

CATCH THE LYRIDS METEOR SHOWER THIS MONTH



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Look southeast on Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 a.m., and 6 a.m. on April 7, as the moon and Saturn rise into the morning.

On Saturday, April 17 look west at 8 p.m. as the moon and Mars set into the night.

The Lyrids meteor shower, also known as April shooting stars, are produced by dust particles

left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher. The meteor shower will peak before dawn on Thursday, 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, after the moon sets at around 5:00 a.m. Visit timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/lyrids.html for more information.

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