Amazing Space! July - September 2013

Getting started in astronomy is as easy as looking up. This newsletter shows you how to find the planets Venus and Saturn plus the Moon and constellations without a telescope.

Tuesday 13 August 2013



Satur

Left: The crescent Moon and the planet Saturn will be close to each other on Tuesday 13 August 2013.

To spot them in the early evening sky, look above the Western horizon around 7 pm AEST. Keep in mind that without a telescope, Saturn looks just like a star.

Monday 9 September 2013

Saturn

Moon

Venus



Left: The crescent Moon, the planets Venus and Saturn and the star Spica will be close to each other on Monday 9 September 2013. Look around 8 pm AEST low above the Western horizon.

If you have even a small telescope, take it out and point it at Saturn. You will be able to see the rings orbiting Saturn with even a small telescope.



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Crux 'The Southern Cross' and 'The Pointers'

Look high above the South Western horizon at the end of evening

twilight.

Constellations



Constellations are imaginary pictures in the sky. Can you imagine a giant Scorpion or a Cross in the night sky?

Scorpius 'The Scorpion'



Look high above the South Eastern horizon at 8pm in mid-July and 7pm in mid - August.



Full Moon disc: NASA.gov
Southern Cross and Scorpius: Stellarium (Stellarium.org)

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Find the Moon

July - September 2013



Crescent Moon
July 13
August 11
September 10





Gibbous Moon
July 18
August 16
September 15



Full Moon
July 23
August 21
September 19

West

North

East