

## Our Night Sky for March 11th, 2024

Last week I mentioned the Prince George Clear Sky Chart, an excellent resource to help you find your way around the night sky. But that is just one of many helpful links to help you. Easy access to high-speed internet has completely changed our ability to enjoy the night sky. From personal experience it was much harder to find anything in the sky. Even today with all the helpful tools and technology to show you where to look sometimes objects are so faint you are still not positive you have found the faint object you are looking for. Well, 50 years ago, about the only resource you had was a book of sky charts. Finding the correct seasonal chart, orienting your view of the sky, judging gaps between sky objects and the printed map you can barely see in the dim light, well let's say it was tricky and you didn't often succeed. Now you can point your phone at the sky and it will tell you which way to pan to find what you are trying to see. Small telescopes can find exactly where they are and then point themselves at your intended target. But without buying pricey equipment, there are dozens and dozens of useful locations on the internet, lots of helpful software and live reference charts and maps. I will start a page of links located on our website called Helpful Links to Our Night Sky.