

Our Night Sky for June 2nd, 2025

Currently the only planet easily seen is Mars and even that is somewhat washed out. Not until the end of Nautical twilight at about midnight is the sky dark enough to spot the object, I'm going to point you at in a moment. If you have spotted Mars about 15 degrees above due west this is an opportunity that is diminishing during the days ahead as it sets a little earlier and even more washed out by the sun. So, with very limited views of any of the planets right now let's turn our attention to the eastern horizon.

As well as the sun washing out our skies there is another thing that makes enjoying the night skies a bit more difficult in the weeks ahead and that's mosquitoes. Unless it gets very chilly this is some of the best time to enjoy night viewing.

Let's find the summer triangle. Look up from due east about 2/3 of the way to the zenith at 90 deg. So, at about 60 deg very easy to spot is the bright star Vega and hanging just under Vega is a lop-sided square, the constellation Lyra. Just below and left is the constellation Cygnus the swan with its wings spread up and down and at its head is another bright star Deneb the second star of the summer triangle. And the third member of the triangle is the bright star down and to the right, at the head of another bird shaped constellation Aquila the eagle, similar to and easy to mistake for Cygnus the swan.

Some easy constellations in Our Night Sky.