

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada



# Observer's Calendar



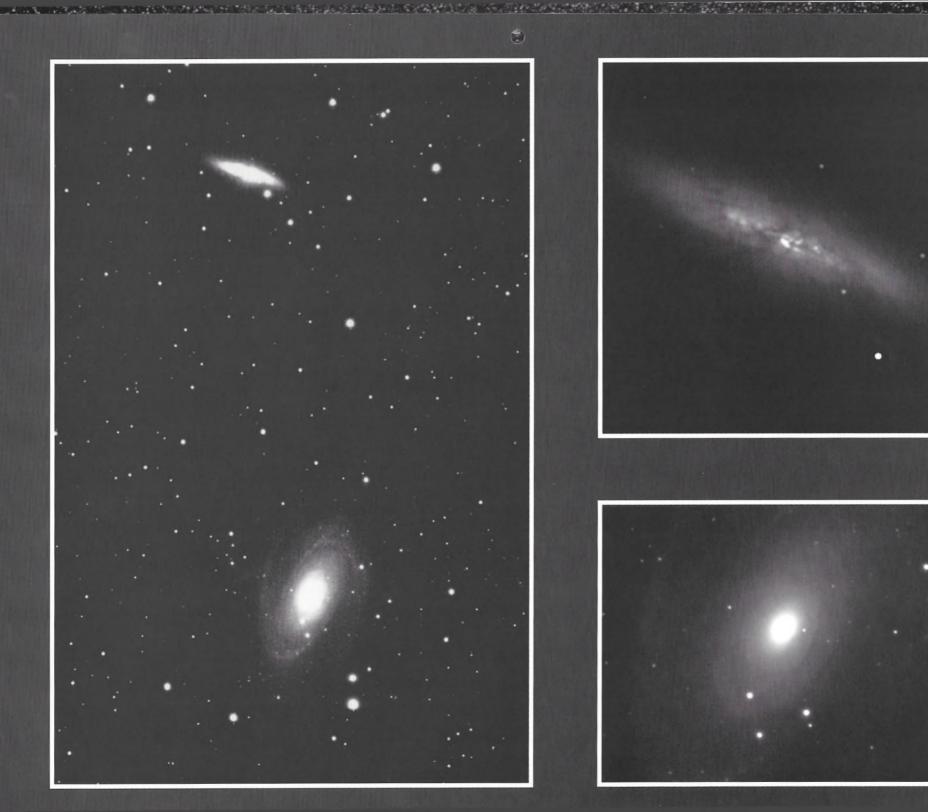
The Rosette and Cone Nebulas

An exposure with a Hydrogen-alpha filter on hypersensitized film shows extensive faint nebulosity. The field is about 10 degrees wide. J. C. Mirtle

### JANUARY

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#### FEBRUARY

M81 and M82

The CCD image at the bottom right shows the 1993 supernova in M81. This supernova is not visible in the older photograph on the left. Try to spot the missing star.

the missing star. Technical details on all photos may be found in the back of the calendar. Photo (left) by Rajiv Gupta, CCD images (right) by Paul Boltwood

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### MARCH

M106 and companions

The CCD inset of M106 shows its fine detail. Note also how the companions of M106 'point' toward it in the larger photograph. Photo by Rajiv Gupta, CCD image by Jack Newton

