. Tr.I.	24	9	16	I. Ec.D.
	11	54	I. Oc.R.		7	56	II. Tr.E.		12	23	I. Sh.E.		12	27	I. Oc.R.
2	1	17	II. Sh.I.		8	17	I. Sh.I.		13	13	I. Tr.E.		22	42	III. Ec.D.
	2	32	II. Tr.I.		9	01	I. Tr.I.	17	7	21	I. Ec.D.	25	1	31	III. Ec.R.
	3	50	II. Sh.E.		10	29	I. Sh.E.		10	26	I. Oc.R.		2	39	III. Oc.D.
	5	06	II. Tr.E.		11	13	I. Tr.E.		18	41	III. Ec.D.		3	59	II. Ec.D.
	6	23	I. Sh.I.	10	5	27	I. Ec.D.		21	31	III. Ec.R.		5	24	III. Oc.R.
	7	00	I. Tr.I.		8	26	I. Oc.R.		22	12	III. Oc.D.		6	34	I. Sh.I.
	8	35	I. Sh.E.		14	39	III. Ec.D.	18	1	00	III. Oc.R.		7	31	I. Tr.I.
	9	12	I. Tr.E.		17	30	III. Ec.R.		1	25	II. Ec.D.		8	24	II. Oc.R.
3	3	32	I. Ec.D.		17	44	III. Oc.D.		4	40	I. Sh.I.		8	45	I. Sh.E.
	6	24	I. Oc.R.		20	34	III. Oc.R.		5	31	I. Tr.I.		9	42	I. Tr.E.
	10	38	III. Ec.D.		22	50	II. Ec.D.		5	38	II. Oc.R.	26	3	45	I. Ec.D.
	16	08	III. Oc.R.	11	2	46	I. Sh.I.		6	52	I. Sh.E.		6	57	I. Oc.R.
	20	15	II. Ec.D.		2	52	II. Oc.R.		7	43	I. Tr.E.		22	29	II. Sh.I.
4	0	04	II. Oc.R.		3	31	I. Tr.I.	19	1	50	I. Ec.D.	27	0	31	II. Tr.I.
	0	51	I. Sh.I.		4	58	I. Sh.E.		4	57	I. Oc.R.		1	01	II. Sh.E.
	1	30	I. Tr.I.		5	43	I. Tr.E.		19	51	II. Sh.I.		1	02	I. Sh.I.
	3	04	I. Sh.E.		23	55	I. Ec.D.		21	41	II. Tr.I.		2	01	I. Tr.I.
	3	42	I. Tr.E.	12	2	56	I. Oc.R.		22	24	II. Sh.E.		3	00	II. Tr.E.
	22	01	I. Ec.D.		17	14	II. Sh.I.		23	08	I. Sh.I.		3	14	I. Sh.E.
5	0	55	I. Oc.R.		18	50	II. Tr.I.	20	0	01	I. Tr.I.		4	12	I. Tr.E.
	14	36	II. Sh.I.		19	46	II. Sh.E.		0	11	II. Tr.E.		22	13	I. Ec.D.
	15	59	II. Tr.I.		21	14	I. Sh.I.		1	20	I. Sh.E.	28	1	27	I. Oc.R.
	17	09	II. Sh.E.		21	22	II. Tr.E.		1	20	I. Sh.E.		12	53	III. Sh.I.
	18	32	II. Tr.E.		22	01	I. Tr.I.		2	13	I. Tr.E.		15	39	III. Sh.E.
	19	20	I. Sh.I.		23	26	I. Sh.E.		20	19	I. Ec.D.		17	00	III. Tr.I.
	20	00	I. Tr.I.	13	0	13	I. Tr.E.		23	27	I. Oc.R.		17	17	II. Ec.D.
	21	32	I. Sh.E.		18	24	I. Ec.D.	21	8	52	III. Sh.I.		19	31	I. Sh.I.
	22	12	I. Tr.E.		21	26	I. Oc.R.		11	40	III. Sh.E.		19	41	III. Tr.E.
6	16	29	I. Ec.D.		8	07	III. Tr.I.		12	34	III. Tr.I.		20	31	I. Tr.I.
	19	25	I. Oc.R.	14	4	50	III. Sh.I.		14	42	II. Ec.D.		21	42	I. Sh.E.
7	0	49	III. Sh.I.		7	40	III. Sh.E.		15	19	III. Tr.E.		21	46	II. Oc.R.
	3	39	III. Tr.I.		8	07	III. Tr.I.		17	37	I. Sh.I.		22	42	I. Tr.E.
	3	39	III. Sh.E.		10	55	III. Tr.E.		18	31	I. Tr.I.	29	16	42	I. Ec.D.
	6	29	III. Tr.E.		12	07	II. Ec.D.		19	01	II. Oc.R.		19	57	I. Oc.R.
	9	32	II. Ec.D.		15	43	I. Sh.I.		19	49	I. Sh.E.				
	13	28	II. Oc.R.		16	15	II. Oc.R.		20	42	I. Tr.E.				
	13	49	I. Sh.I.		16	31	I. Tr.I.								
	14	30	I. Tr.I.		17	55	I. Sh.E.		22	14	47	I. Ec.D.			
	16	01	I. Sh.E.		18	43	I. Tr.E.		17	57	I. Oc.R.				
	16	43	I. Tr.E.	15	12	53	I. Ec.D.	23	9	10	II. Sh.I.	30	11	48	II. Sh.I.
8	10	58	I. Ec.D.		15	56	I. Oc.R.		11	06	II. Tr.I.		13	55	II. Tr.I.
	13	55	I. Oc.R.	16	6	32	II. Sh.I.		11	42	II. Sh.E.		13	59	I. Sh.I.
9	3	54	II. Sh.I.		8	15	II. Tr.I.		12	05	I. Sh.I.		14	19	II. Sh.E.
	5	24	II. Tr.I.		9	05	II. Sh.E.		13	01	I. Tr.I.		15	01	I. Tr.I.
					9	05	II. Sh.E.		13	36	II. Tr.E.		16	11	I. Sh.E.
					10	11	I. Sh.I.		14	17	I. Sh.E.		16	24	II. Tr.E.
					10	46	II. Tr.E.		15	12	I. Tr.E.		17	11	I. Tr.E.
												31	11	11	I. Ec.D.
													14	27	I. Oc.R.

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			JUNE									
d	h	m	d	h	m	d	h	m				
P	1	2 44	III. Ec.D.	8	12 33	I. Sh.E.	16	12 55	I. Oc.R.	24	8 38	I. Sh.I.
	5	32	III. Ec.R.	13	40	I. Tr.E.				9	00	II. Sh.I.
	6	34	II. Ec.D.	13	52	II. Oc.R.	17	6 23	II. Sh.I.	9	54	I. Tr.I.
	7	05	III. Oc.D.	14	06	III. Oc.R.	6	44	I. Sh.I.	10	49	I. Sh.E.
	8	28	I. Sh.I.				7	57	I. Tr.I.	11	30	II. Sh.E.
	9	30	I. Tr.I.	9	7 34	I. Ec.D.	8	52	II. Sh.E.	11	40	II. Tr.I.
	9	47	III. Oc.R.	10	56	I. Oc.R.	8	55	II. Tr.I.	12	04	I. Tr.E.
	10	39	I. Sh.E.				8	55	I. Sh.E.	14	04	II. Tr.E.
	11	08	II. Oc.R.	10	3 45	II. Sh.I.	10	07	I. Tr.E.			
	11	41	I. Tr.E.	4	50	I. Sh.I.	11	20	II. Tr.E.	25	5 51	I. Ec.D.
				5	59	I. Tr.I.				9	22	I. Oc.R.
	2	5 39	I. Ec.D.	6	08	II. Tr.I.	18	3 57	I. Ec.D.			
	8	57	I. Oc.R.	6	15	II. Sh.E.	7	24	I. Oc.R.	26	3 07	I. Sh.I.
				7	01	I. Sh.E.				3	35	II. Ec.D.
	3	1 07	II. Sh.I.	8	09	I. Tr.E.	19	0 55	III. Sh.I.	4	23	I. Tr.I.
	2	56	I. Sh.I.	8	35	II. Tr.E.	1	01	II. Ec.D.	4	57	III. Sh.I.
	3	20	II. Tr.I.				1	13	I. Sh.I.	5	17	I. Sh.E.
	3	38	II. Sh.E.	11	2 02	I. Ec.D.	2	26	I. Tr.I.	6	04	II. Ec.R.
	4	00	I. Tr.I.	5	26	I. Oc.R.	3	23	I. Sh.E.	6	12	II. Oc.D.
	5	08	I. Sh.E.	20	54	III. Sh.I.	3	30	II. Ec.R.	6	33	I. Tr.E.
	5	48	II. Tr.E.	22	26	II. Ec.D.	3	31	II. Oc.D.	7	39	III. Sh.E.
	6	11	I. Tr.E.	23	19	I. Sh.I.	3	38	III. Sh.E.	8	36	II. Oc.R.
				23	39	III. Sh.E.	4	36	I. Tr.E.	10	20	III. Tr.I.
							5	55	II. Oc.R.	12	47	III. Tr.E.
	4	0 08	I. Ec.D.	12	0 28	I. Tr.I.	6	03	III. Tr.I.			
3	27	I. Oc.R.	1	30	I. Sh.E.	8	33	III. Tr.E.	27	0 20	I. Ec.D.	
16	53	III. Sh.I.	1	44	III. Tr.I.	22	25	I. Ec.D.	3	51	I. Oc.R.	
19	39	III. Sh.E.	2	39	I. Tr.E.				21	35	I. Sh.I.	
19	52	II. Ec.D.	3	13	II. Oc.R.	19	41	I. Oc.R.	22	19	II. Sh.I.	
21	23	III. Tr.I.	4	18	III. Tr.E.	19	41	II. Sh.I.	22	53	I. Tr.I.	
21	25	I. Sh.I.	20	31	I. Ec.D.	20	56	I. Tr.I.	23	45	I. Sh.E.	
22	30	I. Tr.I.	23	55	I. Oc.R.	21	52	I. Sh.E.				
23	36	I. Sh.E.				22	11	II. Sh.E.	28	0 48	II. Sh.E.	
						22	17	II. Sh.E.	1	02	II. Tr.I.	
5	0 00	III. Tr.E.	13	17 03	II. Sh.I.	22	17	II. Tr.I.	1	02	I. Tr.E.	
0	30	II. Oc.R.	17	47	I. Sh.I.	23	05	I. Tr.E.	3	25	II. Tr.E.	
0	40	I. Tr.E.	18	58	I. Tr.I.				18	48	I. Ec.D.	
18	36	I. Ec.D.	19	31	II. Tr.I.	21	0 42	II. Tr.E.	22	21	I. Oc.R.	
21	56	I. Oc.R.	19	33	II. Sh.E.	16	54	I. Ec.D.				
			19	58	I. Sh.E.	20	23	I. Oc.R.	29	16 03	I. Sh.I.	
6	14 26	II. Sh.I.	21	08	I. Tr.E.				16	52	II. Ec.D.	
15	53	I. Sh.I.	21	57	II. Tr.E.	22	14 10	I. Sh.I.	17	22	I. Tr.I.	
16	44	II. Tr.I.				14	18	II. Ec.D.	18	14	I. Sh.E.	
16	56	II. Sh.E.	14	14 59	I. Ec.D.	14	48	III. Ec.D.	18	49	III. Ec.D.	
17	00	I. Tr.I.	18	25	I. Oc.R.	15	25	I. Tr.I.	19	21	II. Ec.R.	
18	05	I. Sh.E.				16	20	I. Sh.E.	19	31	I. Tr.E.	
19	10	I. Tr.E.	15	10 47	III. Ec.D.	16	47	II. Ec.R.	19	32	II. Oc.D.	
19	11	II. Tr.E.	11	43	II. Ec.D.	16	52	II. Oc.D.	21	33	III. Ec.R.	
			12	16	I. Sh.I.	17	33	III. Ec.R.	21	55	II. Oc.R.	
7	13 05	I. Ec.D.	13	27	I. Tr.I.	17	35	I. Tr.E.				
16	26	I. Oc.R.	13	33	III. Ec.R.	19	16	II. Oc.R.	30	0 21	III. Oc.D.	
			14	27	I. Sh.E.	20	06	III. Oc.D.	2	48	III. Oc.R.	
8	6 46	III. Ec.D.	15	37	I. Tr.E.	22	37	III. Oc.R.	13	17	I. Ec.D.	
9	09	II. Ec.D.	15	49	III. Oc.D.				16	50	I. Oc.R.	
9	33	III. Ec.R.	16	34	II. Oc.R.	23	11 22	I. Ec.D.				
10	22	I. Sh.I.	18	23	III. Oc.R.	14	53	I. Oc.R.				
11	28	III. Oc.D.										
11	29	I. Tr.I.	16	9 28	I. Ec.D.							



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d h m		d h m		d h m		d h m	
1 10 32	I. Sh.I.	8 16 44	II. Sh.E.	16 15 10	I. Oc.R.	24 13 53	II. Ec.D.
11 38	II. Sh.I.	17 06	II. Tr.I.			14 12	I. Tr.E.
11 51	I. Tr.I.	19 27	II. Tr.E.	17 8 48	I. Sh.I.	16 20	II. Ec.R.
12 42	I. Sh.E.			10 10	I. Tr.I.	16 43	II. Oc.D.
14 00	I. Tr.E.	9 9 40	I. Ec.D.	10 58	I. Sh.E.	19 02	II. Oc.R.
14 07	II. Sh.E.	13 15	I. Oc.R.	11 18	II. Ec.D.	21 00	III. Sh.I.
14 24	II. Tr.I.			12 19	I. Tr.E.	23 37	III. Sh.E.
16 46	II. Tr.E.	10 6 54	I. Sh.I.	13 46	II. Ec.R.		
		8 15	I. Tr.I.	14 08	II. Oc.D.	25 2 49	III. Tr.I.
2 7 45	I. Ec.D.	8 44	II. Ec.D.	16 28	II. Oc.R.	5 01	III. Tr.E.
11 19	I. Oc.R.	9 04	I. Sh.E.	16 59	III. Sh.I.	7 57	I. Ec.D.
		10 24	I. Tr.E.	19 38	III. Sh.E.	11 33	I. Oc.R.
3 5 00	I. Sh.I.	11 12	II. Ec.R.	22 47	III. Tr.I.		
6 09	II. Ec.D.	11 31	II. Oc.D.			26 5 10	I. Sh.I.
6 20	I. Tr.I.	12 59	III. Sh.I.	18 1 03	III. Tr.E.	6 32	I. Tr.I.
7 11	I. Sh.E.	13 52	II. Oc.R.	6 03	I. Ec.D.	7 20	I. Sh.E.
8 29	I. Tr.E.	15 39	III. Sh.E.	9 39	I. Oc.R.	8 41	I. Tr.E.
8 38	II. Ec.R.	18 42	III. Tr.I.			8 49	II. Sh.I.
8 52	II. Oc.D.	21 02	III. Tr.E.	19 3 16	I. Sh.I.	11 16	II. Sh.E.
8 58	III. Sh.I.			4 39	I. Tr.I.	11 42	II. Tr.I.
11 15	II. Oc.R.	11 4 08	I. Ec.D.	5 26	I. Sh.E.	14 00	II. Tr.E.
11 39	III. Sh.E.	7 44	I. Oc.R.	6 11	II. Sh.I.		
14 32	III. Tr.I.			6 47	I. Tr.E.	27 2 26	I. Ec.D.
16 56	III. Tr.E.	12 1 22	I. Sh.I.	8 39	II. Sh.E.	6 01	I. Oc.R.
		2 44	I. Tr.I.	9 05	II. Tr.I.	23 38	I. Sh.I.
4 2 14	I. Ec.D.	3 33	I. Sh.E.	11 24	II. Tr.E.		
5 48	I. Oc.R.	3 34	II. Sh.I.			28 1 01	I. Tr.I.
23 29	I. Sh.I.	4 53	I. Tr.E.	20 0 31	I. Ec.D.	1 48	I. Sh.E.
		6 02	II. Sh.E.	4 07	I. Oc.R.	3 09	I. Tr.E.
5 0 49	I. Tr.I.	6 26	II. Tr.I.	21 45	I. Sh.I.	3 10	II. Ec.D.
0 56	II. Sh.I.	8 46	II. Tr.E.	23 07	I. Tr.I.	5 37	II. Ec.R.
1 39	I. Sh.E.	22 37	I. Ec.D.	23 55	I. Sh.E.	6 00	II. Oc.D.
2 58	I. Tr.E.					8 18	II. Oc.R.
3 25	II. Sh.E.	13 2 13	I. Oc.R.	21 0 36	II. Ec.D.	10 55	III. Ec.D.
3 45	II. Tr.I.	19 51	I. Sh.I.	1 16	I. Tr.E.	13 34	III. Ec.R.
6 06	II. Tr.E.	21 13	I. Tr.I.	3 03	II. Ec.R.	16 46	III. Oc.D.
20 43	I. Ec.D.	22 01	I. Sh.E.	3 26	II. Oc.D.	18 59	III. Oc.R.
		22 01	II. Ec.D.	5 45	II. Oc.R.	20 54	I. Ec.D.
6 0 17	I. Oc.R.	23 22	I. Tr.E.	6 54	III. Ec.D.		
17 57	I. Sh.I.			9 34	III. Ec.R.	29 0 29	I. Oc.R.
19 18	I. Tr.I.	14 0 29	II. Ec.R.	12 46	III. Oc.D.	18 07	I. Sh.I.
19 27	II. Ec.D.	0 50	II. Oc.D.	15 03	III. Oc.R.	19 29	I. Tr.I.
20 07	I. Sh.E.	2 52	III. Ec.D.	19 00	I. Ec.D.	20 17	I. Sh.E.
21 27	I. Tr.E.	3 10	II. Oc.R.	22 36	I. Oc.R.	21 37	I. Tr.E.
21 55	II. Ec.R.	5 33	III. Ec.R.			22 08	II. Sh.I.
22 12	II. Oc.D.	8 41	III. Oc.D.	22 16 13	I. Sh.I.		
22 50	III. Ec.D.	11 01	III. Oc.R.	17 36	I. Tr.I.	30 0 34	II. Sh.E.
		17 05	I. Ec.D.	18 23	I. Sh.E.	1 00	II. Tr.I.
7 0 34	II. Oc.R.	20 41	I. Oc.R.	19 30	II. Sh.I.	3 18	II. Tr.E.
1 33	III. Ec.R.			19 44	I. Tr.E.	15 23	I. Ec.D.
4 33	III. Oc.D.	15 14 19	I. Sh.I.	21 58	II. Sh.E.	18 58	I. Oc.R.
6 57	III. Oc.R.	15 42	I. Tr.I.	22 24	II. Tr.I.		
15 11	I. Ec.D.	16 29	I. Sh.E.			31 12 35	I. Sh.I.
18 46	I. Oc.R.	16 53	II. Sh.I.	23 0 43	II. Tr.E.	13 57	I. Tr.I.
		17 50	I. Tr.E.	13 23	I. Ec.D.	14 45	I. Sh.E.
8 12 26	I. Sh.I.	19 21	II. Sh.E.	17 04	I. Oc.R.	16 05	I. Tr.E.
13 47	I. Tr.I.	19 46	II. Tr.I.			16 27	II. Ec.D.
14 16	II. Sh.I.	22 06	II. Tr.E.	24 10 41	I. Sh.I.	18 55	II. Ec.R.
14 36	I. Sh.E.			12 04	I. Tr.I.	19 16	II. Oc.D.
15 56	I. Tr.E.	16 11 34	I. Ec.D.	12 51	I. Sh.E.	21 34	II. Oc.R.



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d h m		d h m		d h m		d h m	
1 9 07	I. Sh.I.	8 14 06	I. Tr.E.	16 1 13	II. Oc.R.	23 19 05	III. Ec.D.
10 11	I. Tr.I.	18 40	II. Ec.D.	10 14	I. Ec.D.	21 36	III. Ec.R.
11 17	I. Sh.E.	22 54	II. Oc.R.	13 13	I. Oc.R.	21 56	III. Oc.D.
12 19	I. Tr.E.			15 04	III. Ec.D.	23 53	III. Oc.R.
16 05	II. Ec.D.	9 8 20	I. Ec.D.	17 36	III. Ec.R.		
20 33	II. Oc.R.	11 02	III. Ec.D.	18 34	III. Oc.D.	24 9 17	I. Sh.I.
		11 27	I. Oc.R.	20 31	III. Oc.R.	9 55	I. Tr.I.
2 6 26	I. Ec.D.	13 36	III. Ec.R.			11 28	I. Sh.E.
7 00	III. Ec.D.	15 07	III. Oc.D.	17 7 23	I. Sh.I.	12 04	I. Tr.E.
9 34	III. Ec.R.	17 05	III. Oc.R.	8 10	I. Tr.I.	19 02	II. Sh.I.
9 40	I. Oc.R.			9 34	I. Sh.E.	20 21	II. Tr.I.
11 36	III. Oc.D.	10 5 29	I. Sh.I.	10 19	I. Tr.E.	21 26	II. Sh.E.
13 35	III. Oc.R.	6 25	I. Tr.I.	16 26	II. Sh.I.	22 34	II. Tr.E.
		7 40	I. Sh.E.	18 04	II. Tr.I.		
3 3 35	I. Sh.I.	8 33	I. Tr.E.	18 50	III. Sh.E.	25 6 37	I. Ec.D.
4 38	I. Tr.I.	13 49	II. Sh.I.	20 17	II. Tr.E.	9 24	I. Oc.R.
5 46	I. Sh.E.	15 45	II. Tr.I.				
6 46	I. Tr.E.	16 14	II. Sh.E.	18 4 43	I. Ec.D.	26 3 46	I. Sh.I.
11 12	II. Sh.I.	17 58	II. Tr.E.	7 39	I. Oc.R.	4 21	I. Tr.I.
13 23	II. Tr.I.					5 57	I. Sh.E.
13 37	II. Sh.E.	11 2 49	I. Ec.D.	19 1 51	I. Sh.I.	6 30	I. Tr.E.
15 37	II. Tr.E.	5 53	I. Oc.R.	2 37	I. Tr.I.	13 10	II. Ec.D.
		23 57	I. Sh.I.	4 02	I. Sh.E.	16 38	II. Oc.R.
				4 45	I. Tr.E.		
4 0 54	I. Ec.D.	12 0 51	I. Tr.I.	10 34	II. Ec.D.	27 1 06	I. Ec.D.
4 07	I. Oc.R.	2 08	I. Sh.E.	14 21	II. Oc.R.	3 50	I. Oc.R.
22 03	I. Sh.I.	2 59	I. Tr.E.	23 12	I. Ec.D.	9 08	III. Sh.I.
23 05	I. Tr.I.	7 58	II. Ec.D.			11 37	III. Tr.I.
		12 03	II. Oc.R.	20 2 05	I. Oc.R.	11 37	III. Sh.E.
5 0 14	I. Sh.E.	21 17	I. Ec.D.	5 06	III. Sh.I.	13 33	III. Tr.E.
1 13	I. Tr.E.			7 37	III. Sh.E.	22 14	I. Sh.I.
5 22	II. Ec.D.	13 0 20	I. Oc.R.	8 16	III. Tr.I.	22 47	I. Tr.I.
9 44	II. Oc.R.	1 05	III. Sh.I.	10 12	III. Tr.E.		
19 23	I. Ec.D.	3 37	III. Sh.E.	20 20	I. Sh.I.	28 0 25	I. Sh.E.
21 05	III. Sh.I.	4 52	III. Tr.I.	21 03	I. Tr.I.	0 56	I. Tr.E.
22 34	I. Oc.R.	6 48	III. Tr.E.	22 31	I. Sh.E.	8 20	11. Sh.I.
23 37	III. Sh.E.	18 26	I. Sh.I.	23 11	I. Tr.E.	9 28	II. Tr.I.
		19 18	I. Tr.I.			10 44	II. Sh.E.
6 1 24	III. Tr.I.	20 37	I. Sh.E.	21 5 44	II. Sh.I.	11 42	II. Tr.E.
3 20	III. Tr.E.	21 26	I. Tr.E.	7 12	II. Tr.I.	19 35	II. Ec.D.
16 32	I. Sh.I.			8 08	II. Sh.E.	22 16	I. Oc.R.
17 31	I. Tr.I.	14 3 07	II. Sh.I.	9 26	II. Tr.E.		
18 42	I. Sh.E.	4 54	II. Tr.I.	17 40	I. Ec.D.	29 16 43	I. Sh.I.
19 40	I. Tr.E.	5 32	II. Sh.E.	20 31	I. Oc.R.	17 13	I. Tr.I.
		7 08	II. Tr.E.			18 54	I. Sh.E.
7 0 31	II. Sh.I.	15 46	I. Ec.D.	22 14 48	I. Sh.I.	19 22	I. Tr.E.
2 34	II. Tr.I.	18 46	I. Oc.R.	15 29	I. Tr.I.		
2 55	II. Sh.E.			16 59	I. Sh.E.	30 2 28	II. Ec.D.
4 48	II. Tr.E.	15 12 54	I. Sh.I.	17 37	I. Tr.E.	5 46	II. Oc.R.
13 51	I. Ec.D.	13 44	I. Tr.I.	23 52	II. Ec.D.	14 03	I. Ec.D.
17 00	I. Oc.R.	15 05	I. Sh.E.			16 42	I. Oc.R.
		15 52	I. Tr.E.	23 3 30	II. Oc.R.	23 06	III. Ec.D.
8 11 00	I. Sh.I.	21 16	II. Ec.D.	12 09	I. Ec.D.		
11 58	I. Tr.I.			14 58	I. Oc.R.		
13 11	I. Sh.E.						

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d	h	m		d	h	m		d	h	m		d	h	m	
1	3	12	III. Oc.R.	9	0	15	II. Sh.I.	16	14	35	I. Oc.R.	24	13	35	I. Sh.E.
	11	11	I. Sh.I.		0	50	II. Tr.I.						23	20	II. Oc.D.
	11	39	I. Tr.I.		2	39	II. Sh.E.	17	9	29	I. Sh.I.				
	13	22	I. Sh.E.		3	05	II. Tr.E.		9	32	I. Tr.I.	25	2	00	II. Ec.R.
	13	48	I. Tr.E.		10	27	I. Ec.D.		11	40	I. Sh.E.		8	35	I. Oc.D.
	21	39	II. Sh.I.		12	52	I. Oc.R.		11	41	I. Tr.E.		10	56	I. Ec.R.
	22	36	II. Tr.I.						21	00	II. Ec.D.				
				10	7	35	I. Sh.I.		23	24	II. Ec.R.	26	0	37	III. Tr.I.
2	0	03	II. Sh.E.		7	49	I. Tr.I.						1	14	III. Sh.I.
	0	50	II. Tr.E.		9	46	I. Sh.E.	18	6	50	I. Ec.D.		2	41	III. Tr.E.
	8	32	I. Ec.D.		9	58	I. Tr.E.		9	01	I. Ec.R.		3	40	III. Sh.E.
	11	08	I. Oc.R.		18	23	II. Ec.D.		21	13	III. Sh.I.		5	41	I. Tr.I.
					21	08	II. Oc.R.		21	23	III. Tr.I.		5	53	I. Sh.I.
3	5	40	I. Sh.I.						23	25	III. Tr.E.		7	51	I. Tr.E.
	6	05	I. Tr.I.	11	4	55	I. Ec.D.		23	40	III. Sh.E.		8	04	I. Sh.E.
	7	51	I. Sh.E.		7	17	I. Oc.R.						18	23	II. Tr.I.
	8	14	I. Tr.E.		17	11	III. Sh.I.	19	3	58	I. Tr.I.		18	47	II. Sh.I.
	15	46	II. Ec.D.		18	10	III. Tr.I.		3	58	I. Sh.I.		20	40	II. Tr.E.
	18	53	II. Oc.R.		19	39	III. Sh.E.		6	07	I. Tr.E.		21	09	II. Sh.E.
					20	09	III. Tr.E.		6	09	I. Sh.E.				
4	3	01	I. Ec.D.						16	10	II. Tr.I.	27	3	01	I. Oc.D.
	5	34	I. Oc.R.	12	2	03	I. Sh.I.		16	10	II. Sh.I.		5	25	I. Ec.R.
	13	10	III. Sh.I.		2	15	I. Tr.I.		18	26	II. Tr.E.				
	14	55	III. Tr.I.		4	14	I. Sh.E.		18	33	II. Sh.E.	28	0	07	I. Tr.I.
	15	39	III. Sh.E.		4	24	I. Tr.E.						0	22	I. Sh.I.
	16	52	III. Tr.E.		13	33	II. Sh.I.	20	1	17	I. Oc.D.		2	17	I. Tr.E.
					13	57	II. Tr.I.		3	30	I. Ec.R.		2	33	I. Sh.E.
5	0	09	I. Sh.I.		15	57	II. Sh.E.		22	24	I. Tr.I.		12	27	II. Oc.D.
	0	31	I. Tr.I.		16	12	II. Tr.E.		22	27	I. Sh.I.		15	19	II. Ec.R.
	2	20	I. Sh.E.		23	24	I. Ec.D.						21	27	I. Oc.D.
	2	40	I. Tr.E.					21	0	33	I. Tr.E.		23	54	I. Ec.R.
	10	57	II. Sh.I.	13	1	43	I. Oc.R.		0	38	I. Sh.E.				
	11	43	II. Tr.I.		20	32	I. Sh.I.		10	13	II. Oc.D.	29	14	12	III. Oc.D.
	13	21	II. Sh.E.		20	40	I. Tr.I.		12	42	II. Ec.R.		17	40	III. Ec.R.
	13	57	II. Tr.E.		22	43	I. Sh.E.		19	43	I. Oc.D.		18	33	I. Tr.I.
	21	29	I. Ec.D.		22	50	I. Tr.E.		21	59	I. Ec.R.		18	51	I. Sh.I.
													20	43	I. Tr.E.
6	0	00	I. Oc.R.	14	7	42	II. Ec.D.	22	10	57	III. Oc.D.		21	02	I. Sh.E.
	18	37	I. Sh.I.		10	15	II. Oc.R.		13	38	III. Ec.R.				
	18	57	I. Tr.I.		17	53	I. Ec.D.		16	50	I. Tr.I.	30	7	30	II. Tr.I.
	20	48	I. Sh.E.		20	09	I. Oc.R.		16	56	I. Sh.I.		8	05	II. Sh.I.
	21	06	I. Tr.E.						18	59	I. Tr.E.		9	47	II. Tr.E.
				15	7	09	III. Ec.D.		19	07	I. Sh.E.		10	27	II. Sh.E.
7	5	05	II. Ec.D.		9	45	III. Oc.R.						15	53	I. Oc.D.
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	6	29	III. Oc.R.	16	2	52	II. Sh.I.		16	27	I. Ec.R.		15	09	I. Tr.E.
	13	06	I. Sh.I.		3	04	II. Tr.I.						15	30	I. Sh.E.
	13	23	I. Tr.I.		5	15	II. Sh.E.	24	11	16	I. Tr.I.				
	15	17	I. Sh.E.		5	19	II. Tr.E.		11	24	I. Sh.I.				
	15	32	I. Tr.E.		12	22	I. Ec.D.		13	25	I. Tr.E.				

