

Our Night Sky for June 8 th, 2026

More than once I've pointed you at the planets that are all close together at about sunset. But tonight and tomorrow night is the closest they will be during this planetary conjunction. Mercury is still just barely above the horizon but it is the latest that it will be still above the horizon, it is actually two hours behind the sun so good luck. Also similar to the last several weeks, Venus and Jupiter are nearby. You should be able to see both in the same binocular field. Definitely eye catching someone is bound to say look at all those bright stars, I wonder what they are. But you will know, only two are stars Castor and Pollux in Gemini and with them two planets Jupiter and Venus. Lets add a couple of easy constellations as well. Almost overhead by this time of night you will spot the big and little dipper. Remember that the two stars at the end of the cup point to the last star at the end of the little dippers handle which is also called the North star. This is the star that is at the center of all the stars rotating around our skies. Let's go back to the Big Dipper again and take a close look at the star at the center of the handle. It might take a moment, but you should be able to see that it is actually a double star. and in reality, there are six stars, Mizar has two sets of two stars, Alcor is one double star for a total of six stars, an impressive sight in Our Night Sky.