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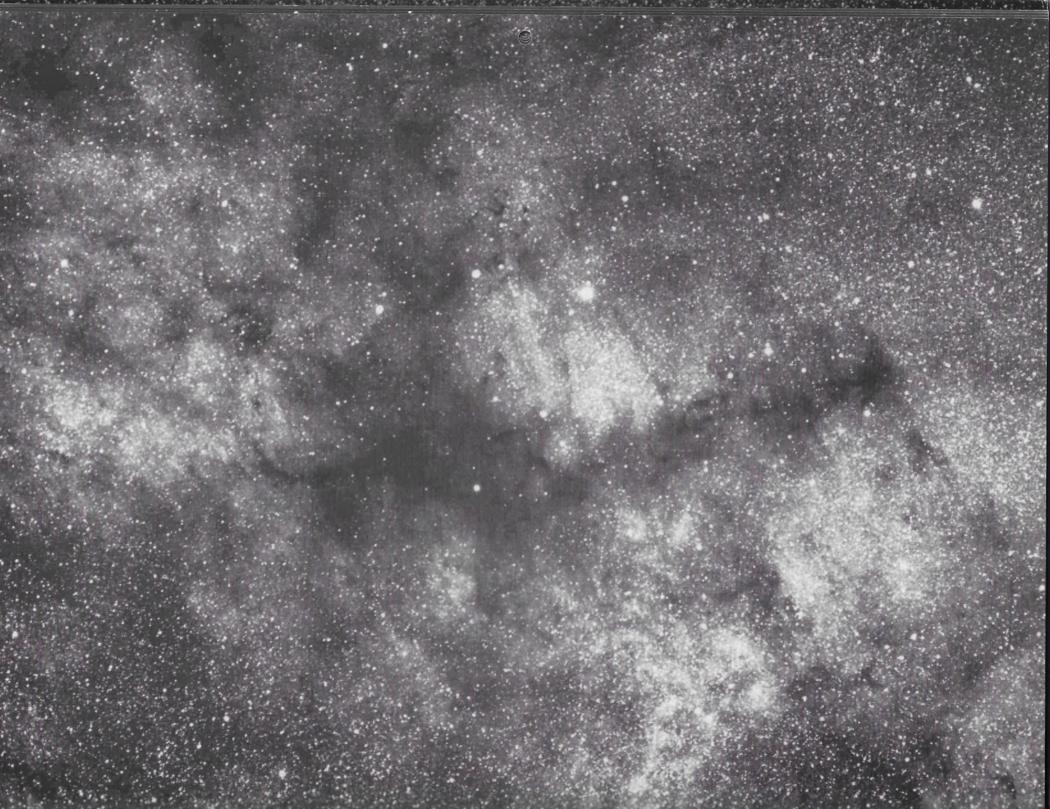


### APRIL

The Virgo Cluster

This photograph, taken on medium-format film, shows seven Messier galaxies (including M87 at the centre bottom) and dozens of fainter ones in over three degrees of sky. Rajiv Gupta

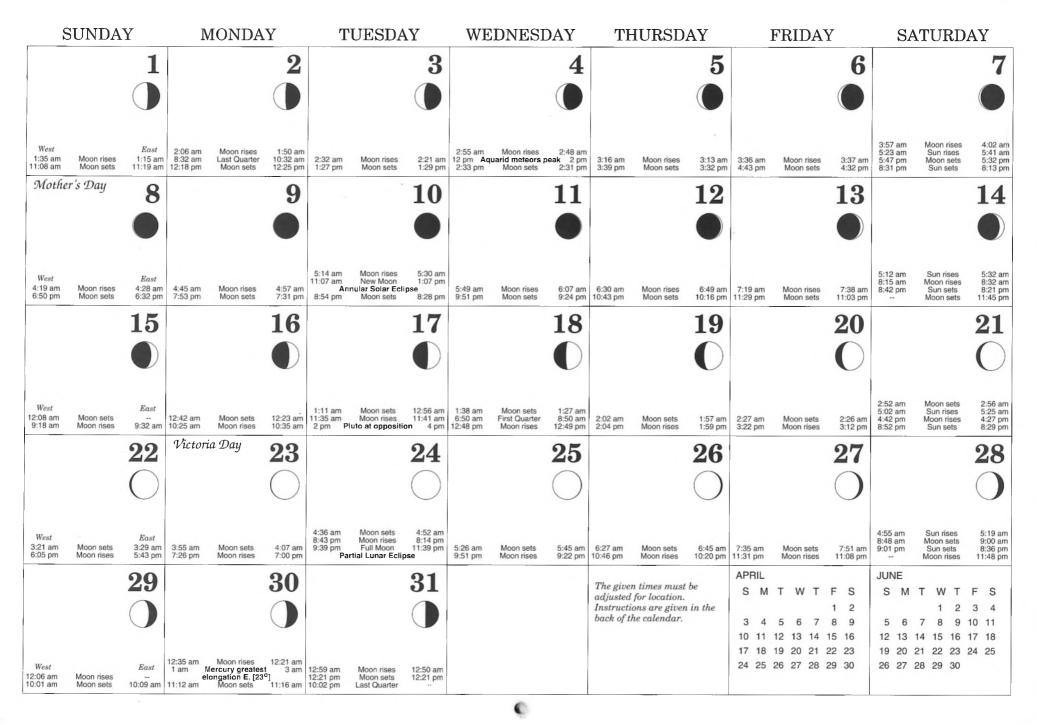
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MAY