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d h m		d h m		d h m		d h m	
1 1 34	II. Oc.D	9 7 08	III. Tr.I	16 12 44	III. Tr.E	23 17 24	III. Sh.I
4 38	II. Ec.R	9 10	I. Tr.I	13 06	I. Tr.E	19 46	III. Sh.E
10 19	I. Oc.D	9 18	III. Sh.I	13 21	III. Sh.I		
12 51	I. Ec.R	9 20	III. Tr.E	13 50	I. Sh.E	24 3 28	II. Tr.I
		9 44	I. Sh.I	15 44	III. Sh.E	5 13	II. Sh.I
2 3 51	III. Tr.I	11 20	I. Tr.E			5 48	II. Tr.E
5 16	III. Sh.I	11 42	III. Sh.E	17 1 10	II. Tr.I	7 33	II. Sh.E
5 59	III. Tr.E	11 54	I. Sh.E	2 36	II. Sh.I	10 01	I. Oc.D
7 26	I. Tr.I	22 53	II. Tr.I	3 29	II. Tr.E	13 05	I. Ec.R
7 41	III. Sh.E			4 57	II. Sh.E		
7 48	I. Sh.I	10 0 00	II. Sh.I	8 15	I. Oc.D	25 7 10	I. Tr.I
9 35	I. Tr.E	1 11	II. Tr.E	11 10	I. Ec.R	8 03	I. Sh.I
9 59	I. Sh.E	2 21	II. Sh.E			9 20	I. Tr.E
20 37	II. Tr.I	6 29	I. Oc.D	18 5 23	I. Tr.I	10 14	I. Sh.E
21 23	II. Sh.I	9 15	I. Ec.R	6 08	I. Sh.I	21 37	II. Oc.D
22 55	II. Tr.E			7 33	I. Tr.E		
23 45	II. Sh.E	11 3 37	I. Tr.I	8 18	I. Sh.E	26 1 50	II. Ec.R
		4 12	I. Sh.I	19 16	II. Oc.D	4 28	I. Oc.D
3 4 45	I. Oc.D	5 46	I. Tr.E	23 12	II. Ec.R	7 34	I. Ec.R
7 20	I. Ec.R	6 23	I. Sh.E				
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4 1 52	I. Tr.I	20 34	II. Ec.R	5 38	I. Ec.R	2 32	I. Sh.I
2 17	I. Sh.I			23 49	I. Tr.I	3 33	III. Oc.D
4 01	I. Tr.E	12 0 56	I. Oc.D			3 47	I. Tr.E
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5 1 48	I. Ec.R	23 18	III. Ec.D	3 19	III. Ec.D	18 31	II. Sh.I
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20 18	I. Tr.I	13 0 13	I. Tr.E	14 19	II. Tr.I	20 51	II. Sh.E
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10 42	II. Sh.I	19 22	I. Oc.D	18 16	I. Tr.I	23 12	I. Sh.E
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16 54	I. Tr.E	15 6 07	II. Oc.D	18 36	I. Ec.R	15 30	I. Sh.I
17 26	I. Sh.E	9 53	II. Ec.R			16 41	I. Tr.E
		13 48	I. Oc.D	23 12 43	I. Tr.I	17 23	III. Tr.I
8 3 49	II. Oc.D	16 41	I. Ec.R	13 35	I. Sh.I	17 41	I. Sh.E
7 15	II. Ec.R			13 54	III. Tr.I	19 45	III. Tr.E
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14 46	I. Ec.R	10 56	I. Tr.I	15 45	I. Sh.E	23 47	III. Sh.E
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d h m			d h m			d h m			d h m				
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		7 49	II. Sh.I.		14 05	I. Sh.E.		13 19	I. Ec.R.		12 26	I. Sh.E.	
		8 10	II. Tr.E.								18 10	III. Oc.D.	
		10 09	II. Sh.E.	10	2 25	II. Oc.D.	18	7 06	I. Tr.I.		20 43	III. Oc.R.	
		11 49	I. Oc.D.		7 07	II. Ec.R.		8 20	I. Sh.I.		23 32	III. Ec.D.	
		15 00	I. Ec.R.		8 05	I. Oc.D.		9 17	I. Tr.E.				
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		2	8 58	I. Tr.I.				14 23	III. Oc.D.		2 22	II. Tr.I.	
		9 59	I. Sh.I.		5 15	I. Tr.I.		16 54	III. Oc.R.		4 45	II. Tr.E.	
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					23 44	II. Sh.I.		7 48	I. Ec.R.		6 55	I. Sh.E.	
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		4 28	I. Sh.I.				20	1 34	I. Tr.I.		23 06	II. Oc.R.	
		5 35	I. Tr.E.					2 49	I. Sh.I.		23 23	II. Ec.D.	
		6 38	I. Sh.E.	12	2 03	II. Sh.E.		3 45	I. Tr.E.				
		7 05	III. Oc.D.		2 33	I. Oc.D.		4 59	I. Sh.E.	28	0 44	I. Oc.D.	
		9 30	III. Oc.R.		5 53	I. Ec.R.		18 08	II. Oc.D.		1 44	II. Ec.R.	
		11 24	III. Ec.D.		23 43	I. Tr.I.		20 33	II. Oc.R.		4 12	I. Ec.R.	
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		3 58	I. Ec.R.		20 26	II. Ec.R.		22 13	I. Tr.E.		13 36	III. Sh.I.	
		21 52	I. Tr.I.		21 00	I. Oc.D.		23 28	I. Sh.E.		15 38	II. Tr.I.	
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				14	0 22	I. Ec.R.					18 01	II. Tr.E.	
	6	0 03	I. Tr.E.		18 10	I. Tr.I.	22	4 21	III. Tr.I.		18 15	II. Sh.I.	
		1 07	I. Sh.E.		19 22	I. Sh.I.		6 51	III. Tr.E.		19 12	I. Oc.D.	
		13 12	II. Oc.D.		20 21	I. Tr.E.		9 33	III. Sh.I.		20 33	II. Sh.E.	
		17 48	II. Ec.R.		21 32	I. Sh.E.		11 51	III. Sh.E.		22 41	I. Ec.R.	
		19 10	I. Oc.D.					13 07	II. Tr.I.				
		22 26	I. Ec.R.					15 29	II. Tr.E.				
				15	0 37	III. Tr.I.		15 39	II. Sh.I.	30	16 24	I. Tr.I.	
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	7	16 20	I. Tr.I.		5 31	III. Sh.I.		17 57	II. Sh.E.		18 35	I. Tr.E.	
		17 26	I. Sh.I.		7 50	III. Sh.E.		20 46	I. Ec.R.		19 53	I. Sh.E.	
		18 30	I. Tr.E.		10 39	II. Tr.I.							
		19 36	I. Sh.E.		13 01	II. Tr.E.							
		20 58	III. Tr.I.		13 02	II. Sh.I.	23	14 30	I. Tr.I.	31	9 58	II. Oc.D.	
		23 22	III. Tr.E.		15 21	II. Sh.E.		15 47	I. Sh.I.		12 24	II. Oc.R.	
					15 28	I. Oc.D.		16 41	I. Tr.E.		12 43	II. Ec.D.	
					18 51	I. Ec.R.		17 57	I. Sh.E.		13 40	I. Oc.D.	
	8	1 29	III. Sh.I.								15 04	II. Ec.R.	
		3 49	III. Sh.E.								17 10	I. Ec.R.	
		8 13	II. Tr.I.	16	12 38	I. Tr.I.	24	7 24	II. Oc.D.				
		10 26	II. Sh.I.		13 51	I. Sh.I.		9 50	II. Oc.R.				
		10 34	II. Tr.E.		14 49	I. Tr.E.		10 04	II. Ec.D.	32	10 52	I. Tr.I.	
		12 45	II. Sh.E.		16 01	I. Sh.E.		11 47	I. Oc.D.		12 12	I. Sh.I.	
		13 38	I. Oc.D.					12 25	II. Ec.R.		13 03	I. Tr.E.	
		16 55	I. Ec.R.					15 15	I. Ec.R.		14 22	I. Sh.E.	
				17	4 53	II. Oc.D.					22 03	III. Oc.D.	
					7 18	II. Oc.R.							
					7 25	II. Ec.D.	25	8 59	I. Tr.I.				
	9	10 47	I. Tr.I.		9 46	II. Ec.R.		10 16	I. Sh.I.				
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# CONFIGURATIONS OF SATURN'S BRIGHTEST SATELLITES

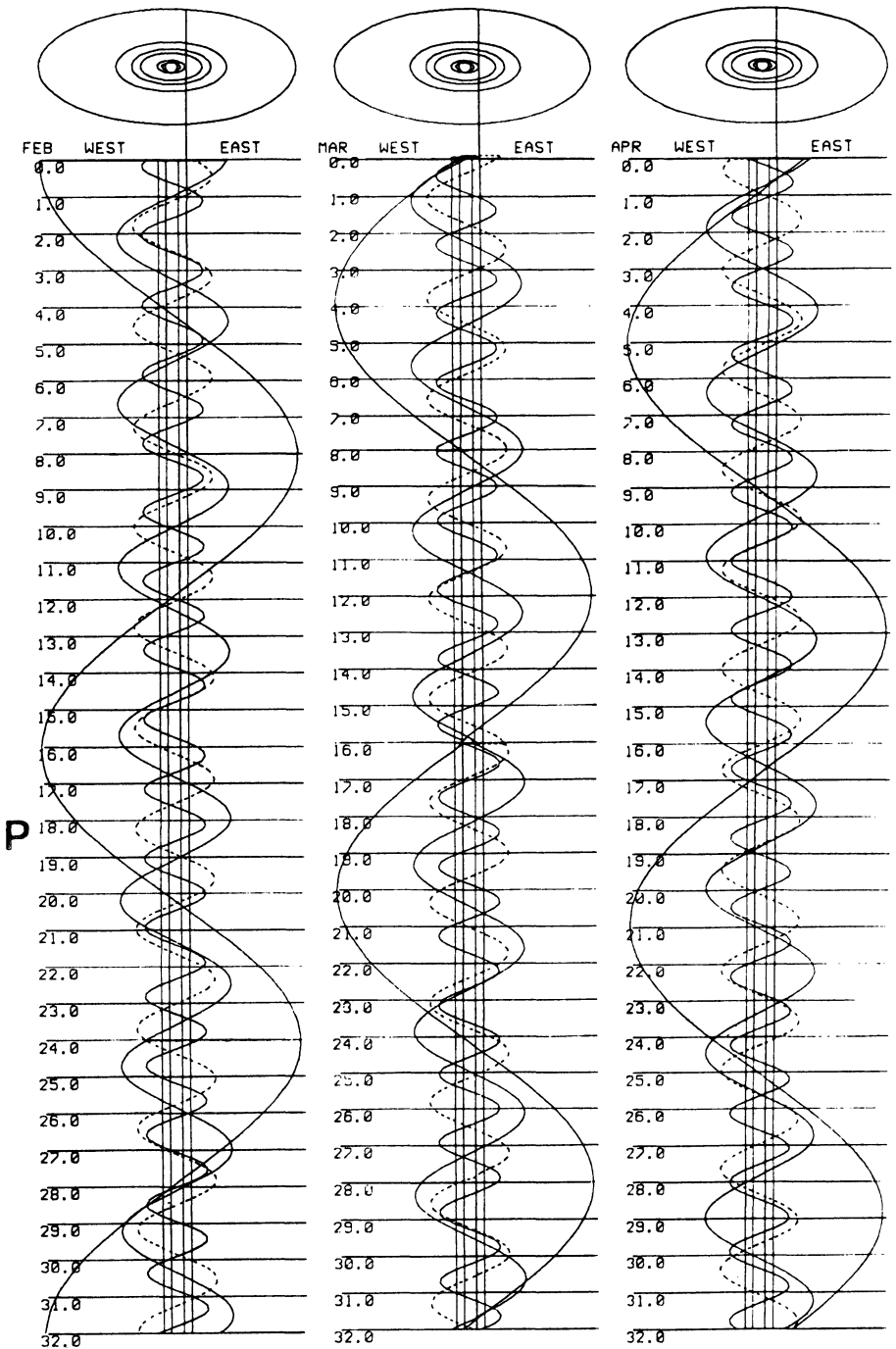
BY LARRY D. BOGAN

The curves on the following pages enable one to determine the appearance of Saturn and its brightest satellites during the period January 31 to November 1, 1987. The names and magnitudes of these satellites, in order outward from Saturn, are: *Tethys*, 10.3, *Dione*, 10.4, *Rhea*, 9.7, and *Titan*, 8.4.

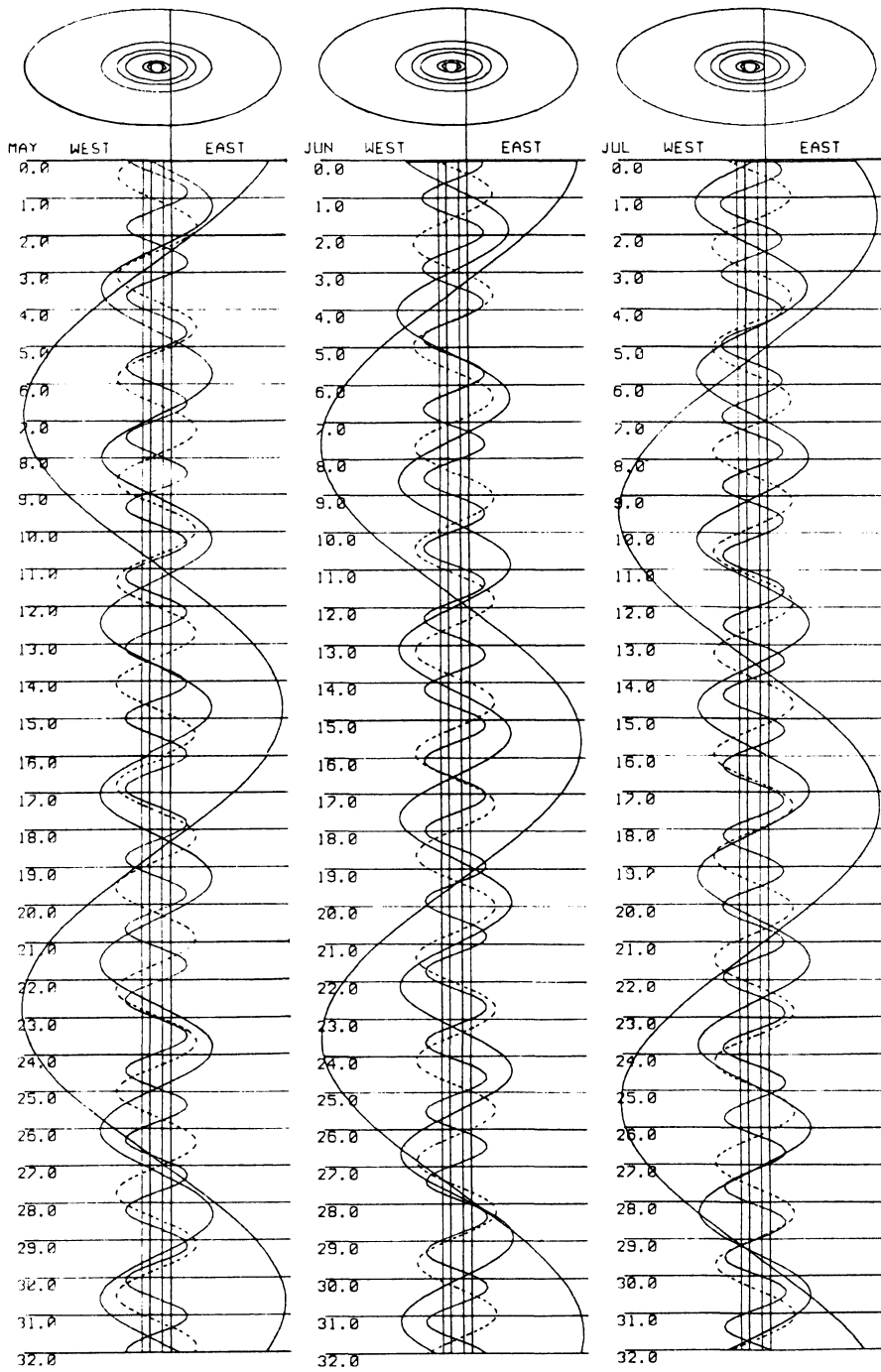
The diagrams show the elongations of the satellites from Saturn as they change with time. The horizontal lines mark 0<sup>h</sup> UT on the days indicated. The narrower, central, vertical band represents the disk of Saturn, while the wider vertical band represents the outer edge of the "A" ring of Saturn. All four orbits have essentially zero inclination and thus lie nearly in the plane of Saturn's rings. During 1987 there are no eclipses or occultations due to the tilt of Saturn's axis; hence the curves are not shown occulted by the bands representing Saturn's disk and rings. The curve of Dione, the second out from Saturn, is dashed so that it is easy to distinguish from those of Tethys and Rhea. Titan's orbit is not as circular as the others and is the only satellite of the four that has been treated as having an elliptical orbit.

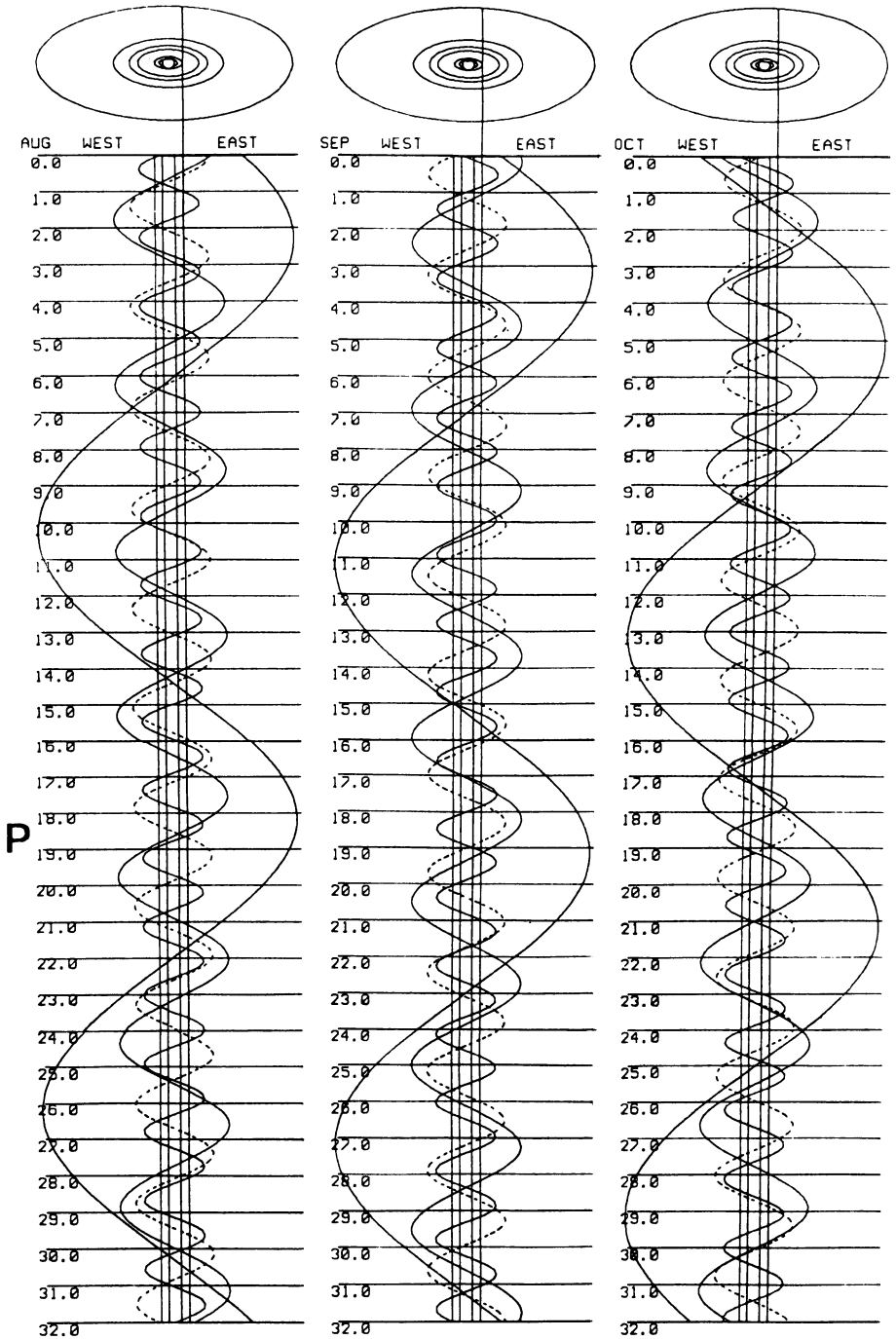
At the beginning of each month is a scale drawing of Saturn with the orbits of the four satellites tilted as seen through an inverting telescope (in the Northern Hemisphere). South is up. The axis of Saturn is now tipped toward Earth so that we see the northern side of the rings and satellite orbits. The directions of motion of the satellites are counterclockwise.

Constructing the configuration from the diagrams is very similar to that for Jupiter's satellites. The main difference is that the orbits of the satellites are not seen edge-on, and the satellites move above and below Saturn. By projecting the elongations for the date and time of interest onto the drawing at the beginning of each month, and locating the satellites on the proper side (north or south) of the orbits, the complete configuration can be developed. A millimetre scale, or better, a pair of dividers, enables one to do this both quickly and accurately. For this purpose, the vertical line representing the east edge of Saturn's "A" ring has been extended upward across the scale drawing. Use this as a fiducial line to transfer the various satellite positions at a given moment in time to the scale drawing (It is convenient first to draw a horizontal line across the lower diagram at the time (UT!) of interest). Since the satellites revolve around Saturn counterclockwise, a satellite moving toward the *right* (east) will be *below* (north of) Saturn in the diagram, and a satellite moving toward the *left* (west) will be *above* (south of) Saturn in the diagram. Hence the mnemonic statement: *right-below, left-above*.







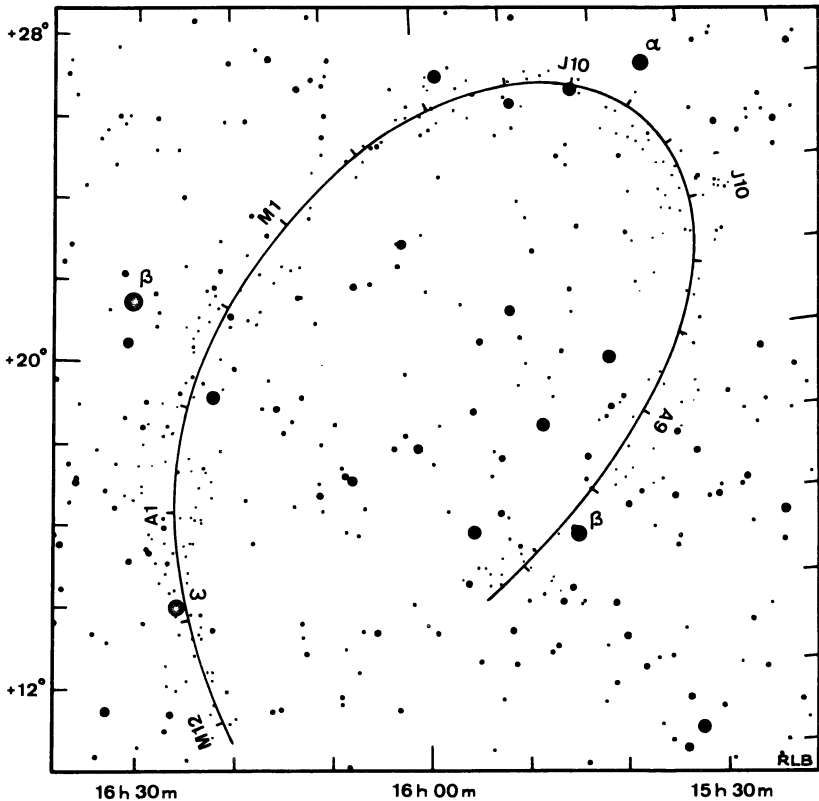


# EPHEMERIDES FOR THE BRIGHTEST ASTEROIDS 1987

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The following are the ephemerides for the brightest asteroids in 1987: those asteroids which will be brighter than visual magnitude 10.0 and more than  $90^\circ$  from the Sun. The tables give the number and name of the asteroid, the date at  $0^h$  E.T. (which differs only slightly from U.T.), the right ascension and declination for the epoch 1950 (for convenience in plotting on commonly-used star charts) and the visual magnitude. These data were derived from current osculating elements, and were generously calculated and provided by Dr. Brian G. Marsden of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

A map is provided for Pallas. Readers can make maps for other asteroids by using the ephemerides on the next two pages and an appropriate star atlas (Remember to allow for precession if your atlas does not use the same epoch as the tables: 1950.0. See page 17.)



*The path of Pallas during part of 1987. With a diameter near 600 km, Pallas is the second largest asteroid. Its path is marked at 10-day intervals, beginning with March 12 (M12). The chart magnitude limit is 8.0, except in the vicinity of the path where stars to magnitude 9.5 have been shown. Pallas is at visual magnitude 8.9 early in March, brightens slightly to 8.6 when nearest Earth (2.07 A) at the end of*

*April, and then fades to near 10th magnitude in late August. In 1987 Pallas is well north of the ecliptic, which is the reason for the open, northward retrograde loop as we draw near to it. The bright stars near the top of the chart are part of the constellation Corona Borealis, while those on the left side are part of Hercules, and those to the lower right of centre are part of Serpens Caput (see the "July" map of the night sky at the end of this handbook). The coordinates are for epoch 2000.0*

(1) Ceres

Date	0h E.T.	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
Mar.	26	18 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup> 7	-21° 30'	8.7
Apr.	5	18 14.0	-21 49	
	15	18 19.2	-22 09	8.4
	25	18 22.0	-22 33	
May	5	18 22.2	-23 02	8.1
	15	18 19.6	-23 34	
	25	18 14.5	-24 11	7.7
June	4	18 07.0	-24 48	
	14	17 57.9	-25 25	7.3
	24	17 48.1	-25 57	
July	4	17 38.7	-26 25	7.5
	14	17 30.6	-26 48	
	24	17 24.6	-27 06	8.0
Aug.	3	17 21.2	-27 21	
	13	17 20.5	-27 35	8.3
	23	17 22.4	-27 48	
Sept.	2	17 26.8	-28 00	8.7
	12	17 33.5	-28 12	

(2) Pallas

Date	0h E.T.	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
Mar.	6	16 <sup>h</sup> 15 <sup>m</sup> 3	+ 9° 50'	8.9
	16	16 20.5	+12 17	
	26	16 23.3	+14 53	8.8
Apr.	5	16 23.4	+17 31	
	15	16 21.0	+20 03	8.6
	25	16 16.1	+22 21	
May	5	16 09.4	+24 15	8.6
	15	16 01.3	+25 38	
	25	15 52.8	+26 27	8.7
June	4	15 44.7	+26 39	
	14	15 37.8	+26 19	8.9
	24	15 32.8	+25 31	
July	4	15 29.8	+24 20	9.2
	14	15 28.9	+22 53	
	24	15 30.2	+21 15	9.4
Aug.	3	15 33.4	+19 31	

(3) Juno

Date	0h E.T.	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
July	4	22 <sup>h</sup> 18 <sup>m</sup> 0	- 0° 09'	9.8
	14	22 17.9	- 0 15	
	24	22 15.4	- 0 41	9.3
Aug.	3	22 10.7	- 1 31	
	13	22 04.1	- 2 43	8.8
	23	21 56.4	- 4 14	
Sept.	2	21 48.4	- 5 56	8.6
	12	21 41.3	- 7 42	
	22	21 36.1	- 9 22	9.0
Oct.	2	21 33.4	-10 48	
	12	21 33.6	-11 57	9.3
	22	21 36.8	-12 46	
Nov.	1	21 42.8	-13 15	9.6
	11	21 51.4	-13 25	
	21	22 02.1	-13 16	9.8
Dec.	1	22 14.7	-12 51	

(4) Vesta

Date	0h E.T.	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
Nov.	1	8 <sup>h</sup> 27 <sup>m</sup> 0	+18° 54'	8.1
	11	8 35.0	+18 46	
	21	8 40.8	+18 47	7.8
Dec.	1	8 44.2	+19 00	
	11	8 44.7	+19 27	7.4
	21	8 42.2	+20 08	
	31	8 36.7	+21 02	6.9

(5) Astraea

Date	0h E.T.	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
Jan.	25	8 <sup>h</sup> 58 <sup>m</sup> 8	+14° 52'	9.3
Feb.	4	8 50.2	+16 05	
	14	8 42.0	+17 17	9.4
	24	8 35.6	+18 20	
Mar.	6	8 32.0	+19 10	9.9
	16	8 31.9	+19 42	

(6) Hebe

Date	0h E.T.	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
May	25	19 <sup>h</sup> 59 <sup>m</sup> 8	- 7° 02'	10.0
June	4	20 00.7	- 6 55	
	14	19 58.8	- 7 05	9.5
	24	19 54.3	- 7 35	
July	4	19 47.2	- 8 29	9.0
	14	19 38.4	- 9 44	
	24	19 28.9	-11 18	8.7
Aug.	3	19 19.9	-13 02	
	13	19 12.7	-14 50	9.0
	23	19 08.2	-16 34	
Sept.	2	19 07.1	-18 09	9.4
	12	19 09.5	-19 32	
	22	19 15.2	-20 42	9.7
Oct.	2	19 24.0	-21 36	
	12	19 35.5	-22 16	9.9
	22	19 49.4	-22 40	

(7) Iris

Date	0h E.T.	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
June	14	20 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 6	-16° 08'	9.6
	24	20 05.2	-15 53	
July	4	19 57.2	-15 47	9.1
	14	19 47.3	-15 47	
	24	19 36.7	-15 52	8.8
Aug.	3	19 26.4	-16 00	
	13	19 17.8	-16 09	9.2
	23	19 11.8	-16 18	
Sept.	2	19 09.0	-16 26	9.5
	12	19 09.4	-16 32	
	22	19 13.0	-16 34	9.8
Oct.	2	19 19.6	-16 31	
	12	19 28.7	-16 22	10.0
	22	19 40.1	-16 05	

## (8) Flora

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
July 4	21 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 9	-15° 25'	9.8
14	21 54.7	-16 17	
24	21 50.3	-17 28	9.2
Aug. 3	21 43.2	-18 52	
13	21 34.0	-20 20	8.7
23	21 24.2	-21 41	
Sept. 2	21 15.4	-22 45	9.0
12	21 09.0	-23 27	
22	21 06.0	-23 46	9.5
Oct. 2	21 06.7	-23 42	
12	21 11.0	-23 18	9.9
22	21 18.6	-22 36	

## (9) Metis

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Jan. 5	3 <sup>h</sup> 46 <sup>m</sup> 7	+21° 32'	9.8
15	3 47.0	+21 58	

## (15) Eunomia

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Jan. 25	10 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup> 5	- 4° 06'	9.9
Feb. 4	10 44.9	- 4 21	
14	10 36.6	- 4 18	9.6
24	10 27.3	- 3 59	
Mar. 6	10 17.9	- 3 27	9.5
16	10 09.5	- 2 47	
26	10 02.8	- 2 05	9.9
Apr. 5	9 58.3	- 1 27	

## (20) Massalia

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Nov. 1	4 <sup>h</sup> 55 <sup>m</sup> 2	+21° 58'	9.6
11	4 50.2	+21 44	
21	4 42.1	+21 25	9.0
Dec. 1	4 32.0	+21 00	
11	4 21.6	+20 34	8.9
21	4 12.6	+20 10	
31	4 06.3	+19 53	9.4

## (29) Amphitrite

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Dec. 11	8 <sup>h</sup> 11 <sup>m</sup> 4	+29° 08'	9.8
21	8 05.9	+29 40	
31	7 57.4	+30 11	9.4

## (39) Laetitia

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Sept. 2	0 <sup>h</sup> 04 <sup>m</sup> 7	- 4° 06'	9.7
12	23 58.8	- 5 42	
22	23 51.8	- 7 20	9.4
Oct. 2	23 44.9	- 8 48	
12	23 39.1	-10 00	9.9
22	23 35.1	-10 50	

## (40) Harmonia

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Oct. 12	2 <sup>h</sup> 22 <sup>m</sup> 5	+ 6° 43'	9.9
22	2 13.1	+ 5 58	
Nov. 1	2 03.0	+ 5 18	9.7
11	1 53.5	+ 4 51	

## (44) Nysa

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Nov. 1	5 <sup>h</sup> 07 <sup>m</sup> 3	+17° 05'	9.9
11	5 03.1	+16 47	
21	4 55.7	+16 31	9.3
Dec. 1	4 46.1	+16 17	
11	4 35.7	+16 09	9.1
21	4 26.1	+16 09	
31	4 18.8	+16 19	9.5

## (324) Bamberga

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Dec. 11	6 <sup>h</sup> 34 <sup>m</sup> 4	+40° 09'	9.9
21	6 21.1	+39 51	
31	6 07.7	+39 08	9.9

## (349) Dembowska

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Dec. 11	4 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 6	+30° 05'	10.0
21	4 16.3	+29 56	

## (354) Eleonora

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Mar. 6	12 <sup>h</sup> 16 <sup>m</sup> 1	+16° 03'	9.9
16	12 09.7	+18 10	
26	12 02.5	+19 58	10.0
Apr. 5	11 55.7	+21 18	

## (471) Papagena

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Jan. 5	6 <sup>h</sup> 06 <sup>m</sup> 7	+28° 52'	10.0
15	5 57.5	+29 47	

## (532) Herculina

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Jan. 25	13 <sup>h</sup> 10 <sup>m</sup> 5	+12° 58'	10.0
Feb. 4	13 18.1	+14 08	
14	13 23.1	+15 36	9.6
24	13 25.2	+17 18	
Mar. 6	13 24.2	+19 08	9.3
16	13 20.3	+20 54	
26	13 13.9	+22 23	9.1
Apr. 5	13 06.2	+23 26	
15	12 58.2	+23 53	9.2
25	12 51.3	+23 42	
May 5	12 46.3	+22 56	9.5
15	12 43.8	+21 41	
25	12 43.9	+20 02	9.9
June 4	12 46.6	+18 07	

# PLANETARY APPULSES AND OCCULTATIONS

PROVIDED BY ROBERT L. MILLIS

A *planetary appulse* is a close approach of a star and a planet, minor planet (asteroid), or satellite (moon) as seen from Earth. At certain locations on Earth the appulse may be seen as an *occultation*, a "solar eclipse", but usually of a star other than our Sun. Careful observations of these events can provide valuable information on the position, size, and shape of the occulting body, and indicate the possible presence of satellites and/or atmosphere surrounding the body. In the case of asteroids, information of this sort is not currently obtainable in any other way. In addition, through a stepwise drop in the light of the occulted star or a gradual dimming, an occultation can reveal the binary nature of some stars or their diameter.

L.H. Wasserman, E. Bowell, and R.L. Millis of Lowell Observatory have prepared a list of 59 possible occultations of stars by asteroids for 1987. (See the October 1985 issue of *The Astronomical Journal*). The table on the next page lists the better occultations which may be observable from North America (including Hawaii), and is taken from the above paper. It was prepared by Robert L. Millis and is presented here courtesy of the Editor of *The Astronomical Journal*. The successive columns in the table list (1) the date; (2) the number and name of the occulting asteroid; (3) the apparent magnitude of the asteroid (visual values, unless there is an asterisk); (4) the AGK3 or SAO number of the occulted star; (5) the apparent magnitude of the star; the (6) right ascension and (7) declination of the star; (8) a measure of the loss of brightness when the occultation occurs ( $\Delta I$  is the ratio of the star's intensity to the combined intensity of the star plus asteroid. Hence a large value of  $\Delta I$  means a substantial decrease in brightness); (9) the predicted maximum duration of the occultation in seconds; (10) the approximate area across which the asteroid's shadow will pass.

The areas mentioned in the last column of the table are very uncertain. Only through astrometric observations of the highest accuracy, usually within a few days prior to the occultation, can the predictions be improved sufficiently to provide the basis for elaborate observational efforts. Observers wishing to obtain improved predictions within a few days of each event may obtain recorded telephone messages at 312-259-2376 (Chicago, Ill.), 713-488-6871 (Houston, Tex.), or 301-585-0989 (Silver Spring, Md.), or may contact Dr. Millis (see the inside front cover).

Serious observers of occultations pay careful attention to: the determination of their geographical latitude, longitude, and altitude (which should be known to the nearest second of arc and 20 m, respectively); identification of the star; accurate timing of the events (considerable care is needed to attain an accuracy of 0.5 s or better: a shortwave radio time signal and cassette tape recorder are recommended); monitoring the star for several minutes surrounding the time of closest approach in order to time the possible occultation and/or any secondary extinctions of the star; the provision of independent observers a kilometre or more apart for both confirmation and improved "resolution" of the eclipse shadow. High speed photoelectric recordings are very desirable when possible. When reporting timings, state the aperture of the telescope used, describe the timing method, estimate your reaction time and the accuracy of the timing, and state whether or not the reaction time correction has been applied. Reaction times vary from about 0.2 s to 1.0 s or more depending on the observer and the magnitude of the star.

Observations of these events are coordinated in North America by the International Occultation Timing Association (IOTA). Dr. Dunham of the IOTA intends to publish an article on planetary occultations for 1987 in the January issue of *Sky and Telescope*. Observations of planetary occultations, including negative observations, should be sent to Dr. Dunham at P.O. Box 7488, Silver Spring, MD 20907, U.S.A. for publication by the IOTA. (Note that observations of *lunar* occultations should be sent to Japan. See page 90.)

U.T. Date (1987)	Asteroid	m <sub>AST</sub> (mag)	Star	m <sub>ST</sub>	$\alpha$ (1950)	$\delta$	$\Delta I$	Max. Dur. (s)	Approximate Area of Visibility
24.99 Jan	471 Papagena	10.4	SAO 58556	7.5	5 <sup>h</sup> 51 <sup>m</sup> 02 <sup>s</sup> .9	+30°29'06"	0.94	23.9	Northeastern USA
25.45 Jan	30 Urania	11.1*	AG+17°0955	9.7*	8 47 47.4	+17°52'36"	0.79	8.7	USA
14.12 Feb	63 Ausonia	11.8*	AG+8°1416	9.9*	10 45 20.5	+8°37'17"	0.85	8.7	Eastern USA
7.20 Apr	11 Parthenope	11.8	AG+22°0739	7.5	6 34 37.4	+22°45'36"	0.98	7.7	Southern USA
3.37 May	54 Alexandra	11.2	SAO 226775	8.5	16 23 38.4	-40°26'34"	0.92	30.4	Central USA
12.41 May	200 Dynamene	13.0	SAO 208693	9.5	17 16 40.3	-32°29'14"	0.96	14.3	Southwestern USA
30.43 Aug	247 Eukrate	11.6	SAO 213992	9.8	22 37 03.7	-30°42'34"	0.84	10.3	Southwestern USA
8.53 Dec	324 Bamberg	10.5*	AG+40°0783	9.8*	6 37 18.5	+40°09'21"	0.66	29.5	Northwestern USA
11.94 Dec	160 Una	13.0*	AG+29°0563	9.0*	5 19 49.9	+29°02'40"	0.98	8.6	Eastern Canada
23.30 Dec	52 Europa	11.2*	AG+13°0364	10.7*	4 33 36.5	+13°01'18"	0.61	28.3	Canada

\*Blue magnitude

# METEORS, COMETS, AND DUST

## METEORS, FIREBALLS, AND METEORITES

BY PETER M. MILLMAN

Meteoroids are small solid particles moving in orbits about the Sun. On entering Earth's atmosphere they become luminous and appear as meteors or fireballs, and in rare cases, if large enough to avoid complete fragmentation and vaporization, they may fall to Earth as meteorites.

Meteors are visible on any night of the year. At certain times of the year Earth encounters larger numbers of meteoroids all moving together along the same orbit. Such a group is known as a meteor stream and the visible phenomenon is called a meteor shower. The orbits followed by these meteor streams are very similar to those of short-period comets, and in many cases can be identified with the orbits of specific comets.

