

## **Our Night Sky for August 4th, 2025**

**I have previously said that as summer progresses the planets will return to our night skies. It has begun but you would need to be up about 4 am to see Venus and Jupiter in the east just ahead of the morning sunrise. But if you have a good view of the eastern horizon, you could see one of my favourites, Saturn rising in the east and fairly well placed about 15 degrees above the southeast horizon by midnight. Of course, Saturn will be much more accessible as the weeks go by so if you can't catch it now, later this month and into September it will get much better. Mars makes a brief appearance close to the setting sun around 9:30 but pretty hard to spot with the setting sun nearby.**

**We have looked for a few constellations recently but you may find it hard to remember if you're just starting to learn the constellations. Best to learn three or four easy to find constellations until you can spot them without even trying to. This will help you see the seasonal changes as the constellation come and go from our skies, and to locate harder to find objects.**

**If you do a search on an online shopping site for astronomy books, there are a lot to choose from. First choice for me is the two books from Canadian astronomer Terence Dickinson; The Backyard Astronomers Guide to help learn about astronomy and a spiral bound copy of Nightwatch to help you learn about the sky. Add a pair of binoculars and a red flashlight and you are well on your way to learning Our Night Sky.**