The Pipe Nebula

Extensive dark nebulosity sitting in front of a rich star field in southern Ophiuchus is visible in this 'piggyback' exposure. J. C. Mirtle





#### JUNE

Jupiter

These three CCD images of Jupiter show sub-arc-second detail. All were processed using 'Hidden Image.' The dark spot in the image on the right is the shadow of the Jovian satellite Europa. Also barely visible near the shadow is Europa itself. Technical details may be found in the back. Terence Dickinson and Alan Dyer

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### JULY

M24 and M17

This medium-format photo shows the star cloud M24 and the 'Swan' nebula M17 (the swan appears upside down). Note the pockets of dark nebulosity in the upper regions of M24. Rajiv Gupta

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## AUGUST

The Eagle Nebula

In this relatively short exposure we see detail in the heart of the bright nebula M16, yet also can detect the faint outer wisps. J. C. Mirtle

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The region surrounding Gamma Cygnus

#### SEPTEMBER

Almost 4 degrees of sky surrounding the central star in Cygnus is shown in this medium-format exposure. An exposure time of three hours was required because of the dark red filter used. Rajiv Gupta

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### OCTOBER

NGC 7331 and Stephan's Quintet

The photograph shows the bright galaxy NGC 7331 at the top, and the faint members of Stephan's Quintet at the bottom. A more detailed look at the quintet is provided by the CCD inset. Photo by J. C. Mirtle, CCD image by Paul Boltwood

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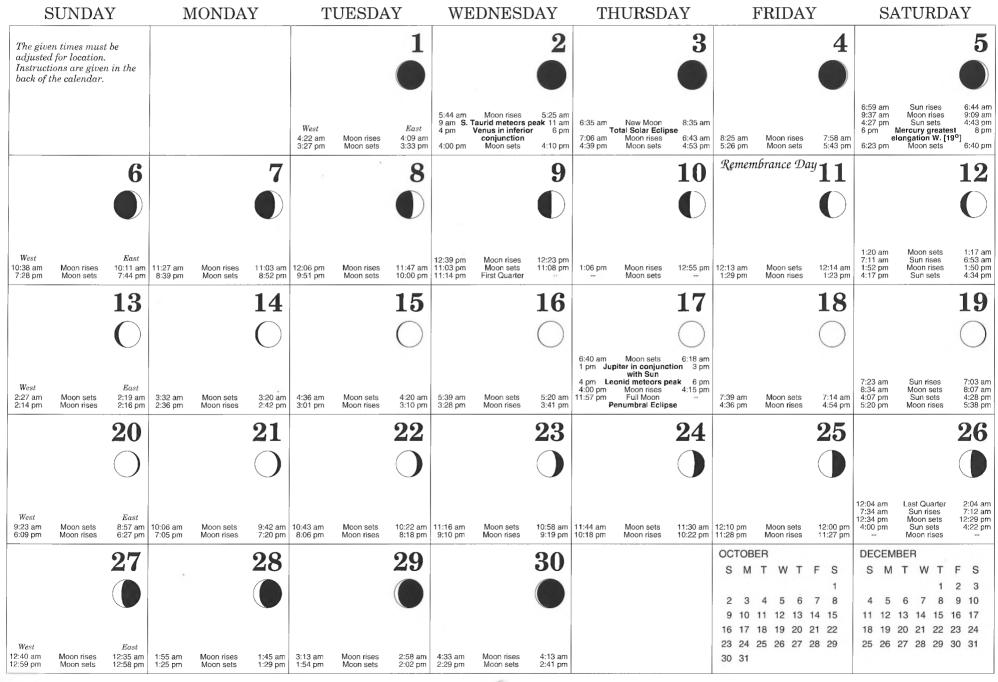
### NOVEMBER