The radiant is the position among the stars from which the meteors of a given shower seem to radiate. This is an effect of perspective commonly observed for any group of parallel lines. Some showers, notably the Quadrantids, Perseids, and Geminids, are very regular in their return each year and do not vary greatly in the numbers of meteors seen at the time of maximum. Other showers, like the Leonids, are very unpredictable and may arrive in great numbers or fail to appear at all in any given year. The  $\delta$  Aquarids and the Taurids are spread out over a fairly extended period of time without a sharp maximum.

For more information concerning meteor showers, see the paper by A. F. Cook in "Evolutionary and Physical Properties of Meteoroids", NASA SP-319, pp. 183-191, 1973.

The light of meteors is produced by a mixture of atoms and molecules, originating from both the meteoroid and Earth's atmosphere. i.e. The light of a meteor is primarily from a glowing gas, and not from the solid meteoroid itself. The collision, at a very high speed, of the material from the meteoroid with Earth's atmosphere

### MAJOR VISUAL METEOR SHOWERS FOR 1987

Shower	Shower Maximum			Radiant				Single Observer Hourly Rate	Speed of Encounter with Earth	Normal Duration to $\frac{1}{4}$ Strength of Max.
	Date	U.T.	Moon	Position at Max.		Daily Motion				
				R.A.	Dec.	R.A.	Dec.			
	(1987)	h		h	m	°				
Quadrantids	Jan. 4	00	FQ	15 28	+50	—	—	40	41	1.1
Lyrids	Apr. 22	21	LQ	18 16	+34	+4.4	0.0	15	48	2
$\eta$ Aquarids	May 5	01	FQ	22 24	00	+3.6	+0.4	20	65	3
S. $\delta$ Aquarids	July 29	03	NM	22 36	-17	+3.4	+0.17	20	41	7
Perseids	Aug. 12	18	FM	03 04	+58	+5.4	+0.12	50	60	4.6
Orionids	Oct. 21	23	NM	06 20	+15	+4.9	+0.13	25	66	2
S. Taurids	Nov. 3	—	FM	03 32	+14	+2.7	+0.13	15	28	—
Leonids	Nov. 18	06	NM	10 08	+22	+2.8	-0.42	15	71	—
Geminids	Dec. 14	18	LQ	07 32	+32	+4.2	-0.07	50	35	2.6
Ursids	Dec. 23	00	NM	14 28	+76	—	—	15	34	2
	(1988)									
Quadrantids	Jan. 4	06	FM	15 28	+50	—	—	40	41	1.1



excites the involved atoms and molecules to shine, each with its own characteristic wavelength (colour). In addition to the light of oxygen and nitrogen, prominent in the luminosity of meteors, we find the orange-yellow of sodium, the brilliant green of magnesium, and various other wavelengths of light produced by iron, calcium, and some dozen, less-common elements. For a general survey of the light of meteors see *Smithsonian Contributions to Astrophysics*, 7, pp. 119–127, 1963.

An observer located away from city lights, and with perfect sky conditions on a moonless night, will see an overall average of seven sporadic meteors per hour apart from the shower meteors. These sporadic meteors have been included in the hourly rates listed in the table. Slight haze or nearby lighting will greatly reduce the number of meteors seen. More meteors appear in the early morning hours than in the evening, and more during the last half of the year than during the first half.

When a meteor has a luminosity greater than the brightest stars and planets it is generally termed a fireball. The visible trails of most meteors occur high in the atmosphere from 60 to 110 kilometres altitude. Only the rare, very bright fireballs survive down to the lower levels of Earth's atmosphere, and, in general, these are not associated with meteor showers. The occurrence of such an object should be reported immediately to the nearest astronomical group or other organization concerned with the collection of such information. Where no local organization exists, reports should be sent to Meteor Centre, Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0R6.\* Special "Fireball Report" forms and related instructions are available from the Meteor Centre without charge. If sounds are heard accompanying a bright fireball there is a possibility that a meteorite may have fallen. Astronomers must rely on observations made by the general public to track down such an object.

*\*Editor's Note:* Fireball reports within the United States should be mailed to the Scientific Event Alert Network (SEAN), Mail Stop 129, Natural History Building, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

## A SELECTION OF MINOR VISUAL METEOR SHOWERS

Shower	Dates	Date of Max.	Speed
			km/s
δ Leonids	Feb. 5–Mar. 19	Feb. 26	23
σ Leonids	Mar. 21–May 13	Apr. 17	20
τ Herculids	May 19–June 14	June 3	15
N. δ Aquarids	July 14–Aug. 25	Aug. 12	42
α Capricornids	July 15–Aug. 10	July 30	23
S. ι Aquarids	July 15–Aug. 25	Aug. 5	34
N. ι Aquarids	July 15–Sept. 20	Aug. 20	31
κ Cygnids	Aug. 9–Oct. 6	Aug. 18	25
S. Piscids	Aug. 31–Nov. 2	Sept. 20	26
N. Piscids	Sept. 25–Oct. 19	Oct. 12	29
N. Taurids	Sept. 19–Dec. 1	Nov. 13	29
Annual Andromedids	Sept. 25–Nov. 12	Oct. 3	18–23
Coma Berenicids	Dec. 12–Jan. 23	—	65

# NORTH AMERICAN METEORITE IMPACT SITES

BY P. BLYTH ROBERTSON

The realization that our Earth is truly part of the solar system, and not a planet in isolation, has been dramatically demonstrated by the past two decades of space exploration. Bodies such as Phobos, Callisto, Mimas, which were once solely part of the astronomer's realm, are now familiar terrain to planetary geologists, and an insight into the age and history of their surfaces can be derived from a knowledge of, and comparison with geological processes on Earth. In particular, as the only common feature apparent on all bodies from Mercury outward to the moons of Saturn is the abundance of meteorite craters, studies of the terrestrial equivalents may lead to better understanding of the evolution of planetary crusts.

Although all the planets are heavily cratered, the source of the impacting bodies is not the same throughout the solar system, nor has the rate been constant with time. The densely-cratered lunar highlands reveal a period of intense bombardment between 4.6 and 3.9 billion years ago, whereas the crater populations on the younger mare surfaces indicate a subsequent, considerably reduced rate that may have fluctuated somewhat over the past 3 billion years. It is believed that the cratering history of Earth is like that of the Moon, but all vestiges of the early bombardment, and a large percentage of the craters from the later period have been obliterated by various geologic processes on the 'active' Earth. A significant number of the larger, younger craters have been preserved, however, and their ages determined through radiometric age-dating techniques, to permit a calculation of the recent cratering rate. This rate, for the past 120 million years, is  $5.4 \times 10^{-15}$  per square kilometre of Earth per year, for craters 20 kilometres or larger in diameter. In other words, an event of this magnitude may occur every 7.6 million years in North America.

An impact crater results from a combination of excavation of the shattered target rocks and further expansion of the cavity by outward and downward movements of highly fractured material. Craters larger than 4 or 5 km undergo further modification through rebound and uplift of the crater floor, and downward faulting and displacement of large blocks in a broad annulus surrounding the crater. These movements result in a comparatively shallow impact structure whose outer dimension is approximately 40% larger than that of the initial crater.

The magnitude of the impact event is proportional to the kinetic energy of the meteorite, and therefore depends on its size, composition and speed. A 20 km impact structure on Earth would result from an impact yielding the equivalent of approximately 64 000 megatons of TNT, and could be produced by a stony meteorite (density  $3.4 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ), 900 m in diameter, travelling at a typical speed of 20 km/s. Thus the diameter of the impact structure is many times that of the impacting body. (The kinetic energy of a typical meteor is about 100 times the explosive energy of the same mass of TNT.—Ed.)

In impacts, where craters greater than approximately 1.5 km are created, extreme shock pressures and temperatures vaporize and melt the meteorite. It subsequently becomes thoroughly mixed with the melted target rocks and is no longer recognizable in its original form, although chemical traces have been discovered. Of the 38 North American impact structures listed, which account for roughly 40% of the world's recognized total, meteorite fragments are preserved at only 3. The remainder are identified by the presence of characteristic deformation features in the target rocks; features that are uniquely produced by extreme shock pressures generated in nature only by hypervelocity, meteorite impact. In addition to these sites there are twenty or more structures in Canada and the United States whose impact origin seems highly probable, but where distinctive shock deformation has not been found.

In the table, sites accessible by road or boat are marked "A" or "B" respectively and those sites where data have been obtained through diamond-drilling or geophysical surveys are signified by "D" and "G", respectively.

Name	Lat.	Long.	Diam. (km)	Age ( $\times 10^4$ a)	Surface Expression	Visible Geologic Features
Barringer, Meteor Crater, Ariz.	35 02	111 01	1.2	.05	rimmed polygonal crater	fragments of meteorite, highly shocked sandstone breccia
Bee Bluff, Texas	29 02	099 51	2.4	40±10	shallow circ. depress'n.; rim remnants	fracturing
Bevins, Ont.	46 05	078 29	3.8	450±30	sediment-filled shallow depression	A D G
Carswell, Sask.	58 27	109 30	37	485±50	discriminate circular ridge	A D G
Charlevoix, Que.	47 32	070 18	46	360±25	semi-circular trough, central elevation	breccia, shatter cones, impact melt
Clearwater Lake East, Que.	56 05	074 07	22	290±20	circular lake	A D G
Clearwater Lake West, Que.	56 13	074 30	32	290±20	island ring in circular lake	D G
Crooked Creek, Missouri	37 50	091 23	5.6	320±80	oval area of disturbed rocks, shallow marginal depression	breccia, shatter cones
Decaturville, Missouri	37 54	092 43	6	<300	circular bay	A D G
Deep Bay, Sask.	56 24	102 59	12	100±50	slight central elevation	breccia, shatter cones
Flynn Creek, Tenn.	36 16	085 37	3.8	360±20	sediment-filled shallow depression with slight central elevation	breccia, shatter cones, disturbed rocks
Glover Bluff, Wis.	43 58	089 32	0.4	?	disturbed dolomite exposed in 3 quarries	A D G
Gow Lake, Sask.	56 27	104 29	5	<250	lake and central island	breccia
Gov Lake, Sask.	37 35	099 10	0.0011	<0.001	excavated depression	fragments of meteorite
Haviland, Kansas	37 25	099 10	20	<20	shallow circular depression	shatter cones, breccia
Houghton, NWT	75 22	089 40	2	550±100	sediment-filled shallow depression	sedimentary fill
Holleford, Ont.	44 28	076 38	2	<300	island is central uplift of submerged structure	shatter cones, breccia dikes
Ile Rouleau, Que.	50 41	073 53	4	<300	central uplift exposed in quarries, rest buried	breccia, shatter cones, disturbed rocks
Kentland, Ind.	40 45	087 24	13	300	circular lake	breccia float
Lac Courure, Que.	60 08	075 18	8	430	lake-filled, partly circular	breccia float
Lac la Moirerte, Que.	57 26	066 36	8	400	none, buried and eroded	breccia float
Lake St. Martin, Man.	51 47	098 33	23	225±40	lake-filled, partly circular	breccia float
Lake Wanapitei, Ont.	46 44	080 44	8.5	37±2	lake-filled, partly circular	breccia float
Manitouagan, Que.	51 23	068 42	100	210±4	circumferal lake, central elevation	impact melt, breccia
Manson, Iowa	42 35	094 31	32	<100	none, central elevation buried to 30 m	none
Middlesboro, Ky.	36 37	083 44	6	300	circular depression	disturbed rocks
Mississinoui Lake, Labr.	55 53	063 18	28	38±4	elliptical lake and central island	breccia, impact melt
New Quebec Crater, Que.	61 17	072 40	3.2	<5	irregular lake with islands	raised rim
Nicholson Lake, NWT	62 40	102 41	12.5	<400	sediment-filled depression with very slight rim, 4 others buried and smaller	breccia
Odesa, Tex.	31 48	102 30	0.17	0.03	circular lake	fragments of meteorite
Pilot Lake, NWT	60 17	111 01	6	<440	none, buried	fracturing, breccia float
Redwing Creek, N. Dak.	47 40	102 30	9	200	none, buried	breccia, shatter cones
Serpent Mound, Ohio	39 02	083 24	6.4	300	circular area of disturbed rock, slight central elevation	breccia, shatter cones
Sierra Madera, Tex.	30 36	102 55	13	100	central hills, annular depression, outer ring of hills	breccia, shatter cones
State Islands, Ont.	48 40	087 00	30	350	islands are central uplift of submerged structure	shatter cones, breccia dikes
Steen River, Alta.	59 31	117 38	25	95±7	none, buried to 200 metres	none
Sudbury, Ont.	46 36	081 11	140	1840±150	elliptical basin	breccia, impact melt, shatter cones
Wells Creek, Tenn.	36 23	087 40	14	200±100	basin with central hill, inner and outer annular, valleys and ridges	breccia, shatter cones
West Hawk Lake, Man.	49 46	095 11	2.7	100±50	circular lake	none

# COMETS IN 1987

BY BRIAN G. MARSDEN

The following periodic comets are expected at perihelion during 1987:

Comet	Perihelion		Period
	Date	Dist.	
		A	a
Forbes	Jan. 1	1.47	6.3
Howell	Apr. 14	1.61	5.9
Jackson-Neujmin	May 24	1.44	8.4
du Toit-Hartley	June 14	1.20	5.2
Grigg-Skjellerup	June 18	0.99	5.1
Russell 2	July 1	2.15	7.1
Encke	July 17	0.33	3.3
Klemola	July 22	1.77	10.9
West-Kohoutek-Ikemura	July 27	1.57	6.4
Denning-Fujikawa	Aug. 3	0.76	8.8
Gehrels 1	Aug. 14	2.99	15.1
Comas Solá	Aug. 18	1.83	8.8
Schwassmann-Wachmann 2	Aug. 30	2.07	6.4
Wild 3	Aug. 31	2.29	6.9
Brooks 2	Oct. 16	1.84	6.9
Reinmuth 2	Oct. 25	1.94	6.7
Kohoutek	Oct. 29	1.78	6.6
Harrington	Oct. 31	1.60	6.8
de Vico-Swift	Dec. 7	2.18	7.4
Borrelly	Dec. 18	1.36	6.9
Bus	Dec. 21	2.19	6.5

Although the number of predicted comets is unusually large, only P/Borrelly, making its most favourable return in 70 years, is expected to be bright enough for observation with small telescopes, and an ephemeris is appended. The five comets making their first predicted returns, P/Howell, P/Russell 2, P/Gehrels 1, P/Wild 3 and P/Bus, are at least moderately favourably placed, as are P/Grigg-Skjellerup, P/Klemola, P/Brooks 2, P/Reinmuth 2, P/Kohoutek and P/Harrington. P/du Toit-Hartley and P/Denning-Fujikawa, each of which had been lost for several revolutions before their recent rediscoveries, are not particularly well placed for observation in 1987 and may well pass unobserved, as undoubtedly will the difficult P/de Vico-Swift. The remaining returns are generally unfavourable, but observations should be possible with large telescopes when the comets concerned are quite far from perihelion.

### COMET BORRELLY

Date	R.A. (1950)	Dec. (1950)	Mag.
0h E.T.			
Nov. 1	3 <sup>h</sup> 24 <sup>m</sup> .2	-36° 18'	10.5
	11	3 09.4	-32 15
	21	2 52.8	-25 29
			9.7
Dec. 1	2 37.8	-15 53	
	11	2 27.1	- 4 17
	21	2 22.2	+ 7 42
	31	2 23.8	+18 37
			9.8

## INTERPLANETARY DUST

Outside of the astronomical community it is not generally realized that the inner solar system contains a vast cloud of dust. The particles in this cloud are concentrated near the plane of the ecliptic and toward the Sun, their spatial particle density in the ecliptic falling off somewhat more rapidly than the reciprocal of their distance from the Sun. Measurements from spacecraft indicate that the cloud extends well beyond the orbit of Mars, but that it is negligible in the vicinity of Jupiter's orbit and beyond. In 1983, *IRAS*, the pioneering Infrared Astronomical Satellite, discovered that there is an extra concentration of dust in the asteroid region, in the form of a ring or torus centred on the Sun. Aside from this overall structure, the cloud is quite uniform both spatially and temporally.

The particles composing the cloud have a continuum of sizes, from pebble-sized clumps down to specks with diameters comparable to the wavelength of visible light and smaller. The smaller particles are the more numerous, although the mass distribution appears to peak near  $10^{-8}$  kg, corresponding to a particle diameter of a few tenths of a millimetre. The total mass of the cloud is small, amounting to perhaps  $10^{-14}$  of the mass of the solar system. It is as if the moons of Mars had been pulverized and spread throughout the inner solar system.

Like the planetary system, the interplanetary dust cloud is not static. Its particles generally move in orbits about the Sun. In addition, the particles undergo continual fragmentation due to collisions, sputtering associated with bombardment by the solar wind, electrostatic bursting, and sublimation. This progression toward smaller and smaller sizes is of crucial significance for the cloud, since particles with diameters appreciably less than a tenth of a millimetre have a sufficiently large surface-to-volume ratio that the pressure of the Sun's radiation has a significant effect upon their motion. Their orbits become non-Keplerian and many particles are lost as they spiral inward toward the Sun (the Poynting–Robertson effect). During a total solar eclipse in 1983, instruments carried by a balloon detected a ring-like concentration of dust only a couple of solar diameters from the Sun. Its inner edge apparently marks the point at which the Sun's heat vaporizes the infalling particles. The resulting tiny gas molecules, like the smallest particles of dust, are blown out of the solar system by the dominant radiation pressure and interactions with the solar wind.

Because of the above-mentioned influences on the sizes and motions of the dust particles, the estimated mean life of a cloud particle is about  $10^5$  years. Since this is much less than the age of the solar system, it is obvious that the cloud must be in a dynamic equilibrium. Part of the tail of a bright comet is due to significant quantities of dust ejected from its nucleus, and it is generally assumed that comets provide the main supply of new dust to the cloud. Since comet nuclei are believed to consist of the undifferentiated matter from which the solar system formed, the dust of the interplanetary cloud is most likely composed of this same low-density, fragile, primitive material. Collisions of asteroids may also provide dust, but the extent of this possible contribution is unknown.

To an observer on Earth the most noticeable aspect of the dust cloud is meteors – larger particles of the cloud which encounter Earth and vaporize in its upper atmosphere. In addition, sunlight scattered by the dust cloud appears as a faint glow in the vicinity of the ecliptic. This glow is brightest toward the Sun, is due primarily to particles having diameters between a few micrometres and a millimetre, and is referred to as the *zodiacal light*. A slight brightening in the sky opposite the Sun, called the *Gegenschein* (German for “counter-glow”), is due to a phase effect (analogous to the full moon), and also possibly to a concentration of dust at the L3 Lagrangian point of the Earth–Sun system. As astronomical objects, the zodiacal light and *Gegenschein* are unusual in that they can be seen only with the unaided eye. Both are invisible in binoculars or a telescope.

### *The Zodiacal Light*

Nearly a millenium ago the Persian astronomer-poet Omar Khayyam referred to the zodiacal light in the second quatrain of his *Rubaiyat*. As translated by the poet Edward FitzGerald, we have the haunting lines: "Dreaming when Dawn's Left Hand was in the Sky", and "Before the phantom of False morning died".

When conditions are favorable, the zodiacal light is indeed a mysterious and beautiful sight. It is best seen after the end of evening twilight and before the beginning of morning twilight (see page 64). Because the zodiacal light is brightest nearest the Sun, it is best seen when the ecliptic is at a steep angle relative to the horizon. In the tropics this is always the case and the short duration of twilight is an added advantage. At mid-northern latitudes the optimum geometry occurs in the evening western sky in February and March, and in the morning eastern sky in October. The zodiacal light appears as a huge, softly radiant pyramid of white light with its base near the horizon and its axis centered on the zodiac. In its brightest parts it exceeds the luminance of the central Milky Way.

Despite its brightness, many people have not seen the zodiacal light. As mentioned above, certain times of night and times of year are more favorable than others. In addition, moonlight, haze, or light pollution rule out any chance of seeing this phenomenon. Even with a dark, transparent sky the inexperienced observer may confuse the zodiacal light with twilight and thus ignore it, or he may not notice it because he is expecting a much smaller object.

### *The Gegenschein*

Photometric measurements indicate that the zodiacal light extends all around the zodiac with a shallow minimum in brightness some  $120^\circ$  to  $150^\circ$  from the Sun; nevertheless, this "zodiacal band" or "light bridge" is exceedingly faint and hence rarely visible. However, the slight brightening in the vicinity of the anti-solar point can be seen under the right conditions.

The Gegenschein is very faint. The slightest haze, moonlight, bright nearby stars, planets, or light pollution will hide it completely. Most observers, including experienced ones, have not seen it. It is a ghostly apparition best seen near midnight and, in mid-northern latitudes, in the fall or winter when the anti-solar point is nearest the zenith. To avoid interference from bright stars or the Milky Way, observations should be restricted to the periods late September to early November, and late January to early February when the Gegenschein is in Pisces and Cancer respectively. It appears as a faint yet distinct, somewhat elliptical glow perhaps  $10^\circ$  in diameter. The luminance of the Gegenschein is about  $10^{-4}$  cd/m<sup>2</sup>, some ten orders of magnitude dimmer than the brightest light the human eye can tolerate. (RLB)

# STARS

## CONSTELLATIONS

Nominative & Pronunciation	Genitive	Abbr.	Meaning
Andromeda, ǎn-dróm'ē-dá	Andromedae	And	Daughter of Cassiopeia
Antlia, ǎnt'li-á	Antliae	Ant	The Air Pump
Apus, á'pūs	Apodis	Aps	Bird of Paradise
Aquarius, á-kwár'ĩ-ūs	Aquarii	Aqr	The Water-bearer
Aquila, ǎk'wĩ-lá	Aquilae	Aql	The Eagle
Ara, á'rá	Arae	Ara	The Altar
Aries, á'rĩ-ēz	Arietis	Ari	The Ram
Auriga, ó-rĩ'gá	Aurigae	Aur	The Charioteer
Bootes, bō-ō'tēz	Bootis	Boo	The Herdsman
Caelum, sē'lūm	Caeli	Cae	The Chisel
Camelopardalis ká-mēl'ō-pár'dá-lis	Camelopardalis	Cam	The Giraffe
Cancer, kǎn'sēr	Cancri	Cnc	The Crab
Canes Venatici ká'nēz vē-nǎt'ĩ-sĩ	Canum Venaticorum	CVn	The Hunting Dogs
Canis Major, kǎ'nīs mā'jēr	Canis Majoris	CMA	The Big Dog
Canis Minor, kǎ'nīs mĩ'nēr	Canis Minoris	CMi	The Little Dog
Capricornus, kǎp'rĩ-kór'nūs	Capricorni	Cap	The Horned Goat
Carina, ká-rĩ'ná	Carinae	Car	The Keel
Cassiopeia, kás'ĩ-ō-pē'yá	Cassiopeiae	Cas	The Queen
Centaurus, sēn-tó'rūs	Centauri	Cen	The Centaur
Cepheus, sē'fūs	Cephei	Cep	The King
Cetus, sē'tūs	Ceti	Cet	The Whale
Chamaeleon, ká-mē'lē-ūn	Chamaeleontis	Cha	The Chameleon
Circinus, sūr'sĩ-nūs	Circini	Cir	The Compasses
Columba, kō-lūm'bá	Columbae	Col	The Dove
Coma Berenices kō'má bē'r'ē-nĩ'sēz	Comae Berenices	Com	Berenice's Hair
Corona Australis kō-rō'ná ós-trá'līs	Coronae Australis	CrA	The Southern Crown
Corona Borealis kō-rō'ná bō-rē-á'līs	Coronae Borealis	CrB	The Northern Crown
Corvus, kōr'vūs	Corvi	Crv	The Crow
Crater, krá'tēr	Crateris	Crt	The Cup
Crux, krüks	Crucis	Cru	The Cross
Cygnus, síg'nūs	Cygni	Cyg	The Swan
Delphinus, dēl-fi'nūs	Delphini	Del	The Dolphin
Dorado, dō-rá'dō	Doradus	Dor	The Goldfish
Draco, drá'kō	Draconis	Dra	The Dragon
Equuleus, ē-kwōō'lē-ūs	Equulei	Equ	The Little Horse
Eridanus, ē-ríd'á-nūs	Eridani	Eri	A River
Fornax, fōr'náks	Fornacis	For	The Furnace
Gemini, jēm'ĩ-nĩ	Geminatorum	Gem	The Twins
Grus, grūs	Gruis	Gru	The Crane (bird)
Hercules, hūr'kū-lēz	Herculis	Her	The Son of Zeus
Horologium, hōr'ō-lō'jĩ-ūm	Horologii	Hor	The Clock
Hydra, hí'drá	Hydrae	Hya	The Water Snake (♀)
Hydrus, hí'drūs	Hydri	Hyi	The Water Snake (♂)

Nominative & Pronunciation	Genitive	Abbr.	Meaning
Indus, in'dūs	Indi	Ind	The Indian
Lacerta, là-sûr'tà	Lacertae	Lac	The Lizard
Leo, lê'ô	Leonis	Leo	The Lion
Leo Minor, lê'ô mî'nēr	Leonis Minoris	LMi	The Little Lion
Lepus, lê'pūs	Leporis	Lep	The Hare
Libra, lî'brà	Librae	Lib	The Balance
Lupus, lû'pūs	Lupi	Lup	The Wolf
Lynx, lînk's	Lyncis	Lyn	The Lynx
Lyra, lî'rà	Lyrae	Lyr	The Lyre
Mensa, mên'sà	Mensae	Men	Table Mountain
Microscopium mî'krô-skô'pî-ŭm	Microscopii	Mic	The Microscope
Monoceros, mō-nôs'ēr-ôs	Monocerotis	Mon	The Unicorn
Musca, mūs'kà	Muscae	Mus	The Fly
Norma, nôr'mà	Normae	Nor	The Square
Octans, ôk'tânz	Octantis	Oct	The Octant
Ophiuchus, ôf'î-ŭ'kūs	Ophiuchi	Oph	The Serpent-bearer
Orion, ô-rî'ôn	Orionis	Ori	The Hunter
Pavo, pâ'vô	Pavonis	Pav	The Peacock
Pegasus, pēg'â-sūs	Pegasi	Peg	The Winged Horse
Perseus, pūr'sūs	Persei	Per	Rescuer of Andromeda
Phoenix, fē'nîks	Phoenicis	Phe	The Phoenix
Pictor, pîk'tēr	Pictoris	Pic	The Painter
Pisces, pîs'ēz	Piscium	Psc	The Fishes
Piscis Austrinus pîs'îs ôs-trî'nūs	Piscis Austrini	PsA	The Southern Fish
Puppis, pŭp'îs	Puppis	Pup	The Stern
Pyxis, pîk'sîs	Pyxidis	Pyx	The Compass
Reticulum, rē-tîk'ŭ-lŭm	Reticuli	Ret	The Reticule
Sagitta, sâ-jî't'â	Sagittae	Sge	The Arrow
Sagittarius, sâj'î-tâ'rî-ŭs	Sagittarii	Sgr	The Archer
Scorpius, skôr'pî-ŭs	Scorpii	Sco	The Scorpion
Sculptor, skŭlp'tēr	Sculptoris	Scl	The Sculptor
Scutum, skŭ'tŭm	Scuti	Sct	The Shield
Serpens, sŭr'pēnz	Serpentis	Ser	The Serpent
Sextans, sēks'tânz	Sextantis	Sex	The Sextant
Taurus, tô'rŭs	Tauri	Tau	The Bull
Telescopium tēl'ē-skô'pî-ŭm	Telescopii	Tel	The Telescope
Triangulum, trî-âng'gŭ-lŭm	Trianguli	Tri	The Triangle
Triangulum Australe trî-âng'gŭ-lŭm ôs-trâ'lē	Trianguli Australis	TrA	The Southern Triangle
Tucana, tŭ-kâ'nâ	Tucanae	Tuc	The Toucan
Ursa Major, ŭr'sâ mâ'jēr	Ursae Majoris	UMa	The Great Bear
Ursa Minor, ŭr'sâ mî'nēr	Ursae Minoris	UMi	The Little Bear
Vela, vē'lâ	Velorum	Vel	The Sails
Virgo, vŭr'gô	Virginis	Vir	The Maiden
Volans, vō'lânz	Volantis	Vol	The Flying Fish
Vulpecula, vŭl-pēk'ŭ-lâ	Vulpeculae	Vul	The Fox

â dâte; â tâp; â câre; â âsk; ê wê; ê mêt; ê makêr; î ice; î bît; ô gô; ô hôt; ô ôrb; ôô mōon; ŭ ŭnite; ŭ ŭp; ŭ ŭrn.



## FINDING LIST OF SOME NAMED STARS

Name	Con.	R.A.	Name	Con.	R.A.
Acamar, ā'ká-már	θ Eri	02	Gienah, jé'ná	γ Crv	12
Achernar, ā'kér-nár	α Eri	01	Hadar, hád'ár	β Cen	14
Acrux, ā'krúks	α Cru	12	Hamal, hám'ál	α Ari	02
Adara, á-dá'rá	ε CMa	06	Kaus Australis,	ε Sgr	18
Al Na'ir, ál-nár'	α Gru	22	kôs ôs-trá'lís		
Albireo, ál-bír'ē-ō	β Cyg	19	Kochab, kō'káb	β UMi	14
Alcor, ál-kór'	80 UMa	13	Markab, már'káb	α Peg	23
Alcyone, ál-sí'ō-nē	η Tau	03	Megrez, mé'gréz	δ UMa	12
Aldebaran,	α Tau	04	Menkar, mēn'kár	α Cet	03
ál-dēb'á-rán			Menkent, mēn'kēnt	θ Cen	14
Alderamin,	α Cep	21	Merak, mé'rāk	β UMa	11
ál-dēr'á-mín			Merope, mēr'ō-pē	23 Tau	03
Algeiba, ál-jē'bá	γ Leo	10	Miaplacidus,	β Car	09
Algenib, ál-jē'nīb	γ Peg	00	mí'á-plás'í-dūs		
Algol, ál'gól	β Per	03	Mintaka, mín-tá'ká	δ Ori	05
Alioth, ál'í-ōth	ε UMa	12	Mira, mí'rá	o Cet	02
Alkaid, ál-kád'	η UMa	13	Mirach, mí'rāk	β And	01
Almach, ál'māk	γ And	02	Mirfak, mír'fāk	α Per	03
Alnilam, ál-ní'lám	ε Ori	05	Mizar, mí'zár	ζ UMa	13
Alphard, ál'fárd	α Hya	09	Nunki, nún'kē	σ Sgr	18
Alphecca, ál-fēk'á	α CrB	15	Peacock, pé'kōk'	α Pav	20
Alpheratz, ál-fē'räts	α And	00	Phecda, fēk'dá	γ UMa	11
Altair, ál-tár'	α Aql	19	Polaris, pō-lár'ís	α UMi	02
Ankaa, án'ká	α Phe	00	Pollux, pól'üks	β Gem	07
Antares, án-tá'rēs	α Sco	16	Procyon, prō'si-ōn	α CMi	07
Arcturus, ár-k-tú'rüs	α Boo	14	Pulcherrima,	ε Boo	14
Atria, á'trí-á	α TrA	16	pül-kēr'imá		
Avior, á-vi-ór'	ε Car	08	Ras-Algethi,	α Her	17
Bellatrix, bē-lá'tríks	γ Ori	05	rás'ál-jé'thē		
Betelgeuse, bēt'ēl-jüz	α Ori	05	Rasalhague,	α Oph	17
			rás'ál-hā'gwē		
Canopus, ká-nō'püs	α Car	06	Regulus, rēg'ü-lüs	α Leo	10
Capella, ká-pēl'á	α Aur	05	Rigel, rí'jél	β Ori	05
Caph, káf	β Cas	00	Rigil Kentaurus,	α Cen	14
Castor, kás'tēr	α Gem	07	rī'jíl kēn-tō'rüs		
Cor Caroli, kór kár'ō-lí	α CVn	12	Sabik, sá'bík	η Oph	17
Deneb, dēn'ēb	α Cyg	20	Scheat, shē'át	β Peg	23
Denebola, dē-nēb'ō-lá	β Leo	11	Schedar, shēd'ár	α Cas	00
Diphda, díf'dá	β Cet	00	Shaula, shó'lá	λ Sco	17
Dubhe, düb'ē	α UMa	11	Sirius, sír'í-üs	α CMa	06
Elnath, ēl'náth	β Tau	05	Spica, spí'ká	α Vir	13
Eltanin, ēl-tá'nín	γ Dra	17	Suhail, sü-hál'	λ Vel	09
Enif, ēn'íf	ε Peg	21	Thuban, thoo'bán	α Dra	14
Fomalhaut, fō'mál-ōt	α PsA	22	Vega, vē'gá	α Lyr	18
Gacrux, gá'krúks	γ Cru	12	Zubenelgenubi,	α Lib	14
Gemma, jēm'á	α CrB	15	zoo-bēn'ēl-jē-nū'bē		

Key to pronunciation on p. 150.

# THE BRIGHTEST STARS

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The 314 stars brighter than apparent magnitude 3.55

The table has been created using Lotus 123 with an IBM-PC and has been printed camera-ready on an Imagen Laser Printer, so updates can be made yearly. A few errors have been corrected this year and several types have been changed because of better available data. The spectral classification column, especially, is therefore a valuable resource for both professionals and amateurs.

*Star.* If the star is a visual double the letter A indicates that the data are for the brighter component. The brightness and separation of the second component B are given in the last column. Sometimes the double is too close to be conveniently resolved and the data refer to the combined light, AB; in interpreting such data the magnitudes of the two components must be considered.

*Visual Magnitude (V).* These magnitudes are based on photoelectric observations. The V filter is yellow and corresponds roughly to the response of the eye. The photometric system is that of Johnson and Morgan in *Ap. J.*, vol. 117, p. 313, 1953. It is as likely as not that the true magnitude is within 0.03 mag. of the quoted figure, on the average. Variable stars are indicated with a "v". The type of variability, range and period are given in the remarks.

*Colour index (B-V).* The blue magnitude, B, is the brightness of a star as observed photoelectrically through a blue filter. The difference B-V is therefore a measure of the colour of a star. There is a close relation between B-V and the spectral type, but some of the stars are reddened by interstellar dust. The probable error of a value of B-V is about 0.02 mag. at most.

*Spectral Classification.* A "temperature" type (O, B, A, F, G, K, M) is given first, followed by a finer subtype (0-9) and a "luminosity" class (Roman numerals I-V, with an "a" or "b" added occasionally to indicate slightly brighter or fainter). The sequences are in the sense that the O stars are hottest, M stars are coolest, Ia stars are the most luminous supergiants, III stars are giants and V stars are the most numerous; the V's are known as dwarfs or main-sequence stars. Other symbols used in this column are: "p" for peculiar; "e" for hydrogen emission; "m" for strong metallic lines; "f" for broad, non-hydrogen emission in hot stars; and "n" or "nn" for unusually broad lines (= rotation). The table now contains the best types available, either from the literature or from my own plates.

*Parallax and Proper Motion.* From "The Bright Star Catalogue" by Dorrit Hoffleit and Carlos Jaschek, *Yale University Observatory*, 1982. Parallaxes in which the decimal point is preceded by the letter "D" are "dynamical parallaxes" (i.e. determined through Kepler's laws rather than by trigonometric measurement). Proper motions given are the absolute value of the vector resultant from the individual-coordinate proper motions given in "The Bright Star Catalogue".

