

# Watch the Lyrids meteor shower this month

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On Tuesday, April 14 to Thursday, April 16 look southeast after 4:30 a.m. and you'll see the moon, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars as the sun rises.

The Lyrids meteor shower, also known as April shooting stars, are produced by dust particles left behind by a comet and will peak before dawn the morning of Wednesday, April 22. Look east into the constellation of Lyra near Vega and you should be able to catch 10-20 meteors per hour on average with rare surges of up to 100 per hour, but the waning gibbous moon washes much of

it out. Visit [www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/lyrids.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/lyrids.html) for more information.

On Monday, April 27, look west before dusk as Venus shines at its brightest.

On Thursday, April 30 after dusk, look southwest as a waxing crescent moon is in the Beehive star cluster before setting in the northwest around 3:30 a.m.

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