

Our Night Sky for June 1 st,2026

By now you have probably spotted Jupiter low in the Northwest a few times during the last few weeks. Jupiter has been in Gemini for some time now and they set together. Tonight, if you are outside just as it is getting a bit darker Jupiter is joined by Venus also in Gemini. If you get just the right timing you may even spot Mercury just above the Northwest horizon. Even Just Gemini with Jupiter and Venus will be a special catch so adding Mercury would top it off nicely. All the rest of the outer planets are already below the horizon, even the moon has set already. Several weeks ago, I pointed you to the constellations gaining prominence in the east and taking over the summer skies. You should have no trouble finding Cassiopeia, the W in the northeast. And just above and a bit right is the well named swan Cygnus. And one more familiar constellation above and right is Lyra with the brilliant star Vega. Let's add one easy constellation, just right and below Cygnus. Another large bird, wings spread following Cygnus, named Aquila, with the bright star Altar at its head which is also part of the summer triangle. The summer triangle is a grouping of three bright stars in the summer skies that will help you locate other tricky objects later this summer. I will point you toward one more constellation, but this is a bit more difficult to pick out of the cluttered skies overhead. Look right up to the zenith, maybe even past and venturing into the western skies and you will see a familiar constellation, the horn shaped Corona Borealis, a small constellation we located last fall, In Our Lovely Night Skies.