*Absolute Visual Magnitude and Distance in Light-Years.* If the parallax is greater than 0".1 the distance and absolute magnitude correspond to this trigonometric parallax. Otherwise a generally more accurate absolute magnitude and distance were obtained from a new (by the author, unpublished) calibration of the spectral classification; distances determined in this way are called "spectroscopic parallaxes." In a few cases (the Hyades, Orion, and Scorpius clusters), the cluster distances are given; these are indicated by parentheses. The effect of the absorption of light was corrected by comparing the spectral classification and the B-V, using an intrinsic-colour calibration by the author (unpublished).

*Radial Velocity.* From "The Bright Star Catalogue" referenced above. The symbol "V" indicates variable velocity and an orbit is usually not known. On the other hand, "SB" indicates a spectroscopic binary, which is an unresolved system whose duplicity is revealed by periodic oscillations of the lines in its spectrum and an orbit is generally known. If the lines of both stars are detectable, the symbol "SB2" is used.

*Remarks.* These contain data on companions and variability as well as notes on the spectra. Traditional names have been selected from "The Bright Star Catalogue" and there are more than in previous editions. The Navigation stars are in bold type.

Star Name	R. A. 1986.5 Dec	Declination (Degrees, Minutes)	Visual Magnitude	Colour Index	Spectral Classification	Parallax	Absolute Magnitude	Distance (Light Years)	Proper Motion	Radial Velocity	Remarks
	R. A. 1986.5 Dec		V	B-V	MK Type	P(")	M(V)	D(ly)	MU(")	RV(km/s)	
Sun			-26.73	0.63	G2 V	—	+4.8	8 lm	—	varies	Sun
$\alpha$ And	00 07.6	+29 01	2.1v	-0.11	B9p IV:(HgMn)	0.032	-0.4	103	0.209	-12 SB	Alpheratz
$\beta$ Cas	00 08.5	+59 05	2.3v	0.34	F2 III	0.072	2.0	37	0.555	+11 SB	var:2.25-3.31,0.10d
$\gamma$ Peg	00 12.5	+15 07	2.8v	-0.23	B2 IV	0.000	-3.1	493	0.008	+4 SB	Algenib
$\beta$ Hyi	00 25.1	-77 20	2.80	0.62	G1 IV	0.159	3.8	20	2.255	+23	var:2.80-2.87,0.15d
$\alpha$ Phe	00 25.6	-42 23	2.39	1.09	K0 IIIb	0.039	0.7	62	0.442	+75 SB	Ankaa
$\delta$ And A	00 36.6	+30 47	3.27	1.28	K3 III	0.028	-0.3	166	0.161	-7 SB	
$\alpha$ Cas	00 39.7	+56 28	2.23	1.17	K0 IIIa	0.016	-0.8	107	0.058	-4 V?	Shedir
$\beta$ Cet	00 42.9	-18 04	2.04	1.02	K0 III	0.061	0.3	70	0.234	+13	Diphda
$\eta$ Cas A	00 46.3	+57 45	3.44	0.57	G0 V	0.176	4.7	18	1.218	+9 SB	B: 7.51, K4 Ve, 12 <sup>*</sup>
$\gamma$ Cas	00 55.9	+60 39	2.5v	-0.15	B0 IVnpe(shell)	0.016	-4.7	730	0.026	-7 SB	var. 1.6-3.0; B: 8.8,2 <sup>*</sup>
$\beta$ Phe AB	01 05.5	-46 47	3.31	0.89	G8 III	0.021	0.3	130	0.030	-1	AB similar in light, spectrum, 1 <sup>*</sup>
$\eta$ Cet	01 07.9	-10 15	3.45	1.16	K1.5 III CN1	0.041	0.1	144	0.250	+12	
$\beta$ And	01 09.0	+35 33	2.06	1.58	M0 IIIa	0.049	-1.6	173	0.210	+3 V	Mirach
$\delta$ Cas	01 24.9	+60 10	2.7v	0.13	A5 IV	0.037	1.4	59	0.303	+7 SB	ecl.? 2.68-2.76, 759d Ruchbah



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$\gamma$ Phe	01 27.8 -43 23	3.4v	1.57	K7 IIIa	0.000	-1.4	285	0.204	+26 SB	Achernar var: 3.39-3.49
$\alpha$ Eri	01 37.2 -57 18	0.46	-0.16	B3 Vnp (shell)	0.026	-1.3	69	0.108	+16 V	
$\tau$ Cet	01 43.4 -16 01	3.50	0.72	G8 V	0.287	5.8	11	1.921	-16	
$\alpha$ Tri	01 52.3 +29 31	3.41	0.49	F6 IV	0.057	2.6	46	0.230	-13 SB	
$\epsilon$ Cas	01 53.4 +63 36	3.38	-0.15	B3 IV:p(shell)	0.010	-2.4	436	0.036	-8 V	
$\beta$ Ari	01 53.9 +20 45	2.64	0.13	A5 V	0.074	1.8	48	0.145	-2 SB	Sharatan
$\alpha$ Hyi	01 58.3 -61 38	2.86	0.28	F0 III-IVn	0.048	1.7	55	0.271	+1 V	
$\gamma$ And A	02 03.1 +42 16	2.26	1.37	K3 IIb	0.013	1.8	42	0.066	-12 SB	B:5.4,B9V,10 <sup>o</sup> ;C:6.2,A0V;BC1 <sup>o</sup> Almaak Calcium weak?
$\alpha$ Ari	02 06.4 +23 24	2.00	1.15	K2 IIIab	0.049	0.1	78	0.238	-14 SB	
$\beta$ Tri	02 08.7 +34 55	3.00	0.14	A5 IV	0.022	1.3	71	0.153	+10 SB2	
$\alpha$ UMi A	02 17.8 +89 12	2.0v	0.60	F5-8 Ib	0.007	-5.1	823	0.046	-17 SB	Cep1.9-2.1,4d;B:8.2,F3V,18 <sup>o</sup> Polaris LPV,2-10;B:VZ Cet,9.5v,1 <sup>o</sup> Mira A:3.57; B:6.23, 3 <sup>o</sup> Kaffajidhma B: 4.35, A1 Va, 8 <sup>o</sup> Acamar Menkar
$\sigma$ Cet A	02 18.7 - 3 02	2-10v	1.42	M5.5-9 IIIe	0.024	-0.5	196	0.232	+64 V	
$\gamma$ Cet AB	02 42.6 + 3 11	3.47	0.09	A2 Va	0.052	1.4	82	0.203	-5 V	
$\theta$ Eri A	02 57.8 -40 22	3.42	0.14	A5 IV	0.035	1.3	93	0.065	+12 SB2	
$\alpha$ Cet	03 01.6 + 4 02	2.53	1.64	M1.5 IIIa	0.009	-1.5	197	0.075	-26	
$\gamma$ Per	03 03.8 +53 27	2.93	0.70	G8 III + A2 V	0.016	0.3	105	0.002	+3 SB	composite spectrum semi-regular var: 3.3-4.0 Algol in cluster
$\rho$ Per	03 04.3 +38 47	3.4v	1.65	M4 II	0.011	-2.6	496	0.165	+28	
$\beta$ Per	03 07.3 +40 54	2.1v	-0.05	B8 V + F:	0.045	0.1	75	0.004	+4 SB	
$\alpha$ Per	03 23.4 +49 49	1.79	0.48	F5 Ib	0.016	-5.1	633	0.033	-2 V	
$\delta$ Per	03 42.0 +47 45	3.01	-0.13	B5 IIIn	0.016	-2.2	340	0.042	+4 SB	
$\delta$ Eri	03 42.6 - 9 49	3.54	0.92	K0 IV	0.113	3.8	29	0.752	-6	in Pleiades
$\eta$ Tau	03 46.7 +24 04	2.87	-0.09	B7 IIIn	0.008	-1.5	231	0.048	+10 V?	
$\gamma$ Hyi	03 47.4 -74 17	3.24	1.62	M2 III	0.005	-1.1	234	0.128	+16	Alcyone
$\zeta$ Per A	03 53.3 +31 51	2.85	0.12	B1 Ib	0.010	-5.8	1125	0.011	+20 SB	
$\epsilon$ Per A	03 56.9 +39 58	2.89	-0.18	B0.5 IV	0.009	-4.2	743	0.029	+1 SB2	B: 9.16, B8 V, 13 <sup>o</sup> B: 7.39, B9.5 V, 9 <sup>o</sup>
$\gamma$ Eri	03 57.4 -13 33	2.95	1.59	M1 IIIb	0.010	-0.7	168	0.124	+62	Calcium, Chromium weak Zaurak eci: 3.3-3.8, 3.95d; B:A4 IV
$\lambda$ Tau A	03 59.9 +12 27	3.5v	-0.12	B3 V	0.002	-1.3	266	0.011	+18 SB2	
$\alpha$ Ret A	04 14.3 -62 30	3.35	0.91	G8 II-III	0.013	-0.9	231	0.068	+36 SB?	in Hyades in Hyades
$\epsilon$ Tau	04 27.8 +19 09	3.53	1.01	K1 III	0.020	0.2	149	0.114	+39	
$\beta^2$ Tau	04 27.9 +15 51	3.40	0.18	A 7 III	0.029	1.1	(150)	0.105	+40 SB	

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$\alpha$ Dor AB	04 33.7	-55 04	-0.10	A0p III:(Si)	0.018	0.0	188	0.051	+26	A: 3.8; B: 4.3, B9 IV, 0.2°
$\alpha$ Tau A	04 35.1	+16 29	1.54	K5 III	0.054	-0.3	(150)	0.200	+54 SB	var:0.75-0.96;in Hyades
$\pi^3$ Ori	04 49.1	+ 6 56	3.19	F6 V	0.137	3.9	24	0.463	+24 SB2	Aldebaran Hassaleh
$\iota$ Aur	04 56.1	+33 09	1.53	K3 II	0.021	-2.0	236	0.018	+18	var?
$\epsilon$ Aur A	05 01.0	+43 48	3.04	A9 Iae + B	0.007	-7.8	2762	0.004	-3 SB	ect:2.94-3.83,9892d
$\epsilon$ Lep	05 04.9	-22 23	1.46	K4 III	0.011	-0.3	163	0.073	+1	
$\eta$ Aur	05 05.6	+41 13	3.17	B3 V	0.022	-1.3	248	0.073	+7 V?	Hoedus II
$\beta$ Eri	05 07.2	- 5 06	2.79	A3 IVn	0.050	0.5	89	0.128	-9	Kursa
$\mu$ Lep	05 12.3	-16 13	3.3v	B9p,IV:(HgMn)	0.023	-0.2	149	0.043	+28	var:2.97-3.36, 2d
$\beta$ Ori A	05 13.9	- 8 13	0.12	B8 Iae	0.013	-8.1	(1400)	0.004	+21 SB	B:7.6,B5 V,9°;C:7.6,BC:0.1°
$\alpha$ Aur AB	05 15.6	+45 59	0.08	G6:III + G2:III	0.080	0.4	36	0.430	+30 SB	composite:A:0.6;B:1.1,0.04°
$\eta$ Ori AB	05 23.8	- 2 25	3.4v	B1 IV + B	0.007	-3.8	(1400)	0.003	+20 SB2	ect:3.14-3.35,8d; A:3.6;B:5.0,1.6°
$\gamma$ Ori	05 24.4	+ 6 20	1.64	B2 III	0.029	-3.9	(1400)	0.018	+18 SB?	Bellatrix
$\beta$ Tau	05 25.4	+28 36	1.65	B7 III	0.028	-1.5	139	0.178	+9 V	Alnath
$\beta$ Lep A	05 27.7	-20 46	2.84	G5 II	0.020	-2.1	320	0.090	-14	B:7.4, 2.6°
$\delta$ Ori A	05 31.3	- 0 19	2.23	O9.5 II	0.014	-5.8	(1400)	0.002	+16 SB	ect:1.94-2.13,5.7d
$\alpha$ Lep	05 32.1	-17 50	2.58	F0 Ib	0.007	-5.1	1090	0.006	+24	Mintaka
$\beta$ Dor	05 33.5	-62 30	3.8v	F7-G2 Ib	0.012	-5.1	819	0.007	+7 V	Arneb
$\lambda$ Ori A	05 34.4	+ 9 56	3.54	O8 III	0.007	-5.8	2184	0.006	+34	Cepheid: 3.46-4.08, 9.8d
$\iota$ Ori A	05 34.8	- 5 55	2.77	O9 III	0.025	-5.6	(1400)	0.005	+22 SB2	B: 5.61, B0 V, 4°
$\epsilon$ Ori	05 35.5	- 1 13	1.70	B0 Ia	0.000	-7.0	(1400)	0.004	+26 SB	B:7.3,B7IIIp(He wk),11°
$\zeta$ Tau	05 36.8	+21 08	3.0v	B2 IIIpe(shell)	0.008	-4.0	826	0.023	+20 SB	Nair al Saif
$\alpha$ Col A	05 39.2	-34 05	2.64	B7 IV	0.001	-1.1	178	0.026	+35 V?	Alnilam
$\zeta$ Ori A	05 40.1	- 1 57	2.05	O9.5 Ib	0.024	-6.2	1463	0.002	+18 SB	var:2.90-3.03; B:5.0,0.0007°
$\zeta$ Lep	05 46.3	-14 50	3.55	A2 IVn	0.049	1.0	97	0.023	+20 SB?	Phaet
$\kappa$ Ori	05 47.1	- 9 40	2.06	B0.5 Ia	0.015	-7.0	(1400)	0.006	+21 V?	Alnitak
$\beta$ Col	05 50.5	-35 46	3.12	K1.5 III	0.028	0.1	122	0.405	+89 V	Saiph
$\alpha$ Ori	05 54.4	+ 7 24	0.5v	M2 Iab	0.005	-7.2	(1400)	0.028	+21 SB	Wezn
$\beta$ Aur	05 58.5	+44 57	1.90	A1 IV	0.041	0.7	55	0.055	-18 SB2	var: 0.4-1.3
$\theta$ Aur AB	05 58.8	+37 13	2.62	A0p III:(Si)	0.022	0.0	110	0.097	+30 SB	ect:1.93-2.02,4d(=mags)
										B: 7.2, G2 V, 4°
										Menkalian



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$\gamma$ Gem	06 14.1	+22 31	3.3v	1.60	M3 III	0.014	-0.7	206	0.068	+19 SB	Propus
$\zeta$ CMa	06 19.8	-30 03	3.02	-0.19	B2.5 V	0.004	-1.6	263	0.006	+32 SB	Phurud
$\mu$ Gem	06 22.1	+22 31	2.9v	1.64	M3 IIIab	0.020	-1.1	188	0.125	+55	Tejat Posterior
$\beta$ CMa	06 22.1	-17 57	2.0v	-0.23	B1 II-III	0.019	-4.9	750	0.014	+34 SB	Murzim
$\alpha$ Car	06 23.7	-52 41	-0.72	0.15	A9 II	0.028	-2.5	74	0.034	+21	Canopus
$\gamma$ Gem	06 36.9	+16 25	1.93	0.00	A1 IVs	0.037	0.7	57	0.061	-13 SB	Alhena
$\nu$ Pup	06 37.3	-43 11	3.17	-0.11	B8 IIIIn	—	-1.2	244	0.010	+28 SB	
$\epsilon$ Gem	06 43.1	+25 09	2.98	1.40	G8 Ib	0.017	-1.2	156	0.016	+10 SB	Mebouta
$\xi$ Gem	06 44.5	+12 55	3.36	0.43	F5 IV	0.055	-4.0	940	0.224	+25 V?	Alzirr
$\alpha$ CMa A	06 44.6	-16 42	-1.46	0.00	A0mA1 Va	0.378	1.4	9	1.324	-8 SB	Sirius
$\alpha$ Pic	06 48.1	-61 56	3.27	0.21	A6 Vn	0.052	2.1	53	0.275	+21	
$\tau$ Pup	06 49.6	-50 36	2.93	1.20	K1 III	—	0.1	100	0.079	+36 SB	
$\epsilon$ CMa A	06 58.1	-28 57	1.50	-0.21	B2 II	D.001	-4.8	569	0.002	+27	Adara
$\sigma$ CMa	07 01.2	-27 55	3.5v	1.73	K7 Ib	0.024	-4.0	834	0.008	+22	
$\sigma^2$ CMa	07 02.5	-23 49	3.02	-0.08	B3 Ia	—	-6.3	2224	0.007	+48 SB	
$\delta$ CMa	07 07.8	-26 22	1.84	0.68	F8 Ia	0.000	-8.0	2566	0.008	+34 SB	Wezen
$L_2$ Pup	07 13.1	-44 37	2.6v	1.56	M5 IIIe	0.022	-1.3	196	0.346	+53 V?	HR2748
$\pi$ Pup	07 16.7	-37 04	2.70	1.62	K3 Ib	0.032	-4.0	572	0.012	+16	
$\delta$ Gem AB	07 19.3	+22 00	3.53	0.34	F0 IV	0.061	2.2	57	0.029	+4 SB	Wasat
$\eta$ CMa	07 23.6	-26 17	2.45	-0.08	B5 Ia	—	-7.0	2531	0.008	+41 V	Aludra
$\beta$ CMi	07 26.4	+8 19	2.90	-0.09	B8 V	0.019	0.1	115	0.065	+22 SB	Gomeisa
$\sigma$ Pup A	07 28.8	-43 16	3.25	1.51	K5 III	0.020	-0.3	165	0.195	+88 SB	
$\alpha$ Gem A	07 33.7	+31 55	1.94	0.03	A1mA2 Va	0.067	1.2	55	0.199	+6 SB	Castor
$\alpha$ Gem B	07 33.7	+31 55	2.92	0.04	A2mA5 V:	0.067	1.4	55	0.199	-1 SB	Castor
$\alpha$ CMi A	07 38.6	+5 16	0.38	0.42	F5 IV-V	0.292	2.7	11	1.248	-3 SB	Procyon
$\beta$ Gem	07 44.5	+28 04	1.14	1.00	K0 IIIb	0.094	0.7	40	0.629	+3 V	Pollux
$\xi$ Pup	07 48.7	-24 50	3.34	1.24	G6 Ia	0.003	-4.2	797	0.033	+3 SB	
X Car	07 56.4	-52 57	3.47	-0.18	B3 IVp(note)	0.004	-2.4	473	0.042	+19 V	Si II strong
$\zeta$ Pup	08 03.1	-39 58	2.25	-0.26	O5 Iafn	—	-6.8	1964	0.033	-24 V?	
$\rho$ Pup	08 07.0	-24 16	2.8v	0.43	F2mF5 II:(var)	0.035	-2.0	284	0.100	+46 SB	Naos delta Del spec; var:2.68-2.78, 0.14d

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$\gamma^2$ Vel	08 09.1	-47 18	1.8v	-0.22	WC8 + O9 I:	0.017	-6.7	1539	0.007	+35 SB2	Suhail al Muhlif
$\beta$ Cnc	08 15.8	+9 14	3.52	1.48	K4 III	0.012	-0.2	162	0.068	+22	Altarf
$\epsilon$ Car	08 22.2	-59 28	1.86	1.28	K3:III + B2:V	—	-0.1	79	0.030	+2	Avior
$\sigma$ UMa A	08 29.2	+60 46	3.4v	0.84	G5 III	0.009	0.5	124	0.171	+20	var:3.3-3.8, 358d
$\delta$ Vel AB	08 44.3	-54 40	1.96	0.04	A1 Va	0.051	0.7	59	0.082	+2 V?	B: 5.0, 2″
$\epsilon$ Hya ABC	08 46.1	+6 28	3.38	0.68	G5:III + A:	0.027	-0.5	147	0.198	+36 SB	composite A:3.8; B:4.7, 0.2″; C:7.8, 3″
$\zeta$ Hya	08 54.7	+6 00	3.11	1.00	G9 II-III	0.035	-1.0	216	0.101	+23	
$\iota$ UMa A	08 58.3	+48 06	3.14	0.19	A7 IVn	0.075	1.7	63	0.501	+9 SB	Talhitha
$\lambda$ Vel	09 07.5	-43 23	2.21	1.66	K4 Ib-IIa	0.022	-3.3	330	0.026	+18	Suhail
$\alpha$ Car	09 10.6	-58 55	3.44	-0.19	B2 IV-V	—	-2.6	498	0.028	+23 SB2	HR3659
$\beta$ Car	09 13.1	-69 40	1.68	0.00	A1 III	0.021	0.2	64	0.183	-5 V?	Miaplacidus
$\iota$ Car	09 16.7	-59 13	2.2v	0.18	A7 Ib	0.017	-2.6	304	0.019	+13	Turais
$\alpha$ Lyn	09 20.2	+34 27	3.13	1.55	K7 IIIab	0.025	-0.5	169	0.223	+36	
$\kappa$ Vel	09 21.7	-54 57	2.50	-0.18	B2 IV-V	0.013	-3.3	434	0.012	+22 SB	
$\alpha$ Hya	09 26.9	-8 36	1.98	1.44	K3 II-III	0.022	-1.0	112	0.034	-4 V?	Alphard
N Vel	09 30.8	-56 58	3.13	1.55	K5 III	0.022	-0.3	148	0.034	-14	HR3803
$\theta$ UMa	09 32.0	+51 44	3.17	0.46	F6 IV	0.068	2.6	42	1.094	+15 SB	
$\sigma$ Leo AB	09 40.4	+9 57	3.52	0.49	F5 II + A5?	0.034	-2.3	593	0.149	+27 SB	Subra
$\iota$ Car	09 44.9	-62 26	3.4v	1.22	F9-G5 Ib	0.027	-5.1	754	0.016	+3 V	Cepheid var:3.38-4.10, 35d
$\epsilon$ Leo	09 45.1	+23 50	2.98	0.80	G1 II	0.010	-2.3	351	0.048	+4 V?	Ras Elased Australis
$\nu$ Car AB	09 46.8	-65 01	3.01	0.28	A6 II	0.027	-5.1	1074	0.012	+14	B: 6.26, B7 III, 5″
$\phi$ Vel	09 56.4	+54 30	3.54	-0.08	B5 Ib	—	-5.4	1946	0.013	+14	
$\eta$ Leo	10 06.6	+16 50	3.52	-0.03	A0 Ib	0.003	-5.2	1808	0.006	+3 V	B: 4.5, 0.1″
$\alpha$ Leo A	10 07.7	+12 02	1.35	-0.11	B7 Va	0.045	-0.3	69	0.248	+6 SB	Regulus
$\omega$ Car	10 13.4	-69 58	3.32	-0.08	B8 IIIn	—	-1.2	251	0.032	+7 V	
$\zeta$ Leo	10 15.9	+23 29	3.44	0.31	F0 IIIa	0.017	1.5	77	0.023	-16 SB	Adhafera
$\lambda$ UMa	10 16.3	+42 59	3.45	0.03	A1 IV	0.030	1.0	101	0.170	+18 V	Tania Borealis
$q$ Car	10 16.6	-61 16	3.4v	1.54	K3 IIa	0.027	3.0	35	0.027	+8	var: 3.36-3.42
$\gamma$ Leo A	10 19.2	+19 55	2.61	1.15	K1 IIIb Fe-0.5	0.022	0.7	76	0.342	-37 SB	AB: 5″ separation
$\gamma$ Leo B	10 19.2	+19 55	3.47	1.10	G7 III Fe-1	0.022	0.8	76	0.358	-36 V	BA: 5″ separation



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$\mu$ UMa	10 21.5	+41 34	3.05	1.59	M0 IIIp	0.035	-0.7	173	0.088	-21 SB	Ca II emission var: 3.27-3.37
p Car	10 31.5	-61 37	3.3v	-0.09	B4 Vne	—	-1.1	218	0.021	+26	Tania Australis HR4140
$\theta$ Car	10 42.5	-64 19	2.76	-0.22	B0.5 Vp	—	-3.5	536	0.022	+24 SB	Nitrogen enhanced
$\mu$ Vel AB	10 46.2	-49 21	2.69	0.90	G5 III + F8:V	D.022	0.8	75	0.085	+6 SB	B: 6.4, 2"
$\nu$ Hya	10 49.0	-16 07	3.11	1.25	K2 III	0.028	0.1	115	0.215	-1	
$\beta$ UMa	11 01.0	+56 27	2.37	-0.02	A0mA1 IV-V	0.053	0.7	70	0.087	-12 SB	Merak
$\alpha$ UMa AB	11 02.9	+61 49	1.79	1.07	K0 IIIa	0.038	-0.8	104	0.138	-9 SB	Dubhe
$\psi$ UMa	11 08.9	+44 34	3.01	1.14	K1 III	—	—	108	0.075	-4	
$\delta$ Leo	11 13.4	+20 36	2.56	0.12	A4 IV	0.048	1.6	51	0.197	-20 V	Zosma
$\theta$ Leo	11 13.5	+15 30	3.34	-0.01	A2 IV(K var)	0.026	1.4	80	0.104	+8 V	Chort
$\nu$ UMa	11 17.8	+33 10	3.48	1.40	K3 III Ba0.3	0.020	0.0	135	0.036	-9 SB	Alula Borealis
$\xi$ Hya	11 32.3	-31 47	3.54	0.94	G7 III	0.027	0.4	131	0.211	-5 V	
$\lambda$ Cen	11 35.2	-62 57	3.13	-0.04	B9.5 IIIa	—	-0.6	174	0.039	-1 V	
$\beta$ Leo	11 48.4	+14 39	2.14	0.09	A3 Va	0.082	1.5	44	0.511	0 V	Denebola
$\gamma$ UMa	11 53.1	+53 46	2.44	0.00	A0 Van	0.028	0.5	80	0.094	-13 SB	Phad
$\delta$ Cen	12 07.7	-50 39	2.6v	-0.12	B2 IVne	0.026	-3.1	369	0.034	+11 V	
$\epsilon$ Crv	12 09.4	-22 32	3.00	1.33	K2 III	0.027	-0.8	180	0.073	+5	Minkar
$\delta$ Cru	12 14.4	-58 40	2.80	-0.23	B2 IV	0.003	-3.1	493	0.039	+22 V?	
$\delta$ UMa	12 14.8	+57 06	3.31	0.08	A2 Van	0.061	1.2	82	0.102	-13 V	Megrez
$\gamma$ Crv	12 15.1	-17 28	2.59	-0.11	B8 III	—	-1.2	187	0.163	-4 SB	sp. var? Gienah Ghurab
$\alpha$ Cru A	12 25.8	-63 01	1.33	-0.24	B0.5 IV	D.008	-4.2	510	0.030	-11 SB	AB: 5"
$\alpha$ Cru B	12 25.9	-63 02	1.73	-0.26	B1 Vn	D.008	-3.2	510	0.031	-1	BA: 5"
$\delta$ Crv A	12 29.2	-16 26	2.95	-0.05	B9.5 V	0.024	-0.3	146	0.255	+9 V	B: 8.26, K2 V, 24"
$\gamma$ Cru	12 30.4	-57 02	1.63	1.59	M3.5 III	—	-1.2	117	0.269	+21	var: 1.6-1.9
$\beta$ Crv	12 33.7	-23 19	2.65	0.89	G5 II	0.034	-2.3	306	0.059	-8	
$\alpha$ Mus	12 36.4	-69 04	2.69	-0.20	B2 IV-V	—	-2.5	341	0.043	+13 V	var: 2.17-2.24, 2h
$\gamma$ Cen A	12 40.8	-48 53	2.87	-0.03	A1 IV	0.016	-0.3	188	0.190	-6 SB	AB: 5"
$\gamma$ Cen B	12 40.7	-48 53	2.96	0.01	A0 IV	0.016	0.0	188	0.190	-6 SB	BA: 5"
$\gamma$ Vir AB	12 41.0	-1 23	2.76	0.36	F1 V + F0mF2 V	0.099	2.6	68	0.567	-20 SB	A: 3.48, B: 3.50, 4"
$\beta$ Mus AB	12 45.4	-68 02	3.05	-0.18	B2 V + B2.5 V	D.015	-1.9	517	0.041	+42 V	A: 3.58, B: 4.10, 1"



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$\beta$ Cru	12 46.9	-59 37	1.2v	-0.23	B0.5 III	—	-4.7	460	0.042	+16 SB	var:1.23-1.31,0.7d?
$\epsilon$ UMa	12 53.4	+56 02	1.8v	-0.02	A0p IV:(CrEu)	0.009	0.3	65	0.109	-9 SB?	var: 1.76-1.79, 5.1d
$\delta$ Vir	12 54.9	+3 28	3.38	1.58	M3 III	0.022	-1.2	269	0.474	-18 V?	Auva
$\alpha^2$ CVn A	12 55.4	+38 23	2.9v	-0.12	A0p III:(SiEu)	0.027	0.0	130	0.242	-3 V	B: 5.6, F0 V, 20m
$\epsilon$ Vir	13 01.5	+11 02	2.83	0.94	G9 IIIab	0.043	0.3	104	0.274	-14	Vindamatrix
$\gamma$ Hya	13 18.2	-23 06	3.00	0.92	G8 IIIa	0.027	-0.8	188	0.081	-5 V?	
$\zeta$ Cen	13 19.8	-36 38	2.75	0.04	A2 Va	0.062	1.4	61	0.351	0	
$\zeta$ UMa A	13 23.4	+55 00	2.27	0.02	A1 Va	0.047	0.7	74	0.122	-6 SB2	B: 3.94, A1mA7 IV-V, 14 $^{\circ}$
$\alpha$ Vir	13 24.5	-11 05	1.0v	-0.23	B1 V	0.023	-3.2	216	0.054	+1 SB2	Mizar
$\xi$ Vir	13 34.0	-0 32	3.37	0.11	A2 IV	0.044	1.4	79	0.287	-13	var:0.97-1.04,mult:3.1,4.5,7.5
$\epsilon$ Cen	13 39.0	-53 24	2.3v	-0.22	B1 III	—	-4.4	675	0.028	+3	Spica
$\eta$ UMa	13 47.0	+49 23	1.86	-0.19	B3 V	0.035	-1.3	138	0.127	-11 SB?	Here
$\nu$ Cen	13 48.7	-41 37	3.41	-0.22	B2 IV	—	-3.1	644	0.035	+9 SB	Alkaid
$\mu$ Cen	13 48.8	-42 24	3.0v	-0.17	B2 IV-V pne	—	-2.5	378	0.034	+9 SB	variable shell: 2.92-3.43
$\eta$ Boo	13 54.0	+18 28	2.68	0.58	G0 IV	0.108	2.8	31	0.370	0 SB	Mufrid
$\zeta$ Cen	13 54.7	-47 13	2.55	-0.22	B2.5 IV	—	-2.7	366	0.072	+7 SB2	
$\beta$ Cen AB	14 02.9	-60 19	0.6v	-0.23	B1 III	0.009	-4.4	320	0.030	+6 SB	var: 0.61-0.68; B: 3.9, 1 $^{\circ}$
$\gamma$ Hya	14 05.6	-26 37	3.27	1.12	K2 IIIb	0.049	0.7	104	0.049	+27	Hadar
$\theta$ Cen	14 05.9	-36 18	2.06	1.01	K0 IIIb	0.065	0.7	56	0.738	+1	Menkent
$\alpha$ Boo	14 15.0	+19 15	-0.04	1.23	K1.5 III Fe-0.5	0.097	0.2	25	2.281	-5 V?	high space velocity
$\iota$ Lup	14 18.5	-46 00	3.55	-0.18	B2.5 IVn	—	-2.7	549	0.014	+22	Arcturus
$\gamma$ Boo	14 31.5	+38 22	3.03	0.19	A7 IV+	0.025	1.9	53	0.189	-37 V	Seginus
$\eta$ Cen	14 34.6	-42 06	2.3v	-0.19	B1.5 IV pne	—	-3.5	454	0.049	0 SB	variable shell
$\alpha$ Cen A	14 38.7	-60 47	-0.01	0.71	G2 V	0.750	4.4	4	3.678	-25 SB	Rigel Kentaurus
$\alpha$ Cen B	14 38.7	-60 47	1.33	0.88	K4 V	0.750	5.7	4	3.678	-21 V?	AB: 21 $^{\circ}$ BA: 21 $^{\circ}$ ; C: Proxima, 12.4, M5e, 2deg
$\alpha$ Lup	14 41.0	-47 20	2.3v	-0.20	B1.5 III	—	-4.1	580	0.026	+5 SB	var: 2.28-2.31, 0.26d
$\alpha$ Cir	14 41.4	-64 55	3.19	0.24	A7p (Sr)	0.056	2.0	55	0.302	+7 SB?	B: 8.6, K5 V, 16 $^{\circ}$
$\epsilon$ Boo AB	14 44.4	+27 08	2.37	0.97	K0 II-III+A0 V	0.016	-1.0	162	0.034	-17 V	A: 2.70; B: 5.12, 3 $^{\circ}$
$\alpha$ Lib A	14 50.1	-15 57	2.75	0.15	A3 III-IV	0.058	1.2	61	0.130	-10 SB	Izar
$\beta$ UMi	14 50.7	+74 13	2.08	1.47	K4 III	0.039	-0.2	83	0.036	+17 V	Zuben Elgenubi Kocab



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$\beta$ Lup	14 57.6	-43 05	2.68	-0.22	B2 IV	—	-3.1	460	0.057	0 SB	
$\kappa$ Cen	14 58.3	-42 03	3.13	-0.20	B2 V	—	-1.9	317	0.033	+8 SB	
$\beta$ Boo	15 01.4	+40 27	3.50	0.97	G8 IIIa(note)	0.037	-0.8	230	0.056	-20	Ba 0.4, Fe -0.5.
$\sigma$ Lib	15 03.3	-25 14	3.3v	1.70	M2.5 III	0.064	-1.0	211	0.087	-4	var: 3.20-3.36
$\zeta$ Lup	15 11.3	-52 03	3.41	0.92	G8 III	0.043	0.3	133	0.128	-10	
$\delta$ Boo	15 15.0	+33 22	3.47	0.95	G8 III Fe-1	0.030	0.3	138	0.143	-12 SB	
$\beta$ Lib	15 16.3	-9 20	2.61	-0.11	B8 IVn	0.000	0.1	104	0.101	-35 SB	Zuben Elschemali
$\gamma$ TrA	15 17.6	-68 38	2.89	0.00	A1 IIIa	0.010	0.2	112	0.067	-3 V	
$\delta$ Lup	15 20.5	-40 36	3.2v	-0.22	B1.5 IVn	—	-3.4	653	0.036	0 V?	
$\gamma$ UMi	15 20.7	+71 53	3.05	0.05	A3 III	0.003	0.4	110	0.031	-4 V	Pherkad
$\epsilon$ Lup AB	15 21.8	-44 39	3.37	-0.18	B2 IV-V	D.009	-2.5	510	0.024	+8 SB2	A: 3.5; B: 5.0, <1°
$\iota$ Dra	15 24.6	+59 01	3.29	1.16	K2 III	0.040	0.1	142	0.020	-11	Ed Asich
$\alpha$ CrB	15 34.1	+26 46	2.2v	-0.02	A0 IV(composite)	0.045	0.3	78	0.151	+2 SB	ecl: 2.21-2.32, 17.4d
$\gamma$ Lup AB	15 34.2	-41 07	2.78	-0.20	B2 IVn	D.008	-3.1	653	0.035	+2 V	A:3.5; B:3.6, <1°; similar spectra
$\alpha$ Ser	15 43.6	+6 28	2.65	1.17	K2 IIIb CN1	0.053	0.7	73	0.143	+3 V?	var?
$\mu$ Ser	15 48.9	-3 23	3.53	-0.04	A0 III	0.007	0.0	166	0.094	-9 SB	
$\beta$ TrA	15 53.9	-63 23	2.85	0.29	F 0 IV	0.083	2.2	44	0.438	0	
$\sigma$ Sco A	15 58.0	-26 05	2.89	-0.19	B1 V + B2 V	0.010	-3.2	569	0.028	-3 SB2	A:occ.bin:3.4 + 4.5, 0.0003° sep.
T CrB	15 58.9	+25 57	2.0v	0.10	gM3: + Bep	—	-1.0	8189	0.013	-29 SB	recurrent nova 1866,1946;now V=11
$\eta$ Lup A	15 59.2	-38 22	3.41	-0.22	B2.5 IVn	D.008	-2.7	551	0.040	+8 V	A: 3.47, B: 7.70, 15°
$\delta$ Sco AB	15 59.5	-22 35	2.32	-0.12	B0.3 IV	—	-4.4	(522)	0.027	-1 SB	AB:mult<1°;C:4.9,B2IV-V,8°Dschubba
$\beta$ Sco AB	16 04.7	-19 46	2.62	-0.07	B0.5 V	0.009	-3.5	(522)	0.022	-7 SB	A:2.78;B:5.04,1°;C4.93,14°
$\delta$ Oph	16 13.6	-3 40	2.74	1.58	M0.5 III	0.034	-0.8	164	0.153	-20 V	Graffias
$\epsilon$ Oph	16 17.6	-4 40	3.24	0.96	G9.5 IIIbFe-0.5	0.043	0.2	130	0.089	-10 V	Yed Prior
$\sigma$ Sco A	16 20.4	-25 34	2.9v	0.13	B1 III	—	-4.4	549	0.025	+3 SB	var:2.94-3.06;0.25d;B:8.3,B9 V,20°
$\eta$ Dra A	16 23.8	-61 33	2.74	0.91	G8 IIIab	0.051	0.0	100	0.064	-14 SB?	B: 8.7, 6°
$\alpha$ Sco A	16 28.6	-26 24	0.9v	1.83	M1.5 Iab	0.024	-5.2	(522)	0.024	-3 SB	B: 5.37, B2.5 V, 3°
$\beta$ Her	16 29.6	+21 31	2.77	0.94	G7 IIIa	0.024	-0.8	169	0.100	-26 SB	
r Sco	16 35.0	-28 11	2.82	-0.25	B0 V	0.020	-4.0	(522)	0.026	+2 V	
$\zeta$ Oph	16 36.4	-10 32	2.56	0.02	O9.5 Vn	0.003	-4.2	471	0.026	-15 V	

