Our Night Sky for July 14, 2025

Much the same as a few months ago, most of the planets are on the other side of the sun and we have little opportunity to find them in our night skies. But that will start to change in about a month and a half as we advance along our orbit and we will see a few of the planets in our early morning skies and by October they will all again be easy to find during slightly cooler evenings.

For now, I will offer you another easy to find constellation. If you look west and about a third of the way to overhead you will see the bright star we found last week when locating the summer triangle, Arcturus.

Arcturus, one of the brightest stars in our sky is at the base of the large kite shaped constellation Boötes. Boötes is also just to the right of another constellation we have been keeping an eye on, the horn shaped Corona Borealis and watching for the eruption of the blaze star which should happen any day now.

The summer triangle is a helpful grouping to take a look at from time to time. As the summer skies rotate above us you might notice that with bright star Vega as a sign post almost overhead all summer, the other parts of the triangle rotate from looking down toward the southeast in early summer and later in the summer they have moved to almost above the western horizon. Sometimes stars and constellations following the ecliptic will have moved and you may have trouble finding them. Check familiar constellations frequently and enjoy Our Night Sky.