

CHECK OUT THE PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER THIS MONTH



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Sky's the Limit

The annual Perseids meteor shower highlights this month's celestial events.

The meteor shower peaks on Thursday, Aug. 12 after dark, with an estimated rate of 60-100 meteors per hour on a moonless night. The best viewing starts at 11 p.m. in the northeast, in the constellation of Perseids. For details, check out the viewing guide at earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/everything-you-need-to-know-perseid-meteor-shower.

There are several other celestial events to watch this month.

On Tuesday, Aug. 10 after sunset, watch a crescent moon and Venus set into the night after 10 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 31 before sunset, if you have a good telescope, in the southeast you can see the rings of Saturn in the daylight, which is a treat!

August is an excellent month to view the Milky Way without freezing. The best time to see our home galaxy this month is after 11 p.m. until dawn.

Download this month's sky free chart at whatsouttonight.com/Resources/2021AugSkyWOT.pdf.

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