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ζ Her AB	16 40.8	+31 38	2.81	0.65	G1 IV	0.102	3.0	31	0.614	-70 SB	A: 2.90; B: 5.53, G7 V, 1.1 <sup>n</sup>
η Her	16 42.4	+38 57	3.53	0.92	G7.5 IIIb Fe-1	0.034	0.7	117	0.089	+8 V?	
α TrA	16 47.2	-69 00	1.92	1.44	K2 IIb-IIIa	0.031	-1.0	107	0.044	-3	Atria
ε Sco	16 49.3	-34 16	2.29	1.15	K2 III	0.022	0.1	89	0.661	-3	
μ <sup>1</sup> Sco	16 51.0	-38 02	3.1v	-0.20	B1.5 IVn	—	-3.5	607	0.031	-25 SB2	eci: 2.80-3.08, 1.4d
κ Oph	16 57.0	+9 24	3.20	1.15	K2 III	0.031	0.1	136	0.293	-56	
ξ Ara	16 57.5	-55 58	3.13	1.60	K4 III	0.044	-0.2	113	0.037	-6	
ξ Dra	17 08.7	+65 44	3.17	-0.12	B6 III	0.023	-1.8	308	0.033	-17 V	Aldhibah
η Oph AB	17 09.6	-15 43	2.43	0.06	A2.5 Va	0.052	1.4	65	0.102	-1 SB	A: 3.0; B: 3.5, A3 V, 1 <sup>n</sup>
η Sco	17 11.2	-43 13	3.33	0.41	F2p V:(Cr)	0.062	2.7	42	0.286	-27	Sabik
α Her AB	17 14.0	+14 24	3.1v	1.44	M5 Ib-II	0.000	-3.2	627	0.035	-33 V	var:3.0-4.0;B:5.4, 5 <sup>n</sup>
δ Her	17 14.5	+24 51	3.14	0.08	A1 Vann	0.044	0.7	94	0.159	-40 SB	B: 8.8, 9 <sup>n</sup>
π Her	17 14.6	+36 49	3.16	1.44	K3 IIab	0.025	-2.0	332	0.029	-26	Ras Algethi
θ Oph	17 21.2	-24 59	3.3v	-0.22	B2 IV	—	-3.1	613	0.021	-2 SB	Sarin
β Ara	17 24.2	-55 31	2.85	1.46	K3 Ib-IIa	0.034	-3.5	582	0.024	0	occbin: 3.4,5.4; var: 3.25-3.29, 0.14d
γ Ara A	17 24.3	-56 22	3.34	-0.13	B1 Ib	—	-5.8	1992	0.011	-3 V	broad lines for Ib; B:10.0, 18 <sup>n</sup>
ν Sco	17 29.8	-37 17	2.69	-0.22	B2 IV	0.000	-3.1	463	0.032	8 SB	
β Dra A	17 30.1	+52 19	2.79	0.98	G2 Ib-IIa	0.013	-3.5	487	0.026	-20 V	Restaban
α Ara	17 30.8	-49 52	2.95	-0.17	B2 Vne	0.007	-1.9	280	0.075	0 SB	B: 11.5, 4 <sup>n</sup>
λ Sco	17 32.7	-37 06	1.6v	-0.22	B1.5 IV	—	-3.5	328	0.029	-3 SB2	var: 1.59-1.65, 0.21d
α Oph	17 34.3	+12 34	2.08	0.15	A5 Vann	0.067	0.7	62	0.255	+13 SB?	Rasalhague
θ Sco	17 36.3	-42 59	1.87	0.40	F1 III	0.027	-2.4	197	0.016	+1	Sargas
ξ Ser	17 36.8	-15 23	3.54	0.26	F0 IIIb	0.030	1.8	73	0.076	-43 SB	
κ Sco	17 41.6	-39 01	2.4v	-0.22	B1.5 III	—	-4.2	653	0.030	-14 SB	var: 2.39-2.42, 0.2d
β Oph	17 42.8	+4 34	2.77	1.16	K2 III	0.033	0.1	111	0.164	-12 V	Cebalrai
μ Her A	17 45.9	+27 44	3.42	0.75	G5 IV	0.133	4.0	25	0.808	-16 V	BC: 9.78, 33 <sup>n</sup>
λ <sup>1</sup> Sco	17 46.6	-40 07	3.03	0.51	F2 Ia	0.019	-8.0	3509	0.006	-28 SB	
G Sco	17 48.9	-37 02	3.21	1.17	K2 III	0.040	0.1	135	0.064	+25	HR6630
γ Dra	17 56.3	+51 29	2.23	1.52	K5 III	0.025	-0.3	102	0.025	-28	Etamin
ν Oph	17 58.3	-9 46	3.34	0.99	K0 III	0.021	0.2	138	0.118	+13	



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$\gamma^2$ Sgr	18 04.9	-30 26	2.99	1.00	K0 III	0.025	0.2	118	0.192	+22 SB	Nash
$\eta$ Sgr A	18 16.7	-36 46	3.11	1.56	M3.5 IIIab	0.045	-1.0	210	0.210	+1 V7	var: 3.08, 3.12; B: 8.33, G8: IV; 4 <sup>o</sup>
$\delta$ Sgr	18 20.1	-29 50	2.70	1.38	K2.5 IIIa	0.047	-0.8	142	0.050	-20	Kaus Meridionalis
$\eta$ Ser	18 20.6	-2 54	3.26	0.94	K0 III-IV	0.058	1.8	64	0.890	+9 V7	
$\epsilon$ Sgr	18 23.3	-34 24	1.85	-0.03	A0 IIIn(shell?)	0.023	0.0	76	0.129	-15	Kaus Australis
$\alpha$ Tel	18 26.0	-45 59	3.51	-0.17	B3 IV	—	-2.4	476	0.048	0 V7	
$\lambda$ Sgr	18 27.1	-25 26	2.81	1.04	K1 IIIb	0.053	0.7	84	0.190	-43	Kaus Borealis
$\alpha$ Lyr	18 36.5	+38 46	0.03	0.00	A0 Va	0.133	0.6	25	0.348	-14 V	Vega
$\phi$ Sgr	18 44.8	-27 00	3.17	-0.11	B8 III	—	-1.0	222	0.052	+22 SB	similar companion, 0.1 <sup>o</sup>
$\beta$ Lyr	18 49.6	+33 21	3.4v	0.00	B7 Vpe (shell)	0.000	-0.3	148	0.002	-19 SB	eci: 3.34-4.34, 12.9d
$\sigma$ Sgr	18 54.4	-26 19	2.02	-0.22	B3 IV	—	-1.6	173	0.056	-11 V	Nunki
$\xi^2$ Sgr	18 56.9	-21 08	3.51	1.18	K1 III	0.011	0.1	135	0.035	-20	
$\gamma$ Lyr	18 58.4	+32 40	3.24	-0.05	B9 II	0.021	-0.6	186	0.007	-21 V	Sulaphat
$\zeta$ Sgr AB	19 01.8	-29 54	2.60	0.08	A2.5 IV-V + A4:V:	0.025	1.4	74	0.014	+22 SB	Ascella
$\zeta$ Aql A	19 04.8	+13 51	2.99	0.01	A0 Vann	0.045	0.3	112	0.095	-25 SB	
$\lambda$ Aql	19 05.5	-4 54	3.44	-0.09	B9 V	0.032	0.6	121	0.090	-12 V	
$\tau$ Sgr	19 06.1	-27 41	3.32	1.19	K1.5 IIIb	0.044	0.7	92	0.255	+45 SB	
$\pi$ Sgr ABC	19 09.0	-21 03	2.89	0.35	F2 II-III	0.026	-2.4	484	0.035	-10	A:3.7; B:3.8; C:6.0, <1 <sup>o</sup> Albaldah
$\delta$ Dra	19 12.6	+67 38	3.07	1.00	G9 III	0.032	0.3	112	0.130	+25	Notus Secundus
$\delta$ Aql	19 24.8	+3 05	3.36	0.32	F2 IV-V	0.072	2.2	53	0.267	-30 SB	
$\beta$ Cyg A	19 30.2	+27 56	3.08	1.13	K3 II + B9.5 V	0.017	-2.2	380	0.002	-24 V	B: 5.11, 35 <sup>o</sup>
$\delta$ Cyg AB	19 44.6	+45 06	2.87	-0.03	B9.5 III	0.030	-0.3	140	0.069	-20 SB	B: 6.4, F1 V, 2 <sup>o</sup>
$\gamma$ Aql	19 45.6	+10 35	2.72	1.52	K3 II	0.016	-2.2	266	0.016	-2 V	Tarazed
$\alpha$ Aql	19 50.1	+8 50	0.77	0.22	A7 Vn	0.202	2.3	16	0.662	-26	Altair
$\eta$ Aql	19 51.8	+0 58	3.5v	0.90	F6-G1 Ib	0.010	-5.1	857	0.009	-15 SB	Cepheid var: 3.50-4.30, 7.2d
$\gamma$ Sge	19 58.2	+19 27	3.47	1.57	M0 III	0.013	-0.7	219	0.070	-33	
$\theta$ Aql	20 10.6	-0 52	3.23	-0.07	B9.5 III	0.012	-0.3	166	0.037	-27 SB2	
$\beta$ Cas A	20 20.3	-14 49	3.08	0.79	K0: II: + A5: V:n	0.010	-2.2	561	0.039	-19 SB	A:mult:4.0+4.3+4.6+6.7, <1 <sup>o</sup> Dabih
$\gamma$ Cyg	20 21.7	+40 13	2.20	0.68	F8 Ib	0.003	-5.1	797	0.001	-8	Sadr
$\alpha$ Fav	20 24.6	-56 47	1.94	-0.20	B2.5 V	—	-1.6	155	0.087	+2 SB	Peacock

Star Name	R.A. 1986.5 Dec		V	B-V	MK Type	PI(°)	M(V)	D(ly)	MU(°)	RV(km/s)	Remarks
$\alpha$ Ind	20 36.6	-47 20	3.11	1.00	K0 III Ch-1	0.046	0.2	124	0.090	-1	
$\alpha$ Cyg	20 41.0	+45 14	1.25	0.09	A2 Ia	0.000	-7.2	1470	0.005	-5 V	Deneb
$\beta$ Pav	20 43.8	-66 15	3.42	0.16	A6 IV	0.035	1.5	79	0.041	+10	
$\eta$ Cep	20 45.0	+61 47	3.43	0.92	K0 IV	0.076	3.1	37	0.827	-87	
$\epsilon$ Cyg	20 45.7	+33 55	2.46	1.03	K0 III	0.057	0.2	89	0.484	-11 SB	
$\zeta$ Cyg	21 12.4	+30 10	3.20	0.99	G8 IIIa Ba 0.6	0.027	-0.8	197	0.052	+17 SB	
$\alpha$ Cep	21 18.3	+62 32	2.44	0.22	A7 Van	0.068	2.0	39	0.159	-10 V	Alderamin
$\beta$ Cep	21 28.5	+70 30	3.2v	-0.22	B1 III	0.014	-4.4	1021	0.016	-8 SB	Alphirk var.3.16-3.27,0.24j,B:7.8,13*
$\beta$ Aqr	21 30.8	- 5 38	2.91	0.83	G0 Ib	0.006	-4.0	713	0.020	+7	Sadalnuok
$\epsilon$ Peg	21 43.5	+ 9 49	2.4v	1.53	K2 Ib	0.006	-4.0	471	0.030	+5 V	Enif var. 0.7-3.5 (flare in 1972)
$\delta$ Cap	21 46.3	-16 11	2.9v	0.29	A5mF2 IV:	0.087	1.5	47	0.394	-6 SB	var. 2.83-3.05, 1d; occ.bin: 3.2 + 5.2
$\gamma$ Gru	21 53.1	-37 26	3.01	-0.12	B8 IV-Vs	0.013	-1.2	227	0.104	-2 V?	
$\alpha$ Aqr	22 05.1	- 0 23	2.96	0.98	G2 Ib	0.012	-4.0	681	0.016	+8 V?	Sadalmeik
$\alpha$ Gru	22 07.4	-47 02	1.74	-0.13	B7 Vn	0.057	-1.1	119	0.198	+12	Al Nair
$\theta$ Peg	22 09.5	+ 6 08	3.53	0.08	A2mA1 IV-V	0.049	1.4	82	0.277	-6 SB2	Baham
$\zeta$ Cep	22 10.4	+58 08	3.35	1.57	K1.5 Ib	0.017	-4.0	750	0.015	-18 SB	
$\alpha$ Tuc	22 17.6	-60 20	2.86	1.39	K3 III	0.026	0.0	103	0.071	+42 SB	
$\delta$ Cep A	22 28.7	+58 21	3.5v	0.60	F5-G2 Ib	0.011	-5.1	1178	0.012	-15 SB	Cepheid variable: 3.48-4.34, 5.4d
$\zeta$ Peg	22 40.8	+10 46	3.40	-0.09	B8.5 III-IV	0.023	0.1	145	0.080	+7 V?	Homam
$\beta$ Gru	22 41.9	-46 57	2.1v	1.60	M5 III	0.008	-1.0	136	0.138	+2	var. 2.0-2.3
$\eta$ Peg	22 42.4	+30 09	2.94	0.86	G8 II + F0 V	0.017	-2.1	332	0.025	+4 SB	Matar
$\epsilon$ Gru	22 47.7	-51 23	3.49	0.08	A2 Va	0.044	1.0	97	0.126	0 V	
$\iota$ Cep	22 49.2	+66 08	3.52	1.05	K0 III	0.041	0.2	140	0.137	-12	
$\mu$ Peg	22 49.4	+24 32	3.48	0.93	G8 III	0.040	0.3	141	0.152	+14	
$\delta$ Aqr	22 53.9	-15 54	3.27	0.05	A3 V	0.038	1.2	85	0.047	+18 V	Skat
$\alpha$ PsA	22 56.9	-29 42	1.16	0.09	A3 Va	0.149	2.0	22	0.373	+7	Fomalhaut
$\beta$ Peg	23 03.1	+28 01	2.4v	1.67	M2 II-III	0.022	-2.0	224	0.236	+9 V	Scheat var. 2.31-2.74
$\alpha$ Peg	23 04.1	+15 08	2.49	-0.04	A0 III-IV	0.038	0.7	74	0.073	-4 SB	Markab
$\gamma$ Cep	23 38.8	+77 33	3.21	1.03	K1 III-IV	0.068	1.5	71	0.168	-42	Alrai

## THE NEAREST STARS

BY ALAN H. BATTEN

Measuring the distances of stars is one of the most difficult and important jobs of the observational astronomer. As Earth travels round the Sun each year, the apparent positions of nearby stars—against the background of more distant ones—change very slightly. This change is the *annual parallax*. Even for the closest star to our Sun, Proxima Centauri, it is only about three-quarters of an arc-second: that is, the apparent size of a penny viewed from rather more than 5 km distance. A graphic way of conveying the distances to stars is to speak of a *light-year*, the distance (about ten million million km) that light travels in a year. The first astronomers to measure parallax spoke in this way, but modern astronomers prefer to speak of a *parsec*—the distance at which a star would have a parallax of exactly one arc-second. One parsec is equal to about 3.26 light-years. The distance of a star in parsecs is simply the reciprocal of its parallax expressed (as in the table) in arc-seconds.

Attempts to determine annual parallax have played an important role in the history of astronomy. One convincing determination of the parallax of a star would have provided Galileo with the proof of the heliocentric theory he so desperately needed, but it was beyond the capabilities of his telescopes. Two unsuccessful attempts led to important discoveries of other things. James Bradley (1693–1762), who showed that parallaxes must certainly be less than 2" and probably less than 1", discovered the aberration of light. William Herschel (1738–1822) believed the best chance of measuring parallax was offered by double stars – which he at first believed to be only optical pairs – and so made the measurements that proved the existence of *binary stars* (his own term) in which the components revolve around their mutual centre of mass.

It is well known that three men, F. W. Bessel (1785–1846), F. G. W. Struve (1793–1864) and Thomas Henderson (1798–1844), succeeded almost simultaneously (in the 1830s) in measuring convincing parallaxes for 61 Cygni,  $\alpha$  Lyrae and  $\alpha$  Centauri respectively. For different reasons, each man delayed publication of his result and some arguments about priority are still heard. Undoubtedly, Bessel's paper was published first (1838): contemporaries credited him with being the first to measure a parallax successfully, and posterity has – for the most part – confirmed that judgment. Bessel received the Royal Astronomical Society's Gold Medal in 1841, specifically for his achievement. Sir John Herschel's address on this occasion is often quoted, but it bears repetition:

I congratulate you and myself that we have lived to see the great and hitherto impossible barrier to our excursions into the sidereal universe – that barrier against which we have chafed so long and so vainly – almost simultaneously overleaped at three different points. It is the greatest and most glorious triumph which practical astronomy has ever witnessed. Perhaps I ought not to speak so strongly – perhaps I should hold some reserve in favour of the possibility that it may all be an illusion and that further researches, as they have repeatedly before, so may now fail to substantiate this noble result. But I confess myself unequal to such prudence under such excitement. Let us rather accept the joyful omens of the time and trust that, as the barrier has begun to yield, it will speedily be prostrated. Such results are among the fairest flowers of civilization.



Herschel's hope for the speedy prostration of the barrier was not fulfilled. Only a few stars have parallaxes large enough to be detected by even the most skilful visual observers. Until photography reached the stage at which it could be used for accurate positional measurements, the number of known parallaxes grew very slowly. Even today, the direct measurement of stellar parallax is impossible beyond about 50 to 100 parsecs (150 to 300 light-years), except for a few visual binaries

whose radial velocities have also been observed. All our knowledge of greater distances depends on inference and indirect estimates. We may soon overleap another barrier, however. Astrometric measurements from space promise greater accuracy and should enable us to extend the radius within which we can determine distances directly. Yet it is ironical that the results that so excited Herschel are now obtained by routine observations, to which only very few astronomers are prepared to dedicate their lives.

The accompanying table lists all the stars known to be within a distance of just over 5 parsecs (17 light-years) from the Sun. The table is based on one published in Volume 8 of the *Landolt-Bornstein* tabulations, by Professor W. Gliese. It contains, however, an additional object whose existence was drawn to my attention by Professor Gliese.

All the parallaxes given here are uncertain by several units in the last decimal; some are uncertain in the second decimal. It is thus inevitable that the order of stars of nearly equal parallaxes will change, either because of new results or because different compilers evaluate differently the quality of individual determinations of parallax that make up the means recorded here.

The table gives the name of each star, its coordinates for 2000, its parallax  $\pi$ , its distance in light-years, its spectral type, proper motion (seconds of arc per year), position angle of the proper motion (measured from north through east), total space velocity relative to the Sun ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ , where known, with the sign of the radial velocity), apparent ( $V$ ) and absolute ( $M_v$ ) visual magnitudes. A colon (:) after a tabular entry indicates that the value is uncertain. The 1985 revision of the table provided an opportunity to improve the presentation of the spectral types. Dr. R. F. Wing classified all the stars in the old table on the MK system, except the white dwarfs, the stars of type K3 or earlier (whose spectral types are given in the *Bright Star Catalogue*), the Sun, and those whose parallaxes are less than  $0''.2$ . He kindly provided his data in advance of publication and I adopted his classifications, except that I retained the *e*, indicating the presence of emission lines in the spectrum. Classifications given for the white dwarfs (indicated by D) are taken from Gliese's table. I know of no spectral type for the newcomer LP 731-58, but its colour corresponds to an early M-type. In general, I have used the same names for stars as in earlier versions of the table. I have, however, given the two components of  $\Sigma 2398$  their B.D. number, and changed the designation of  $\alpha$  Centauri C to Proxima. This latter change emphasizes that Proxima is indeed somewhat closer to us than  $\alpha$  Centauri itself. Some readers may enjoy working out the true spatial separation between Proxima and its brighter companions.

The table contains 65 stars. Of these, 35 are single (including the Sun, whose planets are not counted), 24 are found in 12 double systems, and six in the two triple systems  $\sigma^2$  Eridani and  $\alpha$  Centauri (with Proxima). There is some evidence for unseen companions of low mass associated with seven of the stars. The list gives an idea of the frequencies of different kinds of stars in our part of the Galaxy. Only four of the stars are brighter than the Sun; most are very much fainter and cooler. No giants or very hot massive stars are found in the solar neighbourhood.

Name	2000		$\pi$	$D$	Sp.	$\mu$	$\theta$	$W$	$V$	$M_v$
	$\alpha$	$\delta$								
	h m	° ' "	"	l.y.		"a	°	km/s		
Sun					G2V				-26.72	4.85
Proxima	14 30	-62 41	0.772	4.2	M5.5Ve	3.85	282	-29	11.05	15.49
$\alpha$ Cen A	14 40	-60 50	.750	4.3	G2V	3.68	281	-32	-0.01	4.37
B					K1V				1.33	5.71
Barnard's*	17 58	+04 34	.545	6.0	M3.8V	10.31	356	-140	9.54	13.22
Wolf 359	10 56	+07 01	.421	7.7	M5.8Ve	4.70	235	+54	13.53	16.65
BD+36°2147*	11 03	+35 58	.397	8.2	M2.1Ve	4.78	187	-102	7.50	10.50
L-726-8A	01 39	-17 57	.387	8.4	}M5.6Ve{	3.36	80	+50	12.52	15.46
B									+52	13.02
Sirius A	06 45	-16 43	.377	8.6	A1Vm	1.33	204	-19	-1.46	1.42
B					DA				8.3:	11.2:
Ross 154	18 50	-23 50	.345	9.4	M3.6Ve	0.72	104	-11	10.45	13.14
Ross 248	23 42	+44 10	.314	10.4	M4.9Ve	1.60	176	-85	12.29	14.78
$\epsilon$ Eri	03 33	-09 28	.303	10.8	K2Ve	0.98	271	+22	3.73	6.14
Ross 128	11 48	+00 48	.298	10.9	M4.1V	1.38	152	-26	11.10	13.47
61 Cyg A	21 07	+38 45	.294	11.1	K3.5Ve	5.22	52	-106	5.22	7.56
B*					K4.7Ve				6.03	8.37
$\epsilon$ Ind	22 03	-56 47	.291	11.2	K3Ve	4.70	123	-86	4.68	7.00
BD+43°44A	00 18	+44 01	.290	11.2	M1.3Ve	2.90	82	+49	8.08	10.39
B					M3.8Ve			+51	11.06	13.37
L789-6	22 39	-15 19	.290	11.2		3.26	46	-80	12.18	14.49
Procyon A	07 39	+05 13	.285	11.4	F5IV-V	1.25	214	-21	0.37	2.64
B					DF				10.7	13.0
BD+59°1915A	18 43	+59 38	.282	11.6	M3.0V	2.29	325	38†	8.90	11.15
B					M3.5V	2.27	323	+39	9.69	11.94
CD-36°15693	23 06	-35 52	.279	11.7	M1.3Ve	6.90	79	+117	7.35	9.58
G51-15	08 30	+26 47	.278	11.7	M6.6V	1.27	242		14.81	17.03
$\tau$ Cet	01 44	-15 56	.277	11.8	G8V	1.92	297	-37	3.50	5.72
BD5°1668*	07 26	05 14	.266	12.3	M3.7V	3.77	171	+72	9.82	11.94
L725-32	01 12	-17 00	.261	12.5	M4.5Ve	1.32	62	+37	12.04	14.12
CD-39°14192	21 17	-38 52	.260	12.5	K5.5Ve	3.46	251	+66	6.66	8.74
Kapteyn's	05 12	-45 01	.256	12.7	M0.0V	8.72	131	+293	8.84	10.88
Kruger 60A	22 28	+57 42	.253	12.9	}M3.3Ve{	0.86	246	-31	9.85	11.87
B										11.3
BD-12°4253	16 30	-12 39	.247	13.2	M3.5V	1.18	183	-26	10.11	12.07
Ross 614A	06 29	-02 49	.246	13.3	}M4.5Ve{	1.00	133	+31	11.10	13.12
B										14.
van Maanen's	00 49	+05 23	.232	14.1	DG	2.99	155	+82	12.37	14.20
Wolf 424A	12 33	+09 01	.230	14.2	}M5.3Ve{	1.76	279	-37	13.16	14.97
B										13.4
CD-37°15492	00 06	-37 21	.225	14.5	M2.0V	6.11	112	+131	8.56	10.32
L1159-16	02 00	+13 03	.224	14.6	M4.5Ve	2.09	149		12.26	14.01
BD+50°1725	10 11	+49 27	.222	14.7	K5.0Ve	1.45	250	-40	6.59	8.32
LP731-58	10 48	-11 20	.219	14.9		1.64	160		15.60	17.30
CD-46°11540	17 29	-46 54	.216	15.1	M2.7V	1.06	147		9.37	11.04
G158-27	00 07	-07 33	.214	15.2	M5.5:	2.04	204		13.74	15.39
CD-49°13515	21 34	-49 00	.214	15.2	M1.8V	0.81	184	+20	8.67	10.32
CD-44°11909*	17 37	-44 20	.213	15.3	M3.9V	1.16	217		10.96	12.60
BD+68°946	17 36	+68 21	.213	15.3	M3.3V	1.31	196	-37	9.15	10.79
G208-44 A	19 54	+44 25	.211	15.5		0.74	143		13.41	15.03
45 B					M5:				13.99	15.61
BD-15°6290	22 53	-14 16	.209	15.6	M3.9V	1.14	124	+27	10.17	11.77
$\sigma^2$ Eri A	04 15	-07 39	.207	15.7	K1V	4.08	213	-102	4.43	6.01
B					DA	4.07	212	-96	9.52	11.10
C					M4.3Ve			(-45)‡	11.17	12.75
BD+20°2465*	10 20	+19 52	.206	15.8	M3.3Ve	0.49	264	+16	9.43	11.00
L145-141	11 46	-64 50	.206	15.8	DC	2.68	97		11.50	13.07
70 Oph A	18 05	+02 30	.203	16.1	K0Ve	1.12	167	-27	4.22	5.76
B					K4Ve				6.00	7.54
BD+43°4305*	22 47	+44 20	.200	16.3	M5e:	0.83	236	-20	10.2	11.7
Altair	19 51	+08 52	.198	16.5	A7V	0.66	54	-30	0.76	2.24
AC+79°3888	11 48	+78 42	.193	16.9	M4:	0.89	57	-121	10.80	12.23
G9-38A	08 58	+19 45	.192	17.0		0.89	267		14.06	15.48
B									14.92	16.34
BD+15°2620	13 46	+14 54	.192	17.0	M1.7Ve	2.30	129	+59	8.49	9.91

\*Suspected unseen companion.

†Radial velocity is zero.

‡Radial velocity only.



# DOUBLE AND MULTIPLE STARS

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Many stars can be separated into two or more components by use of a telescope. The larger the aperture of the telescope, the closer the stars which can be separated under good seeing conditions. With telescopes of moderate size and good optical quality, and for stars which are not unduly faint or of large magnitude difference, the minimum angular separation in seconds of arc is given by  $120/D$ , where  $D$  is the diameter of the telescope's objective in millimetres.

The following lists contain some interesting examples of double stars. The first list presents pairs whose orbital motions are very slow. Consequently, their angular separations remain relatively fixed and these pairs are suitable for testing the performance of small telescopes. In the second list are pairs of more general interest, including a number of binaries of short period for which the position angles and separations are changing rapidly.

In both lists the columns give, successively: the star designation in two forms; its right ascension and declination for 1980; the combined visual magnitude of the pair and the individual magnitudes; the apparent separation and position angle for 1987.0; and the period, if known. (The position angle is the angular direction of the fainter star from the brighter, measured counterclockwise from north.)

Many of the components are themselves very close visual or spectroscopic binaries. (Other double stars appear in the tables of Nearest Stars and Brightest Stars. For more information about observing these stars, see the articles by: J. Ashbrook in *Sky and Telescope*, 60, 379 (1980); J. Meeus in *Sky and Telescope*, 41, 21 and 89 (1971); and by C. E. Worley in *Sky and Telescope*, 22, 73, 140 and 261 (1961). The latter two articles have been reprinted by Sky Publishing Corp., 49 Bay State Road, Cambridge, Mass. 02238 under the titles *Some Bright Visual Binary Stars* and *Visual Observing of Double Stars*, each \$1.95 U.S.—Ed.)

Star	A.D.S.	R.A. Dec.				Magnitudes			P.A. Sep.		P (app.) years
		h	m	°	'	comb.	A	B	°	"	
λ Cas	434	00	30.7	+54	26	4.9	5.5	5.8	186	0.6	640
α Psc	1615	02	01.0	+02	40	4.0	4.3	5.3	280	1.9	930
33 Ori	4123	05	30.2	+03	16	5.7	6.0	7.3	28	1.9	—
QΣ 156	5447	06	46.3	+18	13	6.1	6.8	7.0	236	0.5	1100
Σ 1338	7307	09	19.7	+38	17	5.8	6.5	6.7	266	1.1	400
35 Com	8695	12	52.3	+21	21	5.1*	5.2	7.4	170	1.1	500
Σ 2054	10052	16	23.6	+61	44	5.6	6.0	7.2	353	1.1	—
ε <sup>1</sup> Lyr†	11635	18	43.7	+39	38	5.1	5.4	6.5	354	2.6	1200
ε <sup>2</sup> Lyr†	11635	18	43.7	+39	38	4.4	5.1	5.3	88	2.3	600
π Aql	12962	19	47.7	+11	45	5.6	6.0	6.8	108	1.4	—
61 Cyg	14636	21	05.5	+38	34	4.8	5.2	6.0	147	29.7	722
OΣ 500	16877	23	36.5	+44	20	5.9	6.4	7.1	0	0.5	—
η Cas	671	00	47.7	+57	44	3.5*	3.5	7.2	311	12.3	480
Σ 186	1538	01	54.8	+01	45	6.0	6.8	6.8	56	1.3	170
γ And AB	1630	02	02.4	+42	16	2.1*	2.1	5.1	63	9.7	—
γ And BC	1630	02	02.4	+42	16	5.1	5.5	6.3	106	0.6	61
OΣ 65	2799	03	49.2	+25	32	5.2	5.8	6.2	210	0.5	62
α CMa	5423	06	44.3	-16	40	-1.4	-1.4	8.5	27	6.9	50
α Gem	6175	07	33.3	+31	55	1.6	2.0	2.8	83	2.8	500
γ Cnc AB	6650	08	11.1	+17	43	5.0	5.6	5.9	218	0.6	60
γ Cnc AC	6650	08	11.1	+17	43	5.2	5.4	7.3	78	5.9	1150
σ <sup>2</sup> UMa	7203	09	08.6	+67	13	4.8*	4.8	8.2	359	3.5	1100
γ Leo	7724	10	18.9	+19	57	1.8	2.1	3.4	124	4.3	620
γ UMa	8119	11	17.1	+31	39	3.8	4.3	4.8	83	2.0	60
γ Vir	8630	12	40.7	-01	21	2.8	3.5	3.5	291	3.3	170
γ Boo	9343	14	40.1	+13	49	3.8	4.5	4.5	304	1.0	125
γ Boo	9413	14	50.4	+19	12	4.5	4.7	6.8	328	7.1	150
γ Her	10157	16	40.6	+31	38	2.8	2.9	5.5	100	1.5	35
γ Oph	11005	18	01.9	-08	11	4.7	5.2	5.9	279	1.8	280
γ Oph	11046	18	04.5	+02	32	4.0	4.2	6.0	267	1.8	88
δ Cyg	12880	19	44.4	+45	04	2.9*	2.9	6.3	229	2.4	830
4 Aqr	14360	20	50.4	-05	53	6.0	6.4	7.2	14	1.0	190
γ Cyg	14787	21	13.9	+37	57	3.7	3.8	6.4	72	0.5	50
γ Cyg	15270	21	43.2	+28	39	4.5	4.8	6.1	304	1.6	500
γ Aqr	15971	22	27.8	-00	08	3.6	4.3	4.5	213	1.8	850
Σ 3050	17149	23	58.5	+33	37	5.8	6.5	6.7	319	1.6	350

\*There is a marked colour difference between the components.

†The separation of the two pairs of ε Lyr is 208".

# VARIABLE STARS

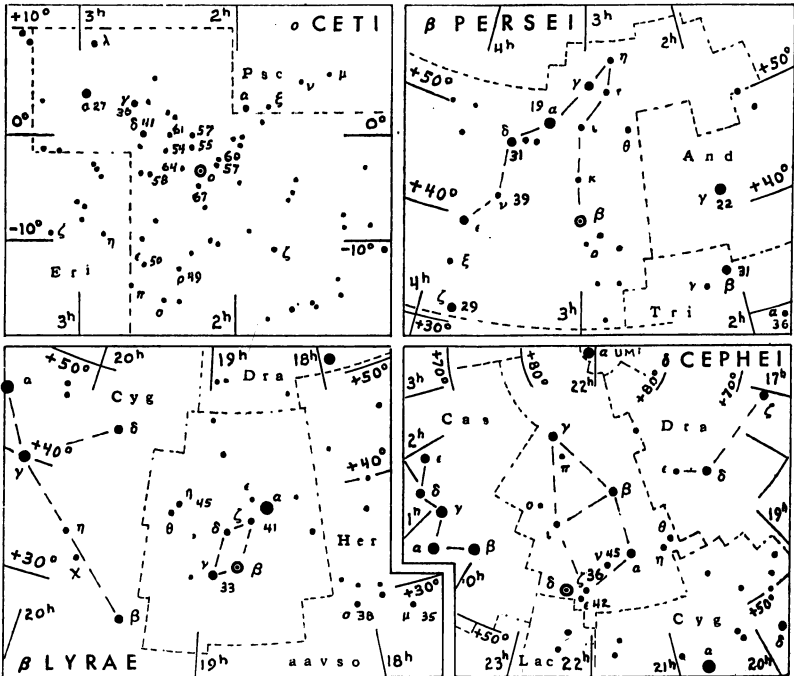
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Variable stars provide information about many stellar properties. Depending upon their type, variables can tell the mass, radius, temperature, luminosity, internal and external structure, composition, and evolution of stars. The systematic observation of variable stars is an area in which an amateur astronomer can make a valuable contribution to astronomy.

