

Our Night Sky for September 7 th. 2026

You may have noticed for several months there were not many planets in our sky at night. As the earth speeds around the sun. the outer planets are left behind and our sky changes rapidly from month to month.

For the next couple of months, I suggest you check Saturn in our south east sky. Compared to earths one year trip around the sun, Saturn takes almost 29 and a half years for once around the sun. So Saturn will only slowly leave our evening skies and next year it will be at a very similar position in our sky. Neptune takes just under one hundred and sixty five years for once around the sun. The planets closer to the sun are considerably quicker, Venus is no longer the bright evening star about two hours behind the sun. As Venus moves around to leading the sun across our sky it will soon be a morning star. Let's stay with Saturn for now because next month it reaches opposition. The earth is as close as it gets to Saturn. Saturn will still be in nearly the same part of the sky and if you have been keeping an eye on it you may notice it is a bit larger and a bit brighter.

Saturn was the first object I saw through a really large telescope. About fifty years ago my new wife and I visited the observatory near Victoria. It was an open house night, and they were letting us look through this giant telescope with an eyepiece, and there was beautiful Saturn, I was hooked, for life, to my wife of course and to Our Night Sky