A Collection of CCD Images

Clockwise from top left:

M57 (the Ring Nebula); NGC 2371; M1 (the Crab Nebula); vdB 142 Galaxies NGC 520 (an interacting pair); NGC 7479; NGC 7814; M63 Globular clusters M3 and NGC 2419, the farthest galactic globular Centre: M64 (the 'Blackeye' galaxy)

Paul Boltwood (NGC 2371, vdB 142, M3, NGC 2419) and Jack Newton





M35, IC443, and NGC 2174/5

This red exposure shows regions of nebulosity near the well-known open cluster M35 (top). J. C. Mirtle

### DECEMBER

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#### The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Observer's Calendar

#### How to use this Calendar

Astronomical data is given in the daily boxes. Every day, a pictorial representation of the Moon's phase at 9:00 p.m EST (10:00 p.m. EDT) of that day is given, as are Moon rising and setting times for that day. The size of the Moon on the calendar varies from day to day reflecting the change in the apparent size of the Moon in the sky as the Moon in its elliptical orbit moves closer to or further from the Earth. On some days, there is no moonrise or moonset - this means that this event occurs the next day.

The times of sunrise and sunset are given once a week. These times can be interpolated for other days. A few special events, such as equinoxes, solstices, change between standard and daylight savings time, eclipses, meteor shower maxima, and planetary events are also given.

To accommodate observers across Canada, two sets of times are given for all events. For events *other than* moonrise, moonset, sunrise, or sunset, the given times can easily be adjusted. The given times are the Mountain (for times labeled 'West') and Eastern (for times labeled 'East') time zone times for these events. The local time for such an event may be found by simply converting the given times to the local time zone. For example, observers in the Pacific time zone should subtract one hour from the tabulated West time.

#### Adjusting Rising and Setting Times for Actual Location

Rising and setting times are considerably more dependent on location. The *West* times displayed are computed for location 51 degrees North latitude and 105 degrees West longitude, and the *East* times for 45 degrees North, 75 degrees West. At the right is a table giving, for each RASC centre, a correction in minutes to the tabulated rising and setting times corresponding to the given location. The accuracy in minutes achieved for moonrise and moonset using this correction is also indicated; the accuracy for sunrise and sunset is somewhat better. An entry such as "*East*+25" means add 25 minutes to the tabulated *East* time.

Please note that the times calculated using this method *will be local times*. It is *not* necessary to adjust them for time zone. The column marked zone gives the appropriate time zone, but is for reference only.