For beginning observers, charts of the fields of four different types of bright variable stars are printed below. On each chart, the magnitudes (with decimal point omitted) of several suitable comparison stars are shown. A brightness estimate of the variable is made using two comparison stars, one brighter, one fainter than the variable. The magnitude, date, and time of each observation are recorded. When a number of observations have been made, a graph of magnitude versus date may be plotted. The shape of this "light curve" depends on the type of variable. Further information about variable star observing may be obtained from the American Association of Variable Star Observers, 25 Birch St., Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138-1205, U.S.A.

The first table on the next page is a list of long-period variables, brighter than magnitude 8.0 at maximum, and north of  $-20^\circ$ . The first column (the Harvard designation of the star) gives the position for the year 1900: the first four figures give the hours and minutes of right ascension, the last two figures the declination in degrees (italicised for southern declinations). The column headed "Max." gives the mean maximum magnitude. The "Period" is in days. The "Epoch" gives the predicted date of the earliest maximum occurring this year; by adding multiples of the period to this epoch the dates of subsequent maxima may be found. These variables may reach maximum two or three weeks before or after the epoch and may remain at maximum for several weeks. This table is prepared using the observations of the American Association of Variable Star Observers.

The second table contains stars which are representative of some other types of variables. The data for the preparation of the predicted epoch of maximum or minimum are taken from the *General Catalog of Variable Stars*, Vols. I and II, 4th ed., for eclipsing binaries and RR Lyrae variables from *Rocznik Astronomiczny Obserwatorium Krakowskiego 1986, International Supplement*.



LONG-PERIOD VARIABLE STARS

Variable	Max. m <sub>v</sub>	Per d	Epoch 1987	Variable	Max. m <sub>v</sub>	Per d	Epoch 1987
001755 T Cas	7.8	445	Feb. 19	142539 V Boo	7.9	258	Apr. 30
001838 R And	7.0	409	Mar. 13	143227 R Boo	7.2	223	July 4
021143 W And	7.4	397	Oct. 2	151731 S CrB	7.3	361	Dec. 11
021403 o Cet	3.4	332	Feb. 9	154639 V CrB	7.5	358	July 8
022813 U Cet	7.5	235	Feb. 14	154615 R Ser	6.9	357	May 30
023133 R Tri	6.2	266	Jan. 25	160625 RU Her	8.0	484	Feb. 8
043065 T Cam	8.0	374	Dec. 29	162119 U Her	7.5	406	Aug. 27
045514 R Lep	6.8	432	Feb. 7	162112 V Oph	7.5	298	Mar. 29
050953 R Aur	7.7	459	—	163266 R Dra	7.6	245	July 21
054920 U Ori	6.3	372	Dec. 3	164715 S Her	7.6	307	Apr. 26
061702 V Mon	7.0	335	July 6	170215 R Oph	7.9	302	Sep. 4
065355 R Lyn	7.9	379	Sep. 27	171723 RS Her	7.9	219	May 26
070122aR Gem	7.1	370	Aug. 22	180531 T Her	8.0	165	June 6
070310 R CMi	8.0	338	Oct. 6	181136 W Lyr	7.9	196	Mar. 15
072708 S CMi	7.5	332	Apr. 9	183308 X Oph	6.8	334	Oct. 2
081112 R Cnc	6.8	362	Nov. 25	190108 R Aql	6.1	300	Feb. 26
081617 V Cnc	7.9	272	July 29	191017 T Sgr	8.0	392	Jan. 31
084803 S Hya	7.8	257	Mar. 15	191019 R Sgr	7.3	269	Feb. 28
085008 T Hya	7.8	288	May 22	193449 R Cyg	7.5	426	—
093934 R LMi	7.1	372	June 22	194048 RT Cyg	7.3	190	Mar. 15
094211 R Leo	5.8	313	July 23	194632 χ Cyg	5.2	407	Oct. 4
103769 R UMa	7.5	302	Oct. 22	201647 U Cyg	7.2	465	Mar. 8
121418 R Crv	7.5	317	Apr. 18	204405 T Aqr	7.7	202	July 2
122001 SS Vir	6.8	355	Dec. 14	210868 T Cep	6.0	390	May 7
123160 T UMa	7.7	257	Apr. 17	213753 RU Cyg	8.0	234	Jan. 3
123307 R Vir	6.9	146	Apr. 5	230110 R Peg	7.8	378	May 7
123961 S UMa	7.8	226	Apr. 15	230759 V Cas	7.9	228	Apr. 2
131546 V CVn	6.8	192	Feb. 3	231508 S Peg	8.0	319	Apr. 22
132706 S Vir	7.0	378	June 8	233815 R Aqr	6.5	387	Aug. 26
134440 R CVn	7.7	328	Feb. 25	235350 R Cas	7.0	431	Sep. 21
142584 R Cam	7.9	270	May 17	235715 W Cet	7.6	351	Aug. 24

OTHER TYPES OF VARIABLE STARS

Variable	Max. m <sub>v</sub>	Min. m <sub>v</sub>	Type	Sp. Cl.	Period d	Epoch 1987 U.T.
005381 U Cep	6.7	9.8	Ecl.	B8+gG2	2.49307	Jan. 2.33*
025838 ρ Per	3.3	4.0	Semi R	M4	33-55, 1100	—
030140 β Per	2.1	3.3	Ecl.	B8+G	2.86731	—
035512 λ Tau	3.5	4.0	Ecl.	B3	3.952952	Jan. 2.33*
060822 η Gem	3.1	3.9	Semi R	M3	233.4	—
061907 T Mon	5.6	6.6	δ Cep	F7-K1	27.024649	Jan. 15.88
065820 ζ Gem	3.6	4.2	δ Cep	F7-G3	10.15073	Jan. 4.89
154428 R Cr B	5.8	14.8	R Cr B	cFpep	—	—
171014 α Her	3.0	4.0	Semi R	M5	50-130, 6 yrs.	—
184205 R Sct	5.0	7.0	RVTau	G0e-K0p	144	—
184633 β Lyr	3.4	4.3	Ecl.	B8	12.93640†	Jan. 8.70*
192242 RR Lyr	6.9	8.0	RR Lyr	A2-F1	0.566839	Jan. 1.17
194700 η Aql	3.5	4.3	δ Cep	F6-G4	7.176641	Jan. 3.88
222557 δ Cep	3.5	4.4	δ Cep	F5-G2	5.366341	Jan. 1.89

\*Minimum.

†Changing period.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF VARIABLE TYPES

Variable stars are divided into four main classes: Pulsating and eruptive variables where variability is intrinsic due to physical changes in the star or stellar system; eclipsing binary and rotating stars where variability is extrinsic due to an eclipse of one star by another or the effect of stellar rotation. A brief and general description about the major types in each class is given below.

### I. Pulsating Variables

*Cepheids*: Variables that pulsate with periods from 1 to 70 days. They have high luminosity and the amplitude of light variation ranges from 0.1 to 2 magnitudes. The prototypes of the group are located in open clusters and obey the well known period-luminosity relation. They are of F spectral class at maximum and G to K at minimum. The later the spectral class of a Cepheid the longer is its period. Typical representative:  $\delta$  Cephei.

*RR Lyrae Type*: Pulsating, giant variables with periods ranging from 0.05 to 1.2 days with amplitude of light variation between 1 and 2 magnitudes. They are usually of A spectral class. Typical representative: RR Lyrae.

*RV Tauri Type*: Supergiant variables with characteristic light curve of alternating deep and shallow minima. The periods, defined as the interval between two deep minima, range from 30 to 150 days. The amplitude of light variation may be as much as 3 magnitudes. Many show long term cyclic variation of 500 to 9000 days. Generally the spectral classes range from G to K. Typical representative: R Scuti.

*Long period—Mira Ceti variables*: Giant variables that vary with amplitudes from 2.5 to 5 magnitudes or more. They have well defined periodicity, ranging from 80 to 1000 days. They show characteristic emission spectra of late spectral classes of M, C, and S. Typical representative:  $\alpha$  Ceti (Mira).

*Semiregular Variables*: Giants and supergiants showing appreciable periodicity accompanied by intervals of irregularities of light variation. The periods range from 30 to 1000 days with amplitudes not more than 1 to 2 magnitudes in general. Typical representative: R Ursae Minoris.

*Irregular Variables*: Stars that at times show only a trace of periodicity or none at all. Typical representative: RX Leporis.

### II. Eruptive Variables

*Novae*: Close binary systems consisting of a normal star and a white dwarf that increase 7 to 16 magnitudes in brightness in a matter of 1 to several hundreds of days. After the outburst, the star fades slowly until the initial brightness is reached in several years or decades. Near maximum brightness, the spectrum is generally similar to A or F giants. Typical representative: CP Puppis (Nova 1942).

*Supernovae*: Brightness increases 20 or more magnitudes due to a gigantic stellar explosion. The general appearance of the light curve is similar to novae. Typical representative: CM Tauri (Supernova of A.D. 1054 and the central star of the Crab Nebula).

*R Coronae Borealis Type*: Highly luminous variables that have non-periodic drops in brightness from 1 to 9 magnitudes, due to the formation of "carbon soot" in the stars' atmosphere. The duration of minima varies from a few months to years. Members of this group have F to K and R spectral class. Typical representative: R Coronae Borealis.

*U Geminorum Type*: Dwarf novae that have long intervals of quiescence at minimum with sudden rises to maximum. Depending upon the star, the amplitude of eruptions range from 2 to 6 magnitudes, and the duration between outbursts ten to thousands of days. Most of these stars are spectroscopic binaries with periods of few hours. Typical representative: SS Cygni.

*Z Camelopardalis Type*: Variables similar to U Gem stars in their physical and spectroscopic properties. They show cyclic variations interrupted by intervals of

constant brightness (stillstands) lasting for several cycles, approximately one third of the way from maximum to minimum. Typical representative: Z Camelopardalis.

### III. *Eclipsing Binaries*

Binary system of stars with the orbital plane lying near the line of sight of the observer. The components periodically eclipse each other, causing decrease in light in the apparent brightness of the system, as is seen and recorded by the observer. The period of the eclipses coincides with the period of the orbital motion of the components. Typical representative:  $\beta$  Persei (Algol).

### IV. *Rotating Variables*

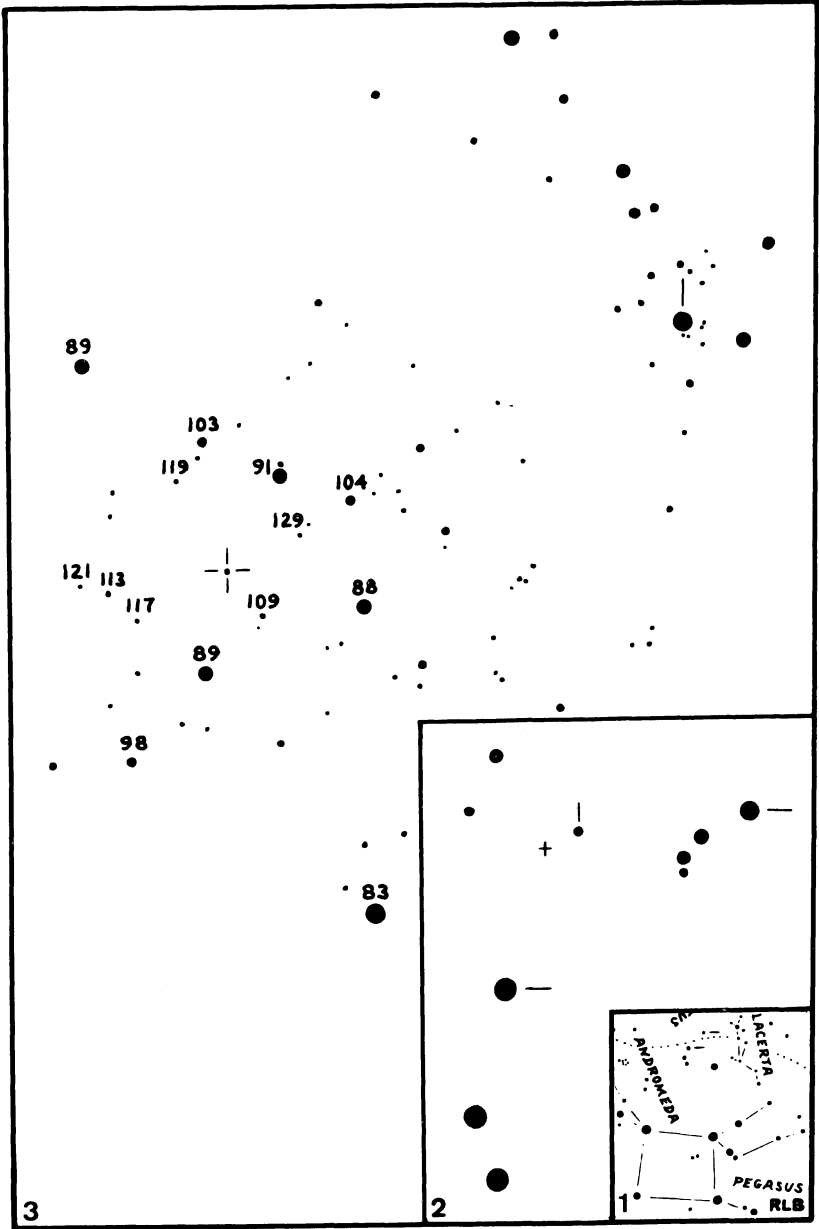
Rapidly rotating stars, usually close binary systems, which undergo small amplitude changes in light that may be due to dark or bright spots on their stellar surface. Eclipses may also be present in such systems. Typical representative: R Canum Venaticorum.

**Editor's Note:** In cooperation with the A.A.V.S.O., each year we feature an individual variable star. The candidate for this edition is **Z Andromedae**, the prototype of "symbiotic" stars.

Symbiotic is a biological term referring to the close, mutually-beneficial association of two dissimilar organisms. The term was first applied to stars about half a century ago, and applies to an uncommon type of variable star which, through their spectra, show that they are probably composed of two, interacting stars: one large, cool star, and the companion a smaller, hot, blue star or possibly an accretion disk surrounding a more compact stellar remnant. In some cases it seems that the two stars are enveloped in a common gaseous cloud. The brightness variations observed are of all types: nova-like outbursts, eclipse-like variations, quasi-pulsational variability, and small irregular variations. The time scales range from minutes to decades, and the amplitudes from several magnitudes down to the limit of detection. It is unlikely that any single model will account for all of the properties of all the symbiotics. Because of this and the complexity of the brightness variations, long-term, systematic observations are needed—an area in which amateurs can make an invaluable contribution.

**Z Andromedae** was discovered in 1901 and has been monitored by members of the A.A.V.S.O. since the early 1920's. It has fluctuated between 11th and 8th magnitude, with some maxima not reaching even 10th magnitude. The intervals between maxima range from 310 to 790 days, with periods of great activity every 10 to 20 years. (See: *J. Roy. Astron. Soc. Canada*, **72**, 61, 1978 for more information on this star.)

A three-part finder chart for Z Andromedae is provided on the next page. North is at the top on all three charts. Begin with the smallest chart (#1), which is a piece of the whole-sky "SEPTEMBER" chart at the back of this Handbook. Near the top of this chart, two fourth-magnitude stars (which are  $5^\circ$  apart) are marked with horizontal dashes on their immediate right (west). Both stars are marked in a similar fashion on chart #2. On chart #2 the position of Z Andromedae is indicated by a small cross, and  $0.66^\circ$  to its northwest a seventh-magnitude star is marked with a vertical dash immediately above it. Both stars are marked in a similar fashion on chart #3, where the magnitudes of several comparison stars in the immediate vicinity of Z Andromedae are also indicated (with decimal points omitted). The 1950.0 coordinates of Z And are:  $23^{\text{h}}31.2^{\text{m}} +48^{\circ}32'$ .



## STAR CLUSTERS

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The study of star clusters is crucial for the understanding of stellar structure and evolution. For most purposes, it can be assumed that the stars seen in a given cluster formed nearly simultaneously from the same parent cloud of gas and dust; thus, the basic factor which distinguishes one star from another is the quantity of matter each contains. Comparing one cluster with another, it is essentially only the age and the chemical composition of their stars that differ. But what makes one cluster *appear* different from another in the sky is mainly the degree of concentration and regularity, the spread in magnitude and colour of the member stars, all of which vary mainly with age, and the total number of stars. Extremely young clusters are often irregular in shape with clumps of newly formed stars, pervaded by lanes of obscuring dust and bright nebulosity (e.g. the Orion Nebula around the Trapezium Cluster), while the oldest clusters, if they were fortunate enough not to have already dissipated or been torn apart by external forces, tend to be symmetric in shape, with only the slower-burning, low-mass stars remaining visible; the massive stars will have spent their nuclear fuel and passed to the degenerate graveyard of white-dwarfs, neutron stars, or black holes depending on their original mass.

The star clusters in the lists below were selected as the most conspicuous. Two types can be recognized: *open* and *globular*. Open clusters often appear as irregular aggregates of tens to thousands of stars, sometimes barely distinguishable from random fluctuations of the general field; they are concentrated toward the Galactic disk and generally contain stars of chemical abundance like the Sun. They range in age from very young to very old.

Sometimes we observe loose, extended groups of very young stars. When precise methods of photometry, spectroscopy and kinematics are applied, we see that these stars often have a common, but not necessarily strictly coeval, origin. Such loose concentrations of stars are referred to as *associations*. Dynamically, they are generally unbound over time scales of the order of ten million years, being subject to the strong tidal forces of passing clouds and the background Galaxy. Often, they contain sub-concentrations of young open clusters (e.g. the double cluster  $\eta$  and  $\chi$  Persei of slightly different ages despite their proximity, in the association Per OB1, which stretches over some  $6^\circ$  on the sky), with a strong gradient in age as the star formation process rips through them from one edge to another. In view of their sparse nature, we do not consider it appropriate here to list any of the over 100-odd catalogued associations in the Galaxy.

Globular clusters on the other hand are highly symmetric, extremely old and rich agglomerations of up to several million stars, distributed throughout the Galactic halo but concentrated toward the centre of the Galaxy. Compared to the Sun and other disk stars, they tend to be much less abundant in elements heavier than hydrogen and helium.

The first table includes all well-defined Galactic open clusters with diameters greater than  $40'$  and/or integrated magnitudes brighter than 5.0, as well as the richest clusters and some of special interest. The apparent integrated photographic magnitude is from Collinder, the angular diameter is generally from Trumpler, and the photographic magnitude of the fifth-brightest star,  $m_5$ , is from Shapley, except where in italics, which are new data. The distance is mainly from Becker and Fenkart (*Astr. Astrophys. Suppl.* 4, 241 (1971)). The earliest spectral type of cluster stars, Sp, is a measure of the age as follows: expressed in millions of years, O5 = 2, B0 = 8, B5 = 70, A0 = 400, A5 = 1000, F0 = 3000 and F5 = 10000.

OPEN CLUSTERS

NGC or other†	R.A. 1980 h m	Dec. 1980 ° ' "	Int. m <sub>pg</sub>	Diam. '	m <sub>5</sub>	Dist. 1000 l.y.	Sp	Remarks
188	00 42.0	+85 14	9.3	14	14.6	5.0	F2	Oldest known
752	01 56.6	+37 35	6.6	45	9.6	1.2	A5	
869	02 17.6	+57 04	4.3	30	9.5	7.0	B1	h Per
884	02 21.0	+57 02	4.4	30	9.5	8.1	B0	χ Per, M supergiants
Perseus	03 21	+48 32	2.3	240	5	0.6	B1	Moving cl.; α Per
Pleiades	03 45.9	+24 04	1.6	120	4.2	0.41	B6	M45, best known
Hyades	04 19	+15 35	0.8	400	1.5	0.13	A2	Moving cl.**; in Taurus
1912	05 27.3	+35 49	7.0	18	9.7	4.6	B5	M38
1976/80	05 34.4	-05 24	2.5	50	5.5	1.3	O5	Trapezium, very young
2099	05 51.1	+32 32	6.2	24	9.7	4.2	B8	M37
2168	06 07.6	+24 21	5.6	29	9.0	2.8	B5	M35
2232	06 25.5	-04 44	4.1	20	7	1.6	B1	
2244	06 31.3	+04 53	5.2	27	8.0	5.3	O5	Rosette, very young
2264	06 39.9	+09 54	4.1	30	8.0	2.4	O8	S Mon
2287	06 46.2	-20 43	5.0	32	8.8	2.2	B4	M41
2362	07 18.0	-24 54	3.8	7	9.4	5.4	O9	τ CMA
2422	07 34.7	-14 27	4.3	30	9.8	1.6	B3	
2437	07 40.9	-14 46	6.6	27	10.8	5.4	B8	M46
2451	07 44.7	-37 55	3.7	37	6	1.0	B5	
2516	07 58.0	-60 51	3.3	50	10.1	1.2	B8	
2546	08 11.8	-37 35	5.0	45	7	2.7	B0	
2632	08 39.0	+20 04	3.9	90	7.5	0.59	A0	Praesepe, M44
IC2391	08 39.7	-52 59	2.6	45	3.5	0.5	B4	
IC2395	08 40.4	-48 07	4.6	20	10.1	2.9	B2	
2682	08 49.3	+11 54	7.4	18	10.8	2.7	F2	M67, very old
3114	10 02.0	-60 01	4.5	37	7	2.8	B5	
IC2602	10 42.6	-64 17	1.6	65	6	0.5	B1	θ Car
Tr 16	10 44.4	-59 36	6.7	10	10	9.6	O3	η Car and Nebula
3532	11 05.5	-58 33	3.4	55	8.1	1.4	B8	
3766	11 35.2	-61 30	4.4	12	8.1	5.8	B1	
Coma	12 24.1	+26 13	2.9	300	5.5	0.3	A1	Very sparse
4755	12 52.4	-60 13	5.2	12	7	6.8	B3	κ Cru, "jewel box"
6067	16 11.7	-54 10	6.5	16	10.9	4.7	B3	G, K supergiants
6231	16 52.6	-41 46	8.5	16	7.5	5.8	O9	O supergiants, WR stars
Tr 24	16 55.6	-40 38	8.5	60	7.3	5.2	O5	
6405	17 38.8	-32 12	4.6	26	8.3	1.5	B4	M6
IC4665	17 45.7	+05 44	5.4	50	7	1.1	B8	
6475	17 52.6	-34 48	3.3	50	7.4	0.8	B5	M7
6494	17 55.7	-19 01	5.9	27	10.2	1.4	B8	M23
6523	18 01.9	-24 23	5.2	45	7	5.1	O5	M8, Lagoon Neb.
6611	18 17.8	-13 48	6.6	8	10.6	5.5	O7	M16, nebula
IC4725	18 30.5	-19 16	6.2	35	9.3	2.0	B3	M25, Cepheid U Sgr
IC4756	18 38.3	+05 26	5.4	50	8.5	1.4	A3	
6705	18 50.0	-06 18	6.8	12.5	12	5.6	B8	M11, very rich
Mel 227	20 08.2	-79 23	5.2	60	9	0.8	B9	
IC1396	21 38.3	+57 25	5.1	60	8.5	2.3	O6	Tr 37
7790	23 57.4	+61 06	7.1	4.5	11.7	10.3	B1	Cepheids CEa, CEB and CF Cas

†IC = Index Catalogue; Tr = Trumpler; Mel = Melotte.

\*\*Basic for distance determination.





The table below includes all globular clusters with a total apparent photographic magnitude brighter than about 7.5. The data are taken from a compilation by Arp (*Galactic Structure*, ed. Blaauw and Schmidt, U. Chicago 1965), supplemented by H. S. Hogg's Bibliography (*Publ. David Dunlap Obs. 2*, No. 12, 1963). The apparent diameter given contains 90% of the stars, except values in italics which are from miscellaneous sources. The concentration class is such that I is the most compact, XII is least. The integrated spectral type varies mainly with the abundances, and m(25) refers to the mean blue magnitude of the 25 brightest stars excluding the 5 brightest, which are liable to fluctuate more. The number of variables known in the cluster is also given. A more detailed, recent catalogue of fundamental data for galactic globular clusters can be found in a review by Harris and Racine (*Annual Review of Astronomy and Astrophysics*, 17, 241, 1979).

#### GLOBULAR CLUSTERS

NGC	M or other	R.A. 1980		Dec. 1980		Int. m <sub>pg</sub>	Diam.	Conc.	Int. Sp. T.	m(25)	No. Var.	Dist. 1000 l.y.
		h	m	°	'							
104 †	47 Tuc	00 23.1	-72 11	4.35	44	III	G3	13.54	11	16		
1851*		05 13.3	-40 02	7.72	11.5	II	F7		3	46		
2808		09 11.5	-64 42	7.4	18.8	I	F8	15.09	4	30		
5139†	ω Cen	13 25.6	-47 12	4.5	65.4	VIII	F7	13.01	165	17		
5272†	3	13 41.3	+28 29	6.86	9.3	VI	F7	14.35	189	35		
5904	5	15 17.5	+02 10	6.69	10.7	V	F6	14.07	97	26		
6121	4	16 22.4	-26 28	7.05	22.6	IX	G0	13.21	43	14		
6205	13	16 41.0	+36 30	6.43	12.9	V	F6	13.85	10	21		
6218	12	16 46.1	-01 55	7.58	21.5	IX	F8	14.07	1	24		
6254	10	16 56.0	-04 05	7.26	16.2	VII	G1	14.17	3	20		
6341	92	17 16.5	+43 10	6.94	12.3	IV	F1	13.96	16	26		
6397		17 39.2	-53 40	6.9	19	IX	F5	12.71	3	9		
6541†		18 06.5	-43 45	7.5	23.2	III	F6	13.45	1	13		
6656†	22	18 35.1	-23 56	6.15	26.2	VII	F7	13.73	24	10		
6723		18 58.3	-36 39	7.37	11.7	VII	G4	14.32	19	24		
6752		19 09.1	-60 01	6.8	41.9	VI	F6	13.36	1	17		
6809	55	19 38.8	-30 59	6.72	21.1	XI	F5	13.68	6	20		
7078*	15	21 29.1	+12 05	6.96	9.4	IV	F2	14.44	103	34		
7089	2	21 32.4	-00 55	6.94	6.8	II	F4	14.77	22	40		

\*Bright, compact X-ray sources were discovered in these clusters in 1975.

†These clusters contain dim X-ray sources.

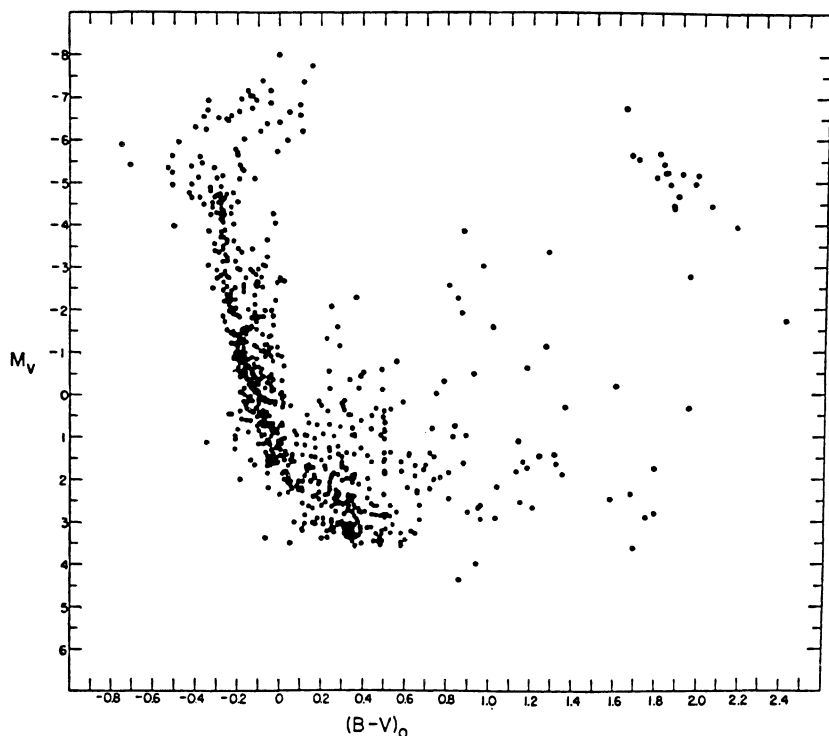
#### AN EXAMPLE OF A YOUNG (DOUBLE) STAR CLUSTER

The previous edition of the Handbook featured the young clusters NGC 457 in the north and NGC 4755, the "jewel box", in the south. We now present the famous Double Cluster in Perseus, listed as NGC 869 (h Per) and NGC 884 (χ Per) in the table. Both of these clusters are among the richest young clusters known in the Galaxy, each containing over a thousand stars.

At a distance of 7 to 8 thousand light-years, the double cluster is visible to the naked eye about half way between α Per and γ Cas (the central star of the "W"). They appear as very fine objects even in small telescopes. Their centres are separated by an angle corresponding to the size of the Moon, which is also the rough angular size of each cluster.

The colour-magnitude diagram (see below) implies that the mean age of both clusters is about 10 million years, but with significant variations from star to star. The fact that χ Per contains red supergiants (like the star α Ori, one of these is a fine ruby coloured star near the centre of χ Per) while h Per does not, suggests that χ Per may be slightly older than h Per, although this point has never been definitively settled.

Surrounding both clusters out to a diameter of about  $6^\circ$  is the young association Per OB1, which contains a total of some three dozen blue supergiants and two dozen red supergiants among its brightest members.



*A colour-magnitude diagram of all stars in and around  $\eta$  and  $\chi$  Per observed in the monumental Ph.D. thesis study of Wildey (1964, Ap. J. Sup., 8, 439), corrected for the effects of interstellar extinction. Absolute visual magnitude  $M_V = 0$  corresponds to  $V_0 = 12.0$  or approximate visual apparent magnitude  $V = 13.5$ . Hence, the brightest stars at  $M_V = -7$  have  $V = 6.5$ . Note that these brightest stars are each some 50 000 times more luminous than our Sun. A star like our Sun at the distance of the Double Cluster would have  $V = 18.3$ , far beyond the reach of small telescopes. The large spread in intrinsic colour index,  $(B-V)_0$ , for the brightest stars (extreme upper left) occurs mainly among the outlying association stars and may be due to a combination of age spread and an excess of ultraviolet emission from the stars. Note the clump of red supergiants centred at  $M_V = -5$  and  $(B-V)_0 = 1.9$ . Most of the stars scattered between the densely occupied main sequence at the left and the clump of red supergiants are probably non-members.*

# NEBULAE

## GALACTIC NEBULAE

By WILLIAM HERBST

The following objects were selected from the brightest and largest of the various classes to illustrate the different types of interactions between stars and interstellar matter in our galaxy. *Emission regions* (HII) are excited by the strong ultraviolet flux of young, hot stars and are characterized by the lines of hydrogen in their spectra. *Reflection nebulae* (Ref) result from the diffusion of starlight by clouds of interstellar dust. At certain stages of their evolution stars become unstable and explode, shedding their outer layers into what becomes a *planetary nebula* (P1) or a *supernova remnant* (SN). Protostellar nebulae (PrS) are objects still poorly understood; they are somewhat similar to the reflection nebulae, but their associated stars, often variable, are very luminous infrared stars which may be in the earliest stages of stellar evolution. Also included in the selection are three *extended complexes* (Comp) of special interest for their rich population of dark and bright nebulosities of various types. In the table S is the optical surface brightness in magnitude per square second of arc of representative regions of the nebula, and  $m^*$  is the magnitude of the associated star.

NGC	M	Con	$\alpha$ 1980 $\delta$			Type	Size	S mag. sq <sup>2</sup>	m *	Dist. 10 <sup>3</sup> l.y.	Remarks
			h	m	'						
1435		Tau	03 46.3	+24 01	Ref	15	20	4	0.4	Merope nebula	
1535		Eri	04 13.3	-12 48	Pl	0.5	17	12			
1952	1	Tau	05 33.3	+22 05	SN	5	19	16v	4	"Crab" + pulsar	
1976	42	Ori	05 34.3	-05 25	HII	30	18	4	1.5	Orion nebula	
2070		Dor	05 38.7	-69 06	HII	20	—	13	200	Tarantula Neb.	
$\zeta$ Ori		Ori	05 39.8	-01 57	Comp	2°			1.5	Incl. "Horsehead"	
2068	78	Ori	05 45.8	+00 02	Ref	5	20		1.5		
IC443		Gem	06 16.4	+22 36	SN	40			2		
2244		Mon	06 31.3	+04 53	HII	50	21	7	3	Rosette neb.	
2261		Mon	06 38.0	+08 44	PrS	2		12v	4	Hubble's var. neb.	
2392		Gem	07 28.0	+20 57	Pl	0.3	18	10	10	Clown face neb.	
2626		Vel	08 34.9	-40 34	Ref	2	—	10	3		
3132		Vel	10 06.2	-40 19	Pl	1	17	10	—	Eight-Burst	
3324		Car	10 36.7	-58 32	HII	15	—	8	9		
3372		Car	10 44.3	-59 35	HII	80	—	6v	9	Carina Neb.	
3503		Car	11 00.5	-60 37	Ref	3	—	11	9		
3587	97	UMa	11 13.6	+55 08	Pl	3	21	13	12	Owl nebula	
—		Cru	12 50	-63	Dark	6°	—	—	0.5	Coal Sack	
5189		Mus	13 32.4	-65 54	HII	150	—	10	—		
$\rho$ Oph		Oph	16 24.4	-23 24	Comp	4°			0.5	Bright + dark neb.	
6514	20	Sgr	18 01.2	-23 02	HII	15	19		3.5	Trifid nebula	
6523	8	Sgr	18 02.4	-24 23	HII	40	18		4.5	Lagoon nebula	
6543		Dra	17 58.6	+66 37	Pl	0.4	15	11	3.5		
6618	17	Sgr	18 19.7	-16 12	HII	20	19		3	Horseshoe neb.	
6720	57	Lyr	18 52.9	+33 01	Pl	1.2	18	15	5	Ring nebula	
6726		CrA	19 00.4	-36 56	PrS	5	—	7	0.5		
6853	27	Vul	19 58.6	+22 40	Pl	7	20	13	3.5	Dumb-bell neb.	
6888		Cyg	20 11.6	+38 21	HII	15					
$\gamma$ Cyg		Cyg	20 21.5	+40 12	Comp	6°				HII + dark neb.	
6960/95		Cyg	20 44.8	+30 38	SN	150			2.5	Cygnus loop	
7000		Cyg	20 58.2	+44 14	HII	100	22		3.5	N. America neb.	
7009		Aqr	21 03.0	-11 28	Pl	0.5	16	12	3	Saturn nebula	
7027		Cyg	21 06.4	+42 09	Pl	0.2	15	13			
7129		Cep	21 42.5	+65 00	Ref	3	21	10	2.5	Small cluster	
7293		Aqr	22 28.5	-20 54	Pl	13	22	13		Helix nebula	

# THE MESSIER CATALOGUE

BY ALAN DYER

The Messier Catalogue, with its modern additions, represents a listing of many of the brightest and best deep-sky wonders. The following table lists the Messier objects by season for the *evening observer*, grouping the objects within their respective constellations, with the constellations themselves listed roughly in order of increasing right ascension, i.e., constellations further to the east and which rise later in the night are further down the list.

