

## Our Night Sky for November 26th

For an avid sky viewer, the colder weather is but an opportunity, not a barrier. With the sun setting before four pm, there are approximately 14 hours of darkness every day with many additional hours of a variety of sky viewing opportunities. A unique situation in these early winter months with the sun setting early in the evening is that the summer constellations are still in the sky making their way to setting mid evening.

Stars of the summer triangle which we spotted during the brief darkness during the summer months are above the horizon half the night along with beautiful winter stars and constellations. For example, start by looking up a few degrees from Orion's bow. This is the bright red orange star Aldebaran. You are now in the constellation Taurus and just a little to the right you should see a tight grouping known as the Pleiades or the seven sisters, a jewel box of brilliant ice blue stars.

The obvious drawback of winter skies is the need for warm winter clothing, but the winter skies are really the much better option if you're trying to learn your way around our night sky.