

Our Night Sky for June 29 th, 2026

While we are still enjoying the pleasant summer temperatures, finding events of interest in our skies is a bit of a task. One item tonight is when the full moon rises at 10:30 it will be called The Strawberry moon. The explanation I found was that it is called strawberry moon because the end of June is when wild strawberries ripen. The Strawberry moon is also the micro full moon because this moon is at its furthest point from the earth and therefore slightly smaller in our sky. The moons orbit is not a perfect circle. Earlier this month I told you about the super new moon, with the moon at it's closest to the earth about 50,000 kilometres closer then tonight. The moon rises at about 11:30 at almost due south.

Lets see if we can locate the stars of the summer triangle. The easiest to spot is probably the kite shaped Lyra almost overhead with the bright star Vega seeming to tether the kite. The next star is part of the swan Cygnus, that we have located before left and down from Lyra. At it's head is the bright star Deneb the second star of the summer triangle. We move down and to your right to find the other familiar bird shaped constellation Aquilla with the very bright star Altair at it's head, Altair is sometimes compared to a bright flashing traffic light, and easy to spot. Soon the summer triangle will be directly overhead and will be a guide to finding other sky objects. For example , midway between the bright stars we have just located is an easy to find object, the Dumbbell Nebula for you to enjoy in our night sky