The columns contain: Messier's number (M); the constellation; the object's New General Catalogue (NGC) number; the type of object (OC = open cluster, GC = globular cluster, PN = planetary nebula, EN = emission nebula, RN = reflection nebula, SNR = supernova remnant, G = galaxy (with the type of galaxy also listed); the 1980 co-ordinates; the visual magnitude (unless marked with a "p" which indicates a photographic magnitude). The "Remarks" column contains comments on the object's appearance and observability. The final column, marked "Seen", is for the observer to use in checking off those objects which he or she has located. An asterisk in the "Type" column indicates that additional information about the object may be found elsewhere in the HANDBOOK, in the appropriate table. Most data are from the Skalnate Pleso *Atlas of the Heavens* catalogue; occasionally from other sources.

All these objects can be seen in a small telescope (60 mm refractor, for instance), with M74 and M83 generally considered to be the most difficult. The most southerly M-objects are M6 and M7 in Scorpius, with M54, M55, M69, and M70 in Sagittarius almost as far south. Notice how different classes of objects dominate the skies of the various seasons: open clusters dominate the winter sky; galaxies by the hundreds abound in the spring sky; the summer sky contains many globular clusters and nebulae; while the autumn sky is a mixture of clusters and galaxies. This effect is due to the presence (or absence) of the Milky Way in any particular season, and whether or not we are looking toward the centre of the Galaxy (as in summer) or away from the centre (as in winter).

M	Con	NGC	Type	R.A. (1980) Dec.	m <sub>v</sub>	Remarks	Seen
<i>The Winter Sky</i>							
				h m ° '			
1	Tau	1952	SNR*	5 33.3 +22 01	8.4	Crab Neb.; supernova remnant	
45	Tau	—	OC*	3 46.3 +24 03	1.4	Pleiades; RFT object	
36	Aur	1960	OC	5 35.0 +34 05	6.3	best at low magnification	
37	Aur	2099	OC*	5 51.5 +32 33	6.2	finest of 3 Aur. clusters	
38	Aur	1912	OC	5 27.3 +35 48	7.4	large, scattered group	
42	Ori	1976	EN*	5 34.4 -05 24	—	Orion Nebula	
43	Ori	1982	EN	5 34.6 -05 18	—	detached part of Orion Neb.	
78	Ori	2068	RN	5 45.8 +00 02	—	featureless reflection neb.	
79	Lep	1904	GC	5 23.3 -24 32	8.4	20 cm scope needed to resolve	
35	Gem	2168	OC*	6 07.6 +24 21	5.3	superb open cluster	
41	CMa	2287	OC*	6 46.2 -20 43	5.0	4°S. of Sirius; use low mag.	
50	Mon	2323	OC	7 02.0 -08 19	6.9	between Sirius and Procyon	
46	Pup	2437	OC*	7 40.9 -14 46	6.0	rich cl.; contains PN NGC 2438	
47	Pup	2422	OC	7 35.6 -14 27	4.5	coarse cl.; 1.5°W. of M46	
93	Pup	2447	OC	7 43.6 -23 49	6.0	smaller, brighter than M46	
48	Hya	2548	OC	8 12.5 -05 43	5.3	former "lost" Messier object	
<i>The Spring Sky</i>							
44	Cnc	2632	OC*	8 38.8 +20 04	3.7	Beehive Cl.; RFT object	
67	Cnc	2682	OC*	8 50.0 +11 54	6.1	"ancient" star cluster	
40	UMa	—	—	12 34.4 +58 20	9.0	two stars; sep. 50'	

M	Con	NGC	Type	R.A. (1980) Dec.	m,	Remarks	Seen
81	UMa	3031	G-Sb*	9 54.2 +69 09	7.9	very bright spiral	
82	UMa	3034	G-Pec*	9 54.4 +69 47	8.8	the "exploding" galaxy	
97	UMa	3587	PN*	11 13.7 +55 08	12.0	Owl Nebula	
101	UMa	5457	G-Sc*	14 02.5 +54 27	9.6	large, faint, face-on spiral	
108	UMa	3556	G-Sc	11 10.5 +55 47	10.7	nearly edge-on; near M97	
109	UMa	3992	G-Sb	11 56.6 +53 29	10.8	barred spiral; near $\gamma$ UMa	
65	Leo	3623	G-Sb	11 17.8 +13 13	9.3	bright elongated spiral	
66	Leo	3627	G-Sb	11 19.1 +13 07	8.4	M65 in same field	
95	Leo	3351	G-SBb	10 42.8 +11 49	10.4	bright barred spiral	
96	Leo	3368	G-Sbp	10 45.6 +11 56	9.1	M95 in same field	
105	Leo	3379	G-E1	10 46.8 +12 42	9.2	very near M95 and M96	
53	Com	5024	GC	13 12.0 +18 17	7.6	15 cm scope needed to resolve	
64	Com	4826	G-Sb*	12 55.7 +21 48	8.8	Black Eye Galaxy	
85	Com	4382	G-SO	12 24.3 +18 18	9.3	bright elliptical shape	
88	Com	4501	G-Sb	12 30.9 +14 32	10.2	bright multiple-arm spiral	
91	Com	4548	G-SBb	12 34.4 +14 36	10.8	not the same as M58	
98	Com	4192	G-Sb	12 12.7 +15 01	10.7	nearly edge-on spiral	
99	Com	4254	G-Sc	12 17.8 +14 32	10.1	nearly face-on spiral	
100	Com	4321	G-Sc	12 21.9 +15 56	10.6	face-on spiral; star-like nuc.	
49	Vir	4472	G-E4*	12 28.8 +08 07	8.6	very bright elliptical	
58	Vir	4579	G-SB	12 36.7 +11 56	9.2	bright barred spiral	
59	Vir	4621	G-E3	12 41.0 +11 47	9.6	bright elliptical near M58	
60	Vir	4649	G-E1	12 42.6 +11 41	8.9	bright elliptical near M59	
61	Vir	4303	G-Sc	12 20.8 +04 36	10.1	face-on barred spiral	
84	Vir	4374	G-E1	12 24.1 +13 00	9.3	bright elliptical	
86	Vir	4406	G-E3	12 25.1 +13 03	9.7	M84 in same field	
87	Vir	4486	G-E1	12 29.7 +12 30	9.2	nearly spherical galaxy	
89	Vir	4552	G-E0	12 34.6 +12 40	9.5	resembles M87; smaller	
90	Vir	4569	G-Sb	12 35.8 +13 16	10.0	bright spiral; near M89	
104	Vir	4594	G-Sb*	12 38.8 -11 31	8.7	Sombrero Galaxy	
3	CVn	5272	GC*	13 41.3 +28 29	6.4	contains many variables	
51	CVn	5194	G-Sc*	13 29.0 +47 18	8.1	Whirlpool Galaxy	
63	CVn	5055	G-Sb*	13 14.8 +42 08	9.5	Sunflower Galaxy	
94	CVn	4736	G-Sbp*	12 50.1 +41 14	7.9	very bright and comet-like	
106	CVn	4258	G-Sbp*	12 18.0 +47 25	8.6	large, bright spiral	
68	Hya	4590	GC	12 38.3 -26 38	8.2	15 cm scope needed to resolve	
83	Hya	5236	G-Sc*	13 35.9 -29 46	10.1	very faint and diffuse	
102	Dra	5866	G-E6p	15 05.9 +55 50	10.8	small, edge-on galaxy	
5	Ser	5904	GC*	15 17.5 +02 11	6.2	one of the finest globulars	
<i>The Summer Sky</i>							
13	Her	6205	GC*	16 41.0 +36 30	5.7	spectacular globular cl.	
92	Her	6341	GC*	17 16.5 +43 10	6.1	9°NE. of M13; bright	
9	Oph	6333	GC	17 18.1 -18 30	7.3	smallest of Oph. globulars	
10	Oph	6254	GC*	16 56.0 -04 05	6.7	rich cl.; M12 3.4° away	
12	Oph	6218	GC*	16 46.1 -01 55	6.6	loose globular	
14	Oph	6402	GC	17 36.5 -03 14	7.7	20 cm scope needed to resolve	
19	Oph	6273	GC	17 01.3 -26 14	6.6	oblate globular	
62	Oph	6266	GC	16 59.9 -30 05	6.6	unsymmetrical; in rich field	
107	Oph	6171	GC	16 31.3 -13 02	9.2	small, faint globular	
4	Sco	6121	GC*	16 22.4 -26 27	6.4	bright globular near Antares	
6	Sco	6405	OC*	17 38.9 -32 11	5.3	best at low magnification	
7	Sco	6475	OC*	17 52.6 -34 48	3.2	excellent in binoculars	
80	Sco	6093	GC	16 15.8 -22 56	7.7	very compressed globular	
16	Ser	6611	EN*	18 17.8 -13 48	—	Star-Queen Neb. w/ open cl.	
8	Sgr	6523	EN*	18 02.4 -24 23	—	Lagoon Neb. w/cl. NGC 6530	
17	Sgr	6618	EN*	18 19.7 -16 12	—	Swan or Omega Nebula	
18	Sgr	6613	OC	18 18.8 -17 09	7.5	spare cluster; 1°S. of M17	
20	Sgr	6514	EN*	18 01.2 -23 02	—	Trifid Nebula	
21	Sgr	6531	OC	18 03.4 -22 30	6.5	0.7°NE. of M20	
22	Sgr	6656	GC*	18 35.2 -23 55	5.9	low altitude dims beauty	
23	Sgr	6494	OC*	17 55.7 -19 00	6.9	bright, loose cluster	
24	Sgr	—	—	18 17 -18 27	4.6	Milky Way patch; binoc. obj.	

M	Con	NGC	Type	R.A. (1980) Dec.	m,	Remarks	Seen
25	Sgr	14725	OC*	18 30.5 -19 16	6.5	bright but sparse cluster	
28	Sgr	6626	GC	18 23.2 -24 52	7.3	compact globular near M22	
54	Sgr	6715	GC	18 53.8 -30 30	8.7p	not easily resolved	
55	Sgr	6809	GC*	19 38.7 -31 00	7.1p	bright, loose globular	
69	Sgr	6637	GC	18 30.1 -32 23	8.9	small, poor globular	
70	Sgr	6681	GC	18 42.0 -32 18	9.6	small globular; 2°E. of M69	
75	Sgr	6864	GC	20 04.9 -21 59	8.0	small, remote globular	
11	Sct	6705	OC*	18 50.0 -06 18	6.3	superb open cluster	
26	Sct	6694	OC	18 44.1 -09 25	9.3	bright, coarse cluster	
56	Lyr	6779	GC	19 15.8 +30 08	8.2	within rich field	
57	Lyr	6720	PN*	18 52.9 +33 01	9.3	Ring Nebula	
71	Sge	6838	GC	19 52.8 +18 44	9.0	loose globular cl.	
27	Vul	6853	PN*	19 58.8 +22 40	7.6	Dumbbell Nebula	
29	Cyg	6913	OC	20 23.3 +38 27	7.1	small, poor open cl.	
39	Cyg	7092	OC	21 31.5 +48 21	5.2	very sparse cluster	
<i>The Autumn Sky</i>							
2	Aqr	7089	GC*	21 32.4 -00 54	6.3	20 cm scope needed to resolve	
72	Aqr	6981	GC	20 52.3 -12 39	9.8	near NGC 7009 (Saturn Neb.)	
73	Aqr	6994	OC	20 57.8 -12 44	11.0	group of 4 stars only	
15	Peg	7078	GC*	21 29.1 +12 05	6.0	rich, compact globular	
30	Cap	7099	GC	21 39.2 -23 15	8.4	noticeable elliptical shape	
52	Cas	7654	OC	23 23.3 +61 29	7.3	young, rich cluster	
103	Cas	581	OC	01 31.9 +60 35	7.4	3 NGC clusters nearby	
31	And	224	G-Sb*	00 41.6 +41 09	4.8	Andromeda Gal.; large	
32	And	221	G-E2*	00 41.6 +40 45	8.7	companion gal. to M31	
110	And	205	G-E6*	00 39.1 +41 35	9.4	companion gal. to M31	
33	Tri	598	G-Sc*	01 32.8 +30 33	6.7	large, diffuse spiral	
74	Psc	628	G-Sc	01 35.6 +15 41	10.2	faint, elusive spiral	
77	Cet	1068	G-Sbp	02 41.6 +00 04	8.9	Seyfert gal.; star-like nuc.	
34	Per	1039	OC	02 40.7 +42 43	5.5	best at very low mag.	
76	Per	650	PN*	01 40.9 +51 28	12.2	Little Dumbbell Neb.	

### NUMERICAL LISTING OF MESSIER OBJECTS

M	Sky	Con	M	Sky	Con	M	Sky	Con	M	Sky	Con	M	Sky	Con
1	Wi	Tau	23	Su	Sgr	45	Wi	Tau	67	Sp	Cnc	89	Sp	Vir
2	Au	Aqr	24	Su	Sgr	46	Wi	Pup	68	Sp	Hya	90	Sp	Vir
3	Sp	CVn	25	Su	Sgr	47	Wi	Pup	69	Su	Sgr	91	Sp	Com
4	Su	Sco	26	Su	Sct	48	Wi	Hya	70	Su	Sgr	92	Su	Her
5	Sp	Ser	27	Su	Vul	49	Sp	Vir	71	Su	Sge	93	Wi	Pup
6	Su	Sco	28	Su	Sgr	50	Wi	Mon	72	Au	Aqr	94	Sp	CVn
7	Su	Sco	29	Su	Cyg	51	Sp	CVn	73	Au	Aqr	95	Sp	Leo
8	Su	Sgr	30	Au	Cap	52	Au	Cas	74	Au	Psc	96	Sp	Leo
9	Su	Oph	31	Au	And	53	Sp	Com	75	Su	Sgr	97	Sp	UMa
10	Su	Oph	32	Au	And	54	Su	Sgr	76	Au	Per	98	Sp	Com
11	Su	Sct	33	Au	Tri	55	Su	Sgr	77	Au	Cet	99	Sp	Com
12	Su	Oph	34	Au	Per	56	Su	Lyr	78	Wi	Ori	100	Sp	Com
13	Su	Her	35	Wi	Gem	57	Su	Lyr	79	Wi	Lep	101	Sp	UMa
14	Su	Oph	36	Wi	Aur	58	Sp	Vir	80	Su	Sco	102	Sp	Dra
15	Au	Peg	37	Wi	Aur	59	Sp	Vir	81	Sp	UMa	103	Au	Cas
16	Su	Ser	38	Wi	Aur	60	Sp	Vir	82	Sp	UMa	104	Sp	Vir
17	Su	Sgr	39	Su	Cyg	61	Sp	Vir	83	Sp	Hya	105	Sp	Leo
18	Su	Sgr	40	Sp	UMa	62	Su	Oph	84	Sp	Vir	106	Sp	CVn
19	Su	Oph	41	Wi	CMa	63	Sp	CVn	85	Sp	Com	107	Su	Oph
20	Su	Sgr	42	Wi	Ori	64	Sp	Com	86	Sp	Vir	108	Sp	UMa
21	Su	Sgr	43	Wi	Ori	65	Sp	Leo	87	Sp	Vir	109	Sp	UMa
22	Su	Sgr	44	Sp	Cnc	66	Sp	Leo	88	Sp	Com	110	Au	And

The abbreviations are: Wi, winter; Sp, spring; Su, summer; Au, autumn.

Footnote to Messier Catalogue: The identifications of M91 and M102 are controversial; some believe that these two objects are duplicate observations of M58 and M101 respectively. Also, objects M104 to M110 are not always included in the standard version of the Messier Catalogue. Like many other objects in the catalogue, they were discovered by Mechain and reported to Messier for verification and inclusion in the catalogue.

# THE FINEST N.G.C. OBJECTS + 20

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The New General Catalogue of deep-sky objects was originally published by J. L. E. Dreyer in 1888. Supplementary Index Catalogues were published in 1895 and 1908. Together, they contain descriptions and positions of 13,226 galaxies, clusters and nebulae. Many of these are well within reach of amateur telescopes. Indeed, the brightness and size of many NGC objects rival those of the better known deep-sky targets of the Messier Catalogue (almost all of which are also in the NGC catalogue). However, most NGC objects are more challenging to locate and observe than the Messiers.

The first four sections of the following list contain 110 of the finest NGC objects that are visible from mid-northern latitudes. The arrangement is similar to that used in the preceding Messier Catalogue. A telescope of at least 15 cm aperture will likely be required to locate all these objects. The last section is for those wishing to begin to extend their deep-sky observing program beyond the basic catalogue of Charles Messier or the brightest objects of the New General Catalogue. It is a selected list of 20 "challenging" objects, and is arranged in order of right ascension.

The *Wil Tirion Sky Atlas 2000.0*, the sets of index card finder charts called *AstroCards*, or the *AAVSO Variable Star Atlas* will be indispensable in locating the objects on this list. For more information about them, and many other deep-sky objects, see *Burnham's Celestial Handbook* (Vol. 1, 2, 3), and the *Webb Society Deep-Sky Observer's Handbooks*.

Abbreviations used: OC = open cluster, GC = globular cluster, PN = planetary nebula, EN = emission nebula, RN = reflection nebula, E/RN = combination emission and reflection nebula, DN = dark nebula, SNR = supernova remnant, G = galaxy (the Hubble classification is also listed with each galaxy). Magnitudes are visual; exceptions are marked with a "p" indicating a photographic magnitude. Sizes of each object are in minutes of arc, with the exception of planetary nebulae which are given in seconds of arc. The number of stars (\*) and, where space permits, the Shapley classification is also given for star clusters in the Remarks column.

No.	NGC	Con	Type	R.A. (1950) Dec.			m <sub>v</sub>	Size	Remarks
<i>The Autumn Sky</i>									
1	7009	Aqr	PN	h	m	°	'		
2	7293	Aqr	PN	21 01.4	-11 34	9.1	44" × 26"	Saturn Nebula; bright oval planetary Helix Nebula; very large and diffuse	
3	7331	Peg	G-Sb	22 34.8	+34 10	9.7	10.0 × 2.3	large, very bright spiral galaxy	
4	7789	Cas	OC	23 54.5	+56 26	9.6	30	200*; faint but very rich cluster	
5	185	Cas	G-EO	00 36.1	+48 04	11.7	2.2 × 2.2	companion to M31; quite bright	
6	281	Cas	EN	00 50.4	+56 19	—	22 × 27	large, faint nebulosity near γ Cas.	
7	457	Cas	OC	01 15.9	+58 04	7.5	10	100*; Type e—intermediate rich	
8	663	Cas	OC	01 42.6	+61 01	7.1	11	80*; NGC 654 and 659 nearby	
9	7662	And	PN	23 23.5	+42 14	9.2	32" × 28"	star-like at low mag.; annular, bluish	
10	891	And	G-Sb	02 19.3	+42 07	10.9p	11.8 × 1.1	faint, classic edge-on with dust lane	
11	253	Scl	G-Scp	00 45.1	-25 34	8.9	24.6 × 4.5	very large and bright but at low alt.	
12	772	Ari	G-Sb	01 56.6	+18 46	10.9	5.0 × 3.0	diffuse spiral galaxy	
13	936	Cet	G-SBa	02 25.1	-01 22	10.7	3.3 × 2.5	near M77; NGC 941 in same field	
14a	869	Per	OC	02 15.5	+56 55	4.4	36	Double Cluster; superb!	
14b	884	Per	OC	02 18.9	+56 53	4.7	36	Double Cluster; superb!	
15	1023	Per	G-E7p	02 37.2	+38 52	10.5p	4.0 × 1.2	bright, lens-shaped galaxy; near M34	
16	1491	Per	EN	03 59.5	+51 10	—	3 × 3	small, fairly bright emission nebula	
17	1501	Cam	PN	04 02.6	+60 47	12.0	56" × 58"	faint, distinctive oval; darker centre	
18	1232	Eri	G-Sc	03 07.5	-20 46	10.7	7.0 × 5.5	fairly bright, large face-on spiral	
19	1300	Eri	G-SBb	03 17.5	-19 35	11.3	5.7 × 3.5	large barred spiral near NGC 1232	
20	1535	Eri	PN	04 12.1	-12 52	10.4	20" × 17"	blue-grey disk	

No.	NGC	Con	Type	R.A. (1950) Dec.		m <sub>v</sub>	Size	Remarks
				h m	° ' "			
<i>The Winter Sky</i>								
21	1907	Aur	OC	05 24.7	+35 17	9.9	5	40*; nice contrast with nearby M38 haze surrounding 4 stars
22	1931	Aur	EN	05 28.1	+34 13	—	3 × 3	
23	1788	Ori	E/RN	05 04.5	-03 24	—	8 × 5	fairly bright but diffuse E/R neb. near M42 and M43; often neglected
24	1973+	Ori	E/RN	05 32.9	-04 48	—	40 × 25	
25	2022	Ori	PN	05 39.3	+09 03	12.4	28" × 27"	small, faint but distinct; annular 100*; Type e; faint but rich
26	2194	Ori	OC	06 11.0	+12 50	9.2	8	
27	2158	Gem	OC	06 04.3	+24 06	12.5	4	40*; same field as M35; nice contrast Clowen-Face Nebula; very bright
28	2392	Gem	PN	07 26.2	+21 01	8.3	47" × 43"	
29	2244	Mon	OC	06 29.7	+04 54	6.2	40	16*; in centre of Rosette Nebula Hubble's Variable Nebula
30	2261	Mon	E/RN	06 36.4	+08 46	var.	5 × 3	
31	2359	CMa	EN	07 15.4	-13 07	—	8 × 6	fairly bright; NGC's 2360 & 2362 nearby
32	2438	Pup	PN	07 39.6	-14 36	11.8	68"	within M46 open cluster almost starlike; irregular at high mag. 150*; Type f—fairly rich
33	2440	Pup	PN	07 39.9	-18 05	10.3	54" × 20"	
34	2539	Pup	OC	08 08.4	-12 41	8.2	21	
35	2403	Cam	G-Sc	07 32.0	+65 43	8.9	17 × 10	bright, very large; visible in binocs. bright ellipse w/ star-like nucleus
36	2655	Cam	G-S	08 49.4	+78 25	10.7	5.0 × 2.4	
<i>The Spring Sky</i>								
37	2683	Lyn	G-Sb	08 49.6	+33 38	9.6	8.0 × 1.3	nearly edge-on spiral; very bright
38	2841	UMa	G-Sb	09 18.6	+51 12	9.3	6.4 × 2.4	classic elongated spiral; very bright near M81 and M82
39	2985	UMa	G-Sb	09 46.0	+72 31	10.6	5.5 × 5.0	
40	3077	UMa	G-E2p	09 59.4	+68 58	10.9	2.3 × 1.9	small elliptical; companion to M81/82 edge-on spiral, NGC 2950 nearby
41	3079	UMa	G-Sb	09 58.6	+55 57	11.2	8.0 × 1.0	
42	3184	UMa	G-Sc	10 15.2	+41 40	9.6	5.6 × 5.6	large, diffuse face-on spiral elongated spiral; same field as 56 UMa
43	3675	UMa	G-Sb	11 23.5	+43 52	10.6	4.0 × 1.7	
44	3877	UMa	G-Sb	11 43.5	+47 46	10.9	4.4 × 0.8	edge-on; same field as Chi UMa small, bright, elliptical shape
45	3941	UMa	G-Sa	11 50.3	+37 16	9.8	1.8 × 1.2	
46	4026	UMa	G-E8	11 56.9	+51 12	10.7	3.6 × 0.7	lens-shaped edge-on; near γ UMa nearly edge-on; 4085 in same field
47	4088	UMa	G-Sc	12 03.0	+50 49	10.9	4.5 × 1.4	
48	4111	UMa	G-S0	12 04.5	+43 21	9.7	3.3 × 0.6	bright, lens-shaped, edge-on spiral edge-on, a thin sliver; 4026+4088 nearby
49	4157	UMa	G-Sb	12 08.6	+50 46	11.9	6.5 × 0.8	
50	4605	UMa	G-Scp	12 37.8	+61 53	9.6	5.0 × 1.2	bright, distinct, edge-on spiral "Spindle Galaxy"; bright, elongated
51	3115	Sex	G-E6	10 02.8	-07 28	9.3	4.0 × 1.2	
52	3242	Hya	PN	10 22.4	-18 23	9.1	40" × 35"	"Ghost of Jupiter" planetary
53	3344	LMi	G-Sc	10 40.7	+25 11	10.4	7.6 × 6.2	diffuse, face-on spiral nearly edge-on; faint flat streak
54	3432	LMi	G-Sc	10 49.7	+36 54	11.4	5.8 × 0.8	
55	2903	Leo	G-Sb	09 29.3	+21 44	9.1	11.0 × 4.6	very bright, large elongated spiral same field as M105 and NGC 3389
56	3384	Leo	G-E7	10 45.7	+12 54	10.2	4.4 × 1.4	
57	3521	Leo	G-Sc	11 03.2	+00 14	9.5	7.0 × 4.0	very bright, large spiral NGC 3605 and 3608 in same field
58	3607	Leo	G-E1	11 14.3	+18 20	9.6	1.7 × 1.5	
59	3628	Leo	G-Sb	11 17.7	+13 53	10.9	12.0 × 1.5	large, edge-on; same field as M65/M66 large irregular galaxy
60	4214	CVn	G-irr	12 13.1	+36 36	10.3	6.6 × 5.8	
61	4244	CVn	G-S	12 15.0	+38 05	11.9	14.5 × 1.0	large, distinct, edge-on spiral bright rectangular shape
62	4449	CVn	G-irr	12 25.8	+44 22	9.2	4.1 × 3.4	
63	4490	CVn	G-Sc	12 28.3	+41 55	9.7	5.6 × 2.1	bright spiral; 4485 in same field very large, bright, edge-on; no dust lane
64	4631	CVn	G-Sc	12 39.8	+32 49	9.3	12.6 × 1.4	
65	4656	CVn	G-Sc	12 41.6	+32 26	11.2	19.5 × 2.0	same field as 4631; fainter, smaller bright elongated spiral; near α CVn
66	5005	CVn	G-Sb	13 08.5	+37 19	9.8	4.4 × 1.7	
67	5033	CVn	G-Sb	13 11.2	+36 51	10.3	9.9 × 4.8	large, bright spiral near NGC 5005
68	4274	Com	G-Sb	12 17.4	+29 53	10.8	6.7 × 1.3	
69	4494	Com	G-E1	12 28.9	+26 03	9.6	1.3 × 1.2	small, bright elliptical bright spiral; star-like nucleus
70	4414	Com	G-Sc	12 24.0	+31 30	9.7	3.2 × 1.5	
71	4559	Com	G-Sc	12 33.5	+28 14	10.6	11.0 × 4.5	large spiral; coarse structure superb edge-on spiral with dust lane
72	4565	Com	G-Sb	12 33.9	+26 16	10.2	14.4 × 1.2	
73	4725	Com	G-Sb	12 48.1	+25 46	8.9	10.0 × 5.5	very bright, large spiral 12 <sup>m</sup> 8 central star
74	4361	Crv	PN	12 21.9	-18 29	11.4	18"	



No.	NGC	Con	Type	R.A. (1950) Dec.		$m_v$	Size	Remarks
75	4216	Vir	G-Sb	12 13.4	+13 25	10.4	7.4 × 0.9	nearly edge-on; two other in field
76	4388	Vir	G-Sb	12 23.3	+12 56	11.7p	5.0 × 0.9	edge-on; near M84 and M89.
77	4438	Vir	G-S	12 25.3	+13 17	10.8	8.0 × 3.0	paired with NGC 4435
78	4473	Vir	G-E4	12 27.3	+13 42	10.1	1.6 × 0.9	NGC 4477 in same field
79	4517	Vir	G-Sc	12 29.0	+00 21	12.0	8.9 × 0.8	faint edge-on spiral
80	4526	Vir	G-E7	12 31.6	+07 58	10.9	3.3 × 1.0	between two 7 <sup>m</sup> 0 stars
81	4535	Vir	G-Sc	12 31.8	+08 28	10.4p	6.0 × 4.0	near M49
82	4697	Vir	G-E4	12 46.0	-05 32	9.6	2.2 × 1.4	small, bright elliptical
83	4699	Vir	G-Sa	12 46.5	-08 24	9.3	3.0 × 2.0	small, bright elliptical shape
84	4762	Vir	G-Sa	12 50.4	+11 31	11.0	3.7 × 0.4	flattest galaxy; 4754 in same field
85	5746	Vir	G-Sb	14 42.3	+02 10	10.1	6.3 × 0.8	fine, edge-on spiral near 109 Virium.
86	5907	Dra	G-Sb	15 14.6	+56 31	11.3	11.1 × 0.7	fine, edge-on spiral with dust lane
87	6503	Dra	G-Sb	17 49.9	+70 10	9.6	4.5 × 1.0	bright spiral
88	6543	Dra	PN	17 58.8	+66 38	8.7	22"	luminous blue-green disk
<i>The Summer Sky</i>								
89	6207	Her	G-Sc	16 41.3	+36 56	11.3	2.0 × 1.1	same field as M13 cluster
90	6210	Her	PN	16 42.5	+23 53	9.2	20" × 13"	very star-like blue planetary
91	6369	Oph	PN	17 26.3	-23 44	9.9	28"	greenish, annular, and circular
92	6572	Oph	PN	18 09.7	+06 50	8.9	16" × 13"	tiny oval; bright blue
93	6633	Oph	OC	18 25.1	+06 32	4.9	20	wide-field cluster; IC4756 nearby
94	6712	Sct	GC	18 50.3	-08 47	8.9	2.1	small globular near M26
95	6819	Cyg	OC	19 39.6	+40 06	10.1	6	150*; faint but rich cluster
96	6826	Cyg	PN	19 43.4	+50 24	9.4	27" × 24"	Blinking Planetary Nebula
97	6960	Cyg	SNR	20 43.6	+30 32	—	70 × 6	Veil Nebula (west component)
98	6992-5	Cyg	SNR	20 54.3	+31 30	—	78 × 8	Veil Nebula (east component)
99	7000	Cyg	EN	20 57.0	+44 08	—	120 × 100	North America Neb.; binoc. obj.
100	7027	Cyg	EN	21 05.1	+42 02	10.4	18" × 11"	very star-like H II region
101	6445	Sgr	PN	17 47.8	-20 00	11.8	38" × 29"	small, bright and annular; near M23
102	6818	Sgr	PN	19 41.1	-14 17	9.9	22" × 15"	"Little Gem"; annular; 6822 nearby
103	6802	Vul	OC	19 28.4	+20 10	11.0	3.5	60*; small, faint but rich
104	6940	Vul	OC	20 32.5	+28 08	8.2	20	100*; Type e; rich cluster
105	6939	Cep	OC	20 30.4	+60 28	10.0	5	80*; very rich; 6946 in same field
106	6946	Cep	G-Sc	20 33.9	+59 58	9.7p	9.0 × 7.5	faint, diffuse, face-on spiral
107	7129	Cep	RN	21 42.0	+65 52	—	7 × 7	small faint RN; several stars inv.
108	40	Cep	PN	00 10.2	+72 15	10.5	60" × 38"	small circular glow; 11 <sup>m</sup> 5 central star
109	7209	Lac	OC	22 03.2	+46 15	7.6	20	50*; Type d; within Milky Way
110	7243	Lac	OC	22 13.2	+49 38	7.4	20	40*; Type d; within Milky Way
<i>Challenge Objects</i>								
1	246	Cet	PN	00 44.6	-12 09	8.5	240" × 210"	large and diffuse; deceptively difficult
2	1275	Per	G	03 16.4	+41 20	12.7	0.7 × 0.6	bright but starlike; exploding gal.; Perseus A
3	1432/35	Tau	RN	03 43.3	+23 42	—	30 × 30	Pleiades neb'l y; brightest around Merope
4	1499	Per	EN	04 00.1	+36 17	—	145 × 40	California Neb.; very large and faint
5	IC434/35/ B33/2023	Ori	E/R/DN	05 38.6	-02 26	—	60/3/10	complex of neb'l y S. of zeta Ori., B33 is famous dark Horsehead Neb.; difficult
6	IC431/32/ NGC 2024	Ori	E/RN	05 39.4	-01 52	—	4/6/30	complex of neb'l y N. of zeta Ori., NGC2024 is easy but masked by glow from zeta.
7	IC 443	Gem	SNR	06 13.9	+22 48	—	27 × 5	v. faint supernova remnant NE. of η Gem.
8	J 900	Gem	PN	06 23.0	+17 49	12.2	12" × 10"	bright but starlike; oval at high mag.
9	2237/46	Mon	EN	06 29.6	+04 40	—	60	Rosette Neb.; very large; incl. NGC2244
10	2419	Lyn	GC	07 34.8	+39 00	11.5	1.7	most distant known Milky Way GC (2 × 10 <sup>5</sup> l.y.)
11	5897	Lib	GC	15 14.5	-20 50	10.9	7.3	large, but faint and loose globular cl.
12	B 72	Oph	DN	17 21.0	-23 35	—	30	Barnard's dark S-Nebula; RFT needed
13	6781	Aql	PN	19 16.0	+06 26	11.8	106"	pale version of M97; large, fairly bright
14	6791	Lyr	OC	19 19.0	+37 40	11	13	large, faint but very rich cl.; 100+*
15	M1-92	Cyg	RN	19 34.3	+29 27	11	0.2 × 0.1	Footprint Neb.; bright but starlike; double
16	6822	Sgr	G-irr	19 42.1	-14 53	11.0	16.2 × 11.2	Barnard's Gal.; member Local Grp.; faint
17	6888	Cyg	SNR?	20 10.7	+38 16	—	18 × 12	Crescent Neb.; small faint arc near γ Cyg.
18	IC 5146	Cyg	RN	21 51.3	+47 02	—	12 × 12	Cocoon Neb.; faint; at end of long dark neb.
19	7317-20	Peg	G's	22 33.7	+33 42	14-15	—	Stephan's Quintet; ½ <sup>SSW</sup> of NGC 7331
20	7635	Cas	EN	23 18.5	+60 54	—	4 × 3	Bubble Neb.; v. faint; ½ <sup>SW</sup> of M52

# GALAXIES

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External galaxies are generally of such low surface brightness that they often prove disappointing objects for the amateur observer. However it must be remembered that many of these galaxies were discovered with very small telescopes and that the enjoyment of their discovery can be recaptured. In addition the central concentration of light varies from galaxy to galaxy making a visual classification of the types possible at the telescope. Indeed the type of galaxy as listed in the first table is in part based on the fraction of light coming from the central bulge of the galaxy as compared to the contribution from a disk component. Disk galaxies with dominant bulges are classified as Sa; as the nuclear contribution declines, types of Sb, Sc, and Sd are assigned until the nucleus is absent at type Sm. Often the disks of these galaxies show spiral symmetry, the coherence and strength of which is denoted by Roman numerals I through V, smaller numbers indicating well-formed global spiral patterns. Those spirals with central bars are designated SB while those with only a hint of a disk embedded in the bulge are called S0. A separate class of galaxies which possess no disk component are called ellipticals and can only be further classified numerically by their apparent flattening: E0 being apparently round, E7 being the most flattened.

Environment appears to play an important role in the determining of the types of galaxies we see at the present epoch. Rich clusters of galaxies such as the system in Coma are dominated by ellipticals and gas-free S0 galaxies. The less dense clusters and groups tend to be dominated by the spiral, disk galaxies. Remarkably, in pairs of galaxies the two types are much more frequently of the same Hubble type than random selection would predict. Encounters between disk galaxies may in some cases result in the instabilities necessary to form the spiral structure we often see. M51, the Whirlpool and its companion NGC 519S are an often-cited example of this type of interaction. In the past when the Universe was much more densely packed, interactions and collisions may have been sufficiently frequent that entire galaxies merged to form a single large new system; it has been suggested that some elliptical galaxies formed in this way.

The following table presents the 40 brightest galaxies taken from the Revised Shapley-Ames Catalog. As well as their designations, positions, and types, the table lists the total blue magnitudes, major and minor axis lengths (to the nearest minute of arc), one modern estimate of their distances in thousands of parsecs, and finally their radial velocities corrected for the motion of our Sun about the galactic centre.



THE 40 OPTICALLY BRIGHTEST SHAPLEY-AMES GALAXIES

NGC/IC (Other)	$\alpha/\delta$ (1983)	Type	$B_T$ ma $\times$ mi	Distance Corrected Radial Vel.
55	00 <sup>h</sup> 14 <sup>m</sup> 04 <sup>s</sup> -39°17.1'	Sc	8.22 mag 25 $\times$ 3 arc min	3 100 kpc +115 km/s
205 M110	00 39 27 +41 35.7	S0/E5pec	8.83 8 $\times$ 3	730 +49
221 M32	00 41 49 +40 46.3	E2	9.01 3 $\times$ 3	730 +86
224 M31	00 41 49 +41 10.5	Sb I-II	4.38 160 $\times$ 40	730 -10
247	00 46 19 -20 51.2	Sc III-IV	9.51 18 $\times$ 5	3 100 +604
253	00 46 46 -25 23.0	Sc	8.13 22 $\times$ 6	4 200 +504
SMC	00 52 10 -72 55.3	Im IV-V	2.79 216 $\times$ 216	60 +359
300	00 54.05 -37 46.7	Sc III	8.70 20 $\times$ 10	2 400 +625
598 M33	01 32 55 +30 34.0	Sc II-III	6.26 60 $\times$ 40	670 +506
628 M74	01 35 49 +15 41.6	Sc I	9.77 8 $\times$ 8	17 000 +507
1068 M77	02 41 49 -00 05.2	Sb II	9.55 3 $\times$ 2	25 000 +510
1291	03 16 42 -41 11.3	SBa	9.42 5 $\times$ 2	15 000 +512
1313	03 18 04 -66 33.6	SBc III-IV	9.37 5 $\times$ 3	5 200 +261
1316 Fornax A	03 22 03 -37 16.1	Sa (pec)	9.60 4 $\times$ 3	30 000 +1713
LMC	05 23 45 -69 46.3	SBm III	0.63 432 $\times$ 432	50 +34
2403	07 35 13 +65 38.2	Sc III	8.89 16 $\times$ 10	3 600 +299
2903	09 31 02 +21 34.4	Sc I-III	9.50 11 $\times$ 5	9 400 +472
3031 M81	09 54 11 +69 08.9	Sb I-II	7.86 16 $\times$ 10	3 600 +124
3034 M82	09 54 24 +69 45.5	Amor- phous	9.28 7 $\times$ 2	3 600 +409
3521	11 04 57 +00 03.5	Sb II-III	9.64 7 $\times$ 2	13 000 +627

NGC/IC (Other)	$\alpha/\delta$ (1983)	Type	$B_T$ ma $\times$ mi	Distance Corrected Radial Vel.
3627 M66	11 19 22 +13 05.0	Sb II	9.74 8 $\times$ 3	12 000 +593
4258 M106	12 18 07 +47 24.1	Sb II	8.95 20 $\times$ 6	10 000 +520
4449	12 27 24 +44 11.4	Sm IV	9.85 5 $\times$ 3	5 000 +250
4472 M49	12 28 55 +08 05.8	E1/S $\phi$	9.32 5 $\times$ 4	22 000 +822
4486 M87	12 29 58 +12 29.2	E $\phi$	9.62 3 $\times$ 3	22 000 +1136
4594 M104	12 39 07 -11 31.8	Sa/b	9.28 7 $\times$ 2	17 000 +873
4631	12 41 18 +32 38.0	Sc	9.84 12 $\times$ 1	12 000 +606
4649 M60	12 42 49 +11 38.7	S $\phi$	9.83 4 $\times$ 3	22 000 +1142
4736 M94	12 50 06 +41 12.9	Sab	8.92 5 $\times$ 4	6 900 +345
4826 M64	12 55 55 +21 46.5	Sab II	9.37 8 $\times$ 4	7 000 +350
4945	13 04 28 -49 22.5	Sc	9.60 12 $\times$ 2	7 000 +275
5055 M63	13 15 04 +42 07.4	Sbc II-III	9.33 8 $\times$ 3	11 000 +550
5128 Cen A	13 24 29 -42 35.7	S $\phi$ (pec)	7.89 10 $\times$ 3	6 900 +251
5194 M51	13 29 10 +47 17.2	Sbc I-II	8.57 12 $\times$ 6	11 000 +541
5236 M83	13 36 02 -29 46.8	SBc II	8.51 10 $\times$ 8	6 900 +275
5457 M101	14 02 39 +54 26.4	Sc I	8.18 22 $\times$ 22	7 600 +372
6744	19 08 09 -63 53.0	Sbc II	9.24 9 $\times$ 9	13 000 +663
6822	19 43 59 -14 50.8	Im IV-V	9.35 20 $\times$ 10	680 +15
6946	20 34 30 +60 05.9	Sc II	9.68 13 $\times$ 9	6 700 +336
7793	23 56 57 -32 41.1	Sd IV	9.65 6 $\times$ 4	4 200 +241

The following table contains the positions and catalogue designations of all those galaxies known to have proper names which usually honour the discoverer (Object McLeish), identify the constellation in which the galaxy is found (Fornax A) or describe the galaxy in some easily remembered way (Whirlpool galaxy).

GALAXIES WITH PROPER NAMES

Name/Other	$\alpha/\delta$ (1950)	Name/Other	$\alpha/\delta$ (1950)
Andromeda Galaxy = M31 = NGC 224	00 <sup>h</sup> 40 <sup>m</sup> 00 <sup>s</sup> +41°00'	Holmberg III	09 <sup>h</sup> 09 <sup>m</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> +74°26'
Andromeda I	00 43.0 +37 44	Holmberg IV = DDO 185	13 52.8 +54 09
Andromeda II	01 13.5 +33 09	Holmberg V	13 38.8 +54 35
Andromeda III	00 32.6 +36 14	Holmberg VI = NGC 1325 A	03 22.6 -21 31
Andromeda IV	00 39.8 +40 18	Holmberg VII = DDO 137	12 33.2 +06 35
Antennae = NGC 4038/39	11 59.3 -18 35	Holmberg VIII = DDO 166	13 11.0 +36 29
Barnard's Galaxy = NGC 6822	19 42.1 -14 53	Holmberg IX = DDO 66	09 53.5 +69 17
BL Lac	22 01.9 +42 11	Hydra A	09 15.7 -11 53
Capricorn Dwarf = Pal 13	21 44.0 -21 29	Keenan's System = NGC 5216/18 = Arp 104	13 31.1 +62 52
Caraffe Galaxy	04 26.6 -48 01	Large Magellanic Cloud	05 24.0 -69 48
Carina Dwarf	06 45.1 -51 00	Leo I = Harrington-Wilson #1 = Regulus Dwarf = DDO 74	10 05.8 +12 33
Cartwheel Galaxy	00 35.0 -34 01	Leo II = Harrington-Wilson #2 = Leo B = DDO 93	11 10.8 +22 26
Centaurus A = NGC 5128 = Arp 153	13 22.5 -42 46	Leo A = Leo III = DDO 69	09 56.5 +30 59
Circinus Galaxy	14 09.3 -65 06	Lindsay-Shapley Ring	06 44.4 -74 11
Copeland Septet = NGC 3745/54 = Arp 370	11 35.1 +22 18	McLeish's Object	20 05.0 -66 22
Cygnus A	19 57.7 +40 36	Maffei I	02 32.6 +59 26
Draco Dwarf = DDO 208	17 19.2 +57 58	Maffei II	02 38.1 +59 23
Fath 703	15 11.0 -15 17	Mayall's Object = Arp 148 = VV32	11 01.1 +41 07
Fornax A = NGC 1316	03 20.8 -37 23	Mice = NGC 4676 = Arp 242	12 44.7 +30 54
Fornax Dwarf	02 37.8 -34 44	Pegasus Dwarf = DDO 216	23 26.0 +14 28
Fourcade-Figueroa Object	13 32.4 -33 38	Perseus A = NGC 1275	03 16.5 +41 20
GR8 (Gibson Reaves) = DDO 155	12 56.2 +14 29	Pinwheel Galaxy = M101 = NGC 5457	14 01.5 +54 36
Hardcastle Nebula	13 10.2 -32 26	Regulus Dwarf = Leo I = DDO 74	10 05.8 +12 33
Hercules A	16 48.7 +05 06	Reticulum Dwarf	04 35.4 -58 56
Holmberg I = DDO 63	09 36.0 +71 25	Reinmuth 80 = NGC 4517 A	00 57.6 -33 58
Holmberg II = DDO 50 = Arp 268	08 13.7 +70 52	Seashell Galaxy	13 44.5 -30 10

Name/Other	$\alpha/\delta$ (1950)	Name/Other	$\alpha/\delta$ (1950)
Serpens Dwarf	15 <sup>h</sup> 13 <sup>m</sup> 5 +00°03'	Triangulum Galaxy = M33 = NGC 598	01 <sup>h</sup> 31 <sup>m</sup> 0 +30°24'
Seyfert's Sextet = NGC 6027 A-D	15 57.0 +20 54	Ursa Minor Dwarf = DDO 199	15 08.2 +67 23
Sextans A = DDO 75	10 08.6 -04 28	Virgo A = M87 = NGC 4486 = Arp 152	12 28.3 +12 40
Sextans B = DDO 70	09 57.4 +05 34	Whirlpool Galaxy = M51 = NGC 5194	13 27.8 +47 27
Sextans C	10 03.0 +00 19	Wild's Triplet = Arp 248	11 44.2 -03 33
Small Magellanic Cloud	00 51.0 -73 06	Wolf-Lundmark-Melotte = DDO 221	23 59.4 -15 44
Sombrero Galaxy = M104 = NGC 4594	12 37.6 -11 21	Zwicky No. 2 = DDO 105	11 55.9 +38 21
Spindle Galaxy = NGC 3115	10 02.8 -07 28	Zwicky's Triplet = Arp 103	16 48.0 +45 33
Stephans Quintet = NGC 7317-20 = Arp 319	22 33.7 +33 42		

The nearest galaxies listed below form what is known as our Local Group of Galaxies. Many of the distances are still quite uncertain.

#### THE NEAR-BY GALAXIES: OUR LOCAL GROUP

Name	$\alpha$ (1983.0)	$\delta$	$B_T$	Type	Distance (kpc)
M31 = NGC 224 Galaxy	00 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 8	+41°11'	4.38	Sb I-II	730
M33 = NGC 598	01 32.9	+30 34	6.26	Sb/c	—
LMC	05 23.8	-69 46	0.63	Sc II-III	670
SMC	00 52.2	-72 55	2.79	SBm III	50
NGC 6822	19 44.0	-14 51	9.35	Im IV-V	60
IC 1613	19 44.0	-14 51	9.35	Im IV-V	520
M110 = NGC 205	01 03.9	+02 02	10.00	Im V	740
M32 = NGC 221	00 39.5	+41 36	8.83	S0/E5 pec	730
NGC 185	00 41.8	+40 46	9.01	E2	730
NGC 147	00 38.0	+48 15	10.13	dE3 pec	730
Fornax	00 32.3	+48 25	10.36	dE5	730
Sculptor	02 39.2	-34 36	9.1	dE	130
Leo I	00 59.0	-33 47	10.5	dE	85
Leo II	10 07.6	+12 24	11.27	dE	230
Draco	11 12.6	+22 15	12.85	dE	230
Ursa Minor	17 19.8	+57 56	—	dE	80
Carina	15 08.6	+67 16	—	dE	75
And I	06 47.2	-50 59	—	dE	170
And II	00 44.6	+37 57	13.5	dE	730
And III	01 15.5	+33 21	13.5	dE	730
LGS 3	00 34.5	+36 25	13.5	dE	730
	01 02.9	+21 48	—	?	730

# RADIO SOURCES

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This list gives examples of the various classes of radio sources to be found among the several thousand objects that have been catalogued. In addition, sources lying within the reach of small (amateur-built) radio telescopes are included. Where possible, the flux densities (S) at the frequencies 100, 500, and 1000 MHz are given. The flux unit equals  $10^{-26} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$ .

For information on radio astronomy, see *Radio Astronomy*, by J. D. Kraus, (McGraw Hill, 1966). Radio maps of the sky can be found in *Sky and Telescope*, 63, 230 (1982). Amateur radio astronomy is discussed in *Astronomy*, 5, no. 12, 50 (1977), in a series of articles in *J. Roy. Ast. Soc. Canada*, 72, L5, L22, L38, ... (1978), and in *Sky and Telescope*, 55, 385 and 475, and 56, 28 and 114 (1978).

Source	$\alpha(2000)\delta$	S (at 100, 500, 1000 MHz) Remarks
3C10	00 <sup>h</sup> 25 <sup>m</sup> 3 +64°08'	180, 85, 56 Remnant of Tycho's Supernova of 1572
W3	02 25.4 +62 06	—, 80, 150 IC1795; Multiple HII region; OH source
Algol	03 07.9 +40 56	* Eclipsing binary star
3C84	03 19.8 +41 32	70, 25, 17 NGC 1275; Seyfert galaxy; $m = 12.7, z = 0.018$
Fornax-A	03 20.4 -37 22	900, 160, 110 NGC 1316; Galaxy; $m = 10.1, z = 0.006$
Pictor-A	05 19.9 -45 47	440, 140, 100 Galaxy; $m = 15.8, z = 0.034$
V371 Orionis	05 33.7 +01 55	* Red dwarf, flare star
Taurus-A	05 34.5 +22 01	1450, 1250, 1000 Crab Nebula; Remnant of 1054 Supernova
NP0532	05 34.4 +22 01	15, 0.5, 1 Crab Pulsar; Period = 0.0331 s
Orion-A	05 35.3 -05 25	90, 200, 360 Orion Neb.; HII region; OH, IR source
3C157	06 17.6 +22 42	360, 195, 180 IC443; Supernova remnant
VY CMa	07 23.1 -20 44	* Optical var.; IR, OH, H <sub>2</sub> O source
Puppis-A	08 20.3 -42 48	650, 300, 100
Hydra-A	09 18.1 -12 05	390, 110, 65 Galaxy; $m = 14.8, z = 0.052$
3C273	12 29.1 +02 03	150, 57, 49 Strongest quasar; $m = 13.0, z = 0.158$

\*Important but weak or sporadic radio source. Mean flux density  $\approx 1$  flux unit.

Source	$\alpha(2000)\delta$	S (at 100, 500, 1000 MHz) Remarks
Virgo-A	12 <sup>h</sup> 30 <sup>m</sup> 8 +12°23'	1950, 450, 300 M 87; Elliptical galaxy with jet
Centaurus-A	13 25.4 -43 02	8500, 2500, 1400 NGC 5128; Galaxy; m = 7.5, z = 0.002
3C295	14 11.4 +52 12	95, 60, 28 Galaxy; m = 20.5, z = 0.461
OQ172	14 45.3 +09 59	10, 4, 2 Quasar; m = 18.4, z = 3.53
Scorpius X1	16 19.9 -15 38	* X-ray, radio, and optical variable
Hercules-A	16 51.2 +05 01	800, 120, 65 Galaxy; m = 18.5, z = 0.154
Gal. Cen. Region	17 42.0 -28 50	4400, 2900, 1800 Strong, diffuse emission
Sagittarius-A	17 42.5 -28 55	100, 250, 200 Associated with Galactic Centre
Sagittarius-B2	17 47.3 -28 24	—, 10, 70 Contains many molecules
SS433	19 11.9 +04 58	* Compact object with high velocity jets
CP1919	19 21.6 +21 52	0.08, 0.03, 0.005(?) First pulsar discovered; P = 1.3375 s
PSR 1937 + 21	19 39.6 +21 35	5, 0.2(?), 0.04(?) millisecond pulsar; P = 0.001558 s
Cygnus-A	19 59.5 +40 44	15 500, 4000, 2100 Strong radio galaxy
Cygnus-X	20 22.6 +40 23	400, 150, 30 Complex region
BL-Lacertae	22 02.7 +42 17	—, 5, 4 Radio galaxy; m = 14.0, z = 0.07
Cassiopeia-A	23 23.4 +58 49	25 000, 4500, 2800 Supernova remnant
Jupiter		Bursts at metre wavelengths
Moon		Thermal source (~220K)
Sun		20 000, 300 000, 900 000 Also intense bursts and strong, varying emissions.

\*Important but weak or sporadic radio source. Mean flux density  $\leq 1$  flux unit.



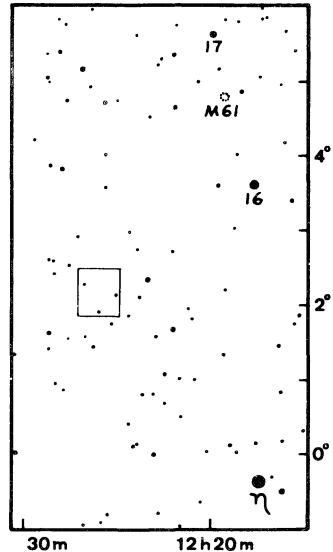
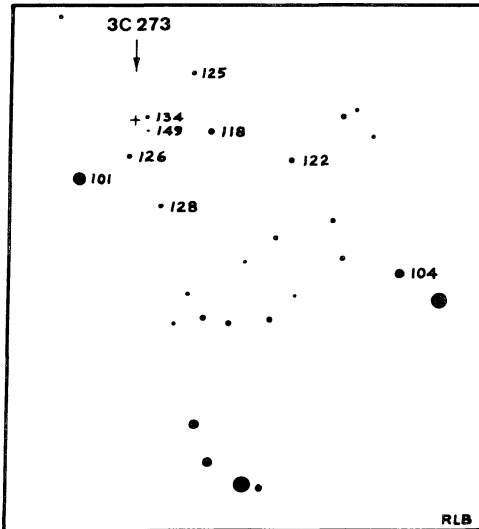


## VARIABLE GALAXIES

Some peculiar galaxies (Seyfert galaxies, BL Lacertae objects, and quasars) have bright, star-like nuclei which vary in brightness by up to several magnitudes on a time scale of months to years. These variations can be studied by amateurs and students, especially using photographic techniques. The following table lists the brightest variable galaxies. For more information, see *Sky and Telescope* 55, 372 (1978), which gives finder charts and comparison stars for the four brightest Seyfert galaxies (indicated with asterisks in the table).

Charts for finding the brightest quasar, 3C 273, are at the bottom of the page. Start with the right-hand chart which shows a "binocular size" field of view down to nearly 10th magnitude. The stars  $\eta$  Vir (Mag 3.9), 16 Vir (mag 5.0), and 17 Vir (mag 6.5) are labelled ( $\eta$  Vir is the star immediately east of the autumnal equinox on the MARCH or MAY star chart in the back of this Handbook). The two "bright" stars about  $0.5^\circ$  west of the small rectangle are of 7.6 magnitude (the small rectangle shows the area covered by the left-hand chart). On the left-hand chart, nine stars have their visual magnitudes indicated (on their west sides) to the nearest tenth of a magnitude, with the decimal point omitted. The position of 3C 273 is indicated by a small cross. With a red shift  $z = 0.158$ , 3C 273 is receding from us at 47 000 km/s, and is probably 2 or 3 billion light years from Earth, making it, by far, the intrinsically-brightest (output  $\approx 10^{39}$  W), most-distant object that can be seen in a small telescope. (RLB)

Name	Type	R.A. 1950 Dec.		Mag.	
		h	m		
NGC 1275*	Seyfert?	3	16.5	+41 20	11-13
3C 120	Seyfert	4	30.5	+05 15	14-16
OJ 287	BL Lac	8	52.0	+20 18	12-16
NGC 4151*	Seyfert	12	08.0	+39 41	10-12
3C 273	Quasar	12	26.6	+02 20	12-13
3C 345	Quasar	16	41.3	+39 54	14-17
Mkn. 509*	Seyfert	20	41.5	-10 54	12-13
BL Lac	BL Lac	22	00.7	+42 02	14-17
NGC 7469*	Seyfert	23	00.7	+08 36	12-13



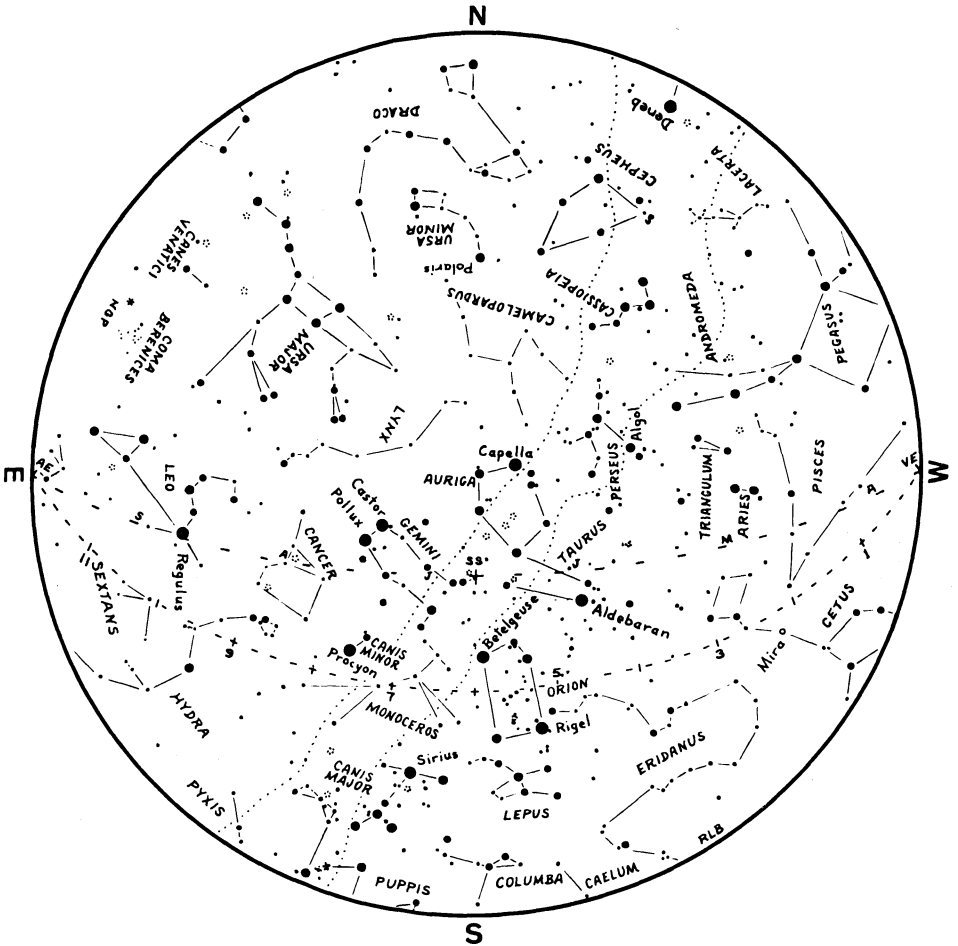
## MAPS OF THE NIGHT SKY

The maps on the next seven pages cover the entire sky. Stars are shown down to a magnitude of 4.5 or 5, i.e. those which are readily apparent to the unaided eye on a reasonably dark night.

*The first six maps* are drawn for 45° N latitude, but are useful for latitudes several degrees north or south of this. They show the hemisphere of sky visible to an observer at various times of year. Because the aspect of the night sky changes continuously with both longitude and time, while time zones change discontinuously with both longitude and time of year, it is not possible to state simply when, in general, a particular observer will find that his or her sky fits exactly one of the six maps. The month indicated below each map is the time of year when the map will match the "late evening" sky. On any particular night, successive maps will represent the sky as it appears every four hours later. For example, at 2 or 3 am on a March night, the May map should be used. Just after dinner on a January night, the November map will be appropriate. The center of each map is the zenith, the point directly overhead; the circumference is the horizon. To identify the stars, hold the map in front of you so that the part of the horizon which you are facing (west, for instance) is downward. (The four letters around the periphery of each map indicate compass directions.)

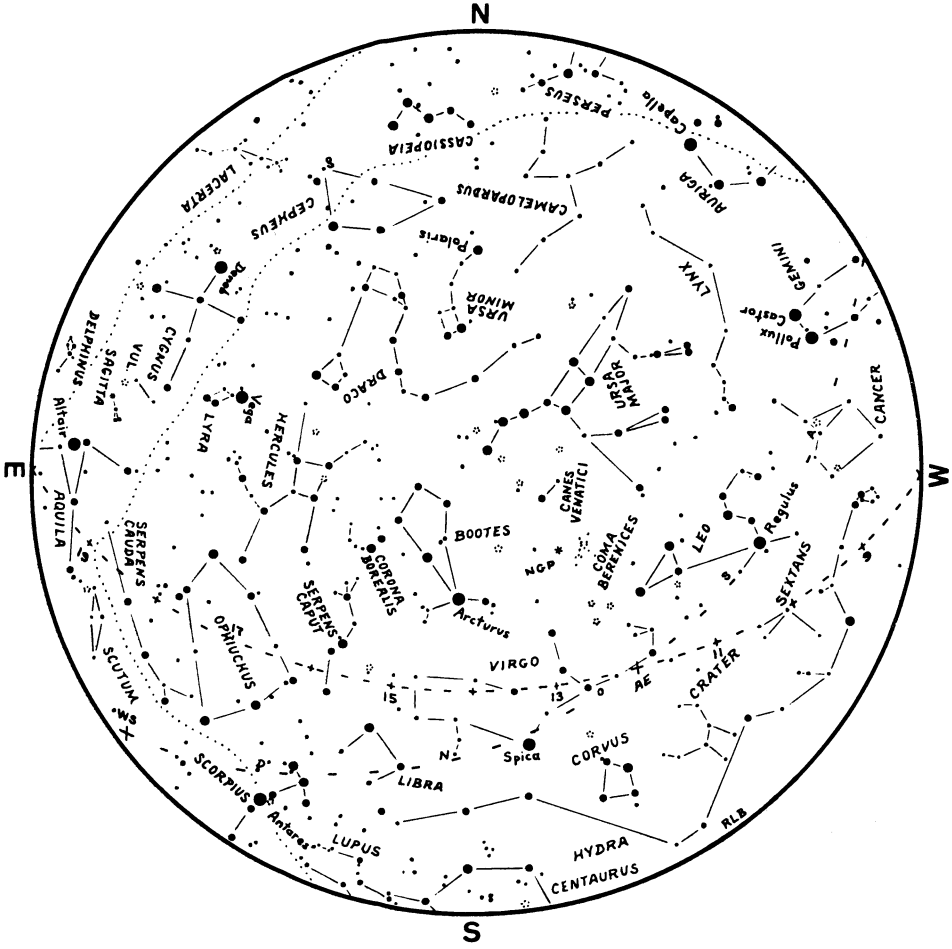
*The southern sky map* is centred on the south celestial pole, and extends to 20° S declination at its periphery. There is thus considerable overlap with the southern areas of the other maps. Note that the orientation of the various names is generally inverted compared to that on the first six maps. This was done in recognition that most users of this Handbook will be residents of the Northern Hemisphere, and will make use of the southern sky map when they go on infrequent trips to the tropics. Thus in "normal" use this map will be read in an area above its centre, unlike the first six maps which are normally read below their centres. The months indicated around the edge of the map may be used to orient it to each of the preceding six maps, and have the same "late evening" significance as explained above. Tick marks around the edge of the map indicate hours of right ascension, with hours 0, 3, 6, etc. labelled. Starting at the centre of the map, the series of small crosses along 0 h right ascension indicates southern declinations 90°, 80°, 70°, ... , 20°. With the aid of a drawing compass, an observer in the Northern Hemisphere can quickly locate a circle, centred on the south celestial pole, which represents the southern limit of his or her sky.

On all seven maps, stars forming the usual constellation patterns are linked by straight lines, constellation names being given in upper case letters. Three constellations (Horologium, Mensa, and Microscopium) consist of faint stars; hence no patterns are indicated and the names are placed in parentheses. The names in lower case are those of first magnitude stars, except Algol and Mira which are famous variable stars, and Polaris which is near the north celestial pole. Small clusters of dots indicate the positions of bright star clusters, nebulae, or galaxies. Although a few of these are just visible to the naked eye, and most can be located in binoculars, a telescope is needed for good views of these objects. The pair of wavy, dotted lines indicates roughly the borders of the Milky Way. Small asterisks locate the directions of the galactic centre (GC), the north galactic pole (NGP), and the south galactic pole (SGP). LMC, SMC, and CS signify, respectively, the Large Magellanic Cloud, the Small Magellanic Cloud, and the Coal Sack. Two dashed lines appear on each of the first six maps. The one with more dashes is the celestial equator. Tick marks along this indicate hours of right ascension, the odd hours being labelled. The line with fewer dashes is the ecliptic, the apparent annual path of the Sun across the heavens. Letters along this line indicate the approximate position of the Sun at the beginning of each month. Also located along the ecliptic are the vernal equinox (VE), summer solstice (SS), autumnal equinox (AE), and winter solstice (WS). The Moon and the other eight planets are found near the ecliptic, but since their motions are not related in a simple way to our year, it is not feasible to show them on a general set of star maps. (RLB)



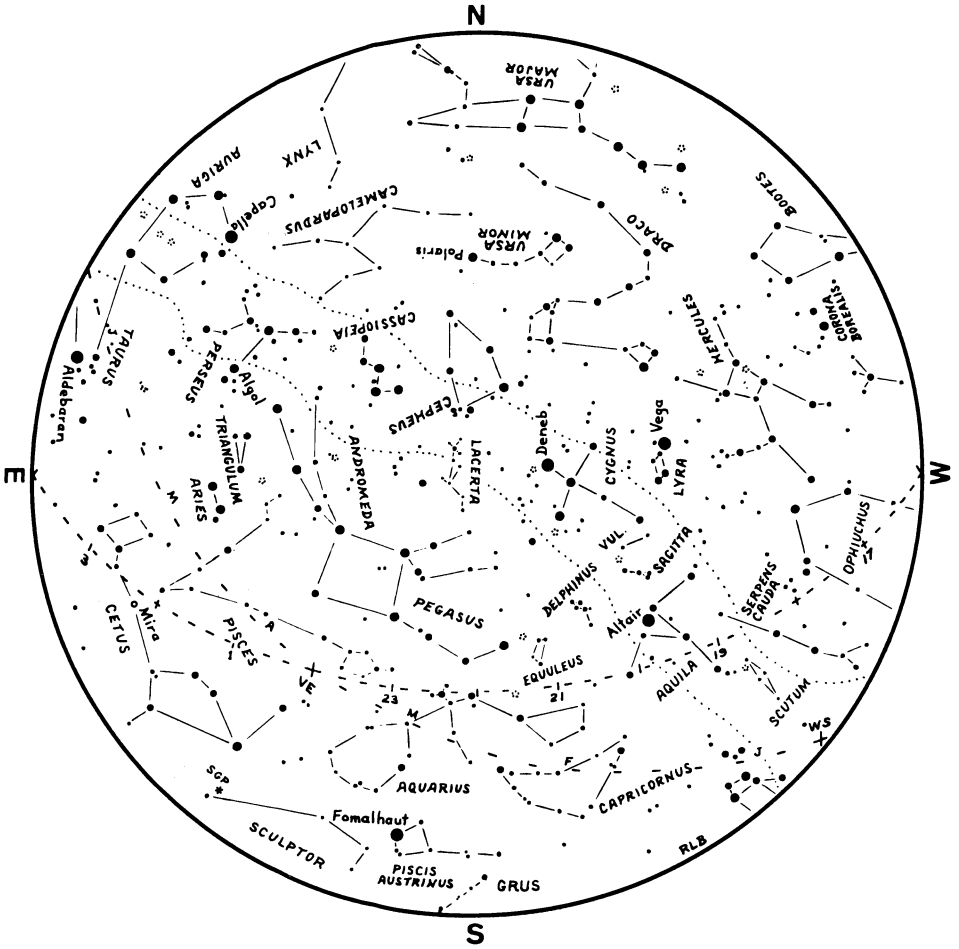
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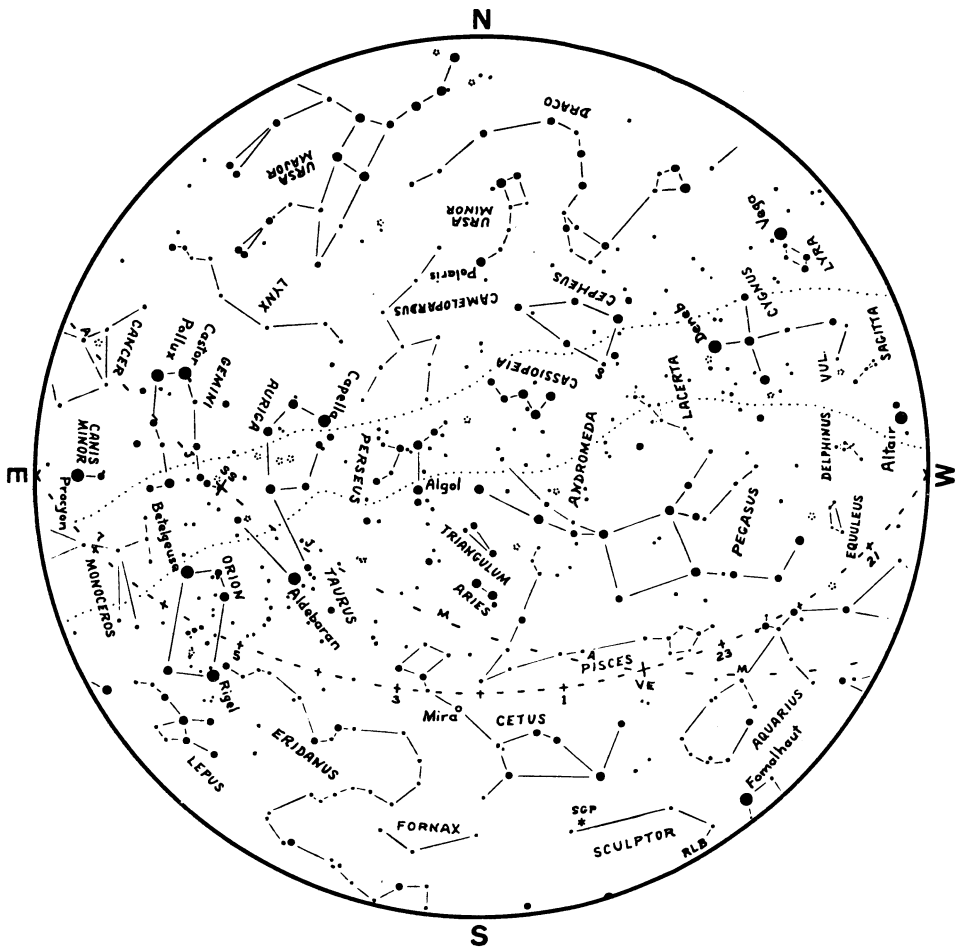


# MAY





# SEPTEMBER



# NOVEMBER





## KEY TO LEFT-HAND MARGIN SYMBOLS

- D** BASIC DATA  
**t** TIME  
**M** THE SKY MONTH BY MONTH  
☉ SUN  
☾ MOON  
**P** PLANETS, SATELLITES, AND ASTEROIDS  
☄ METEORS, COMETS, AND DUST  
★ STARS  
☁ NEBULAE

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# CALENDAR

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