Location	Zone L	atitude	<b>Correction</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	Accuracy <sup>(2)</sup>
Victoria	Pacific	47.8	West+13	19
Vancouver	Pacific	49.2	West+12	13
Calgary	Mountain	51.1	West+36	2
Edmonton	Mountain	53.6	West+34	15
Saskatoon	Central	52.1	West+ $67^{(3)}$	5
Regina	Central	50.5	$West + 58^{(3)}$	3
Winnipeg	Central	49.9	West+29	7
Thunder Bay	Eastern	48.4	West+57	16
Sarnia	Eastern	42.9	East+30	12
Windsor	Eastern	42.3	East+32	15
London	Eastern	43.0	East+25	12
Kitchener	Eastern	43.4	East+22	10
Hamilton	Eastern	43.2	East+20	11
Toronto	Eastern	43.7	East+18	7
Niagara	Eastern	43.1	<i>East</i> +16	11
Kingston	Eastern	44.2	East+6	4
Ottawa	Eastern	45.4	East+3	3 3
Montreal	Eastern	45.5	East-6	
Quebec	Eastern	46.8	East-15	9
Halifax	Atlantic	44.6	East+14	6
St John's	Nfld	47.5	East+1	17

<sup>(1)</sup> This gives a correction factor in minutes that accounts for the distance of the given site east or west from the central meridian of the appropriate time zone.

 $^{(2)}$  This gives an upper bound in minutes on the error that results from the difference in the latitude and longitude of the given site from the standard *West* or *East* location.

<sup>(3)</sup> Subtract 60 minutes in the summer.

For other locations, an observer should calculate the correction factor for his or her site. This amount is +4 minutes for each degree west of the central meridian of the time zone or -4 minutes for each degree east. A table with values for various locations can also be found in the RASC Observer's Handbook. This correction factor should be added to the tabulated times for the closest standard location. The accuracy in minutes can be calculated by multiplying the difference in latitude between the actual and standard sites by 5 and adding .2 times the difference in longitude.

Further improvement in accuracy may be obtained for some sites by interpolating or extrapolating the western and eastern times depending on the observer's latitude. For example, the latitude of Thunder Bay is approximately midway between those of the standard western and eastern sites. An observer in Thunder Bay can improve his or her accuracy to 3 minutes by averaging the given western and eastern times and then adding the correction factor for Thunder Bay, which is 57 minutes.

#### The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Have you ever sat outside on a clear dark night and just gazed with awe at the thousands and thousands of stars in the sky overhead? If you have, and you want to recapture some of that feeling, then consider getting involved in astronomy and joining the ranks of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

The RASC is open to anyone interested in astronomy. It doesn't require any special skills, education, or equipment to join. The only thing it does require is your desire to learn more about the stars and other celestial objects.

Since it was founded in 1903, the RASC has filled a special role in astronomy. Its amateur and professional astronomers have made significant observational contributions to astronomical research. We also takes pride in the role we play in educating the general public about astronomy. Today the RASC consists of over 3000 members, most of whom are attached to one of the 22 RASC Centres across Canada.

#### National Publications

The RASC *Observer's Handbook* has been published since 1908 and is recognized world-wide as the leading handbook of its type. The *Observer's Handbook* lists the astronomical events of the year and other astronomical data, and is indispensable to amateur and professional astronomers alike.

The RASC *Journal* is published six times per year and contains original research papers and items of an historical, biographical or educational nature of interest to the international astronomical community. The RASC *Bulletin* is the members' own place to exchange ideas and observations from across Canada.

An Invitation for Membership in the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Any serious user of this calendar would benefit from membership in the Society. An applicant may affiliate with one of the 22 Centres across Canada, located in the cities in the table to the left. Contact the National Office at

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for the addresses of any of the Centres.

The photos in this calendar were taken by members of the RASC, mostly with amateur equipment. Both photographic film and CCD (charge-coupled device) cameras were used. To avoid confusion, images obtained using CCD cameras will be referred to explicitly as 'CCD images.'

The photographs (by Rajiv Gupta and J. C. Mirtle) were taken using gashypersensitized Kodak Technical Pan film. The film was hypered using homemade equipment in many cases.

Images by Paul Boltwood were taken with a homemade CCD camera having an array of 576 by 384 pixels. Multiple (often as many as one-hundred) exposures were digitally combined; the exposure times given below are the total times.

The Jupiter images by Terence Dickinson and Alan Dyer were taken using a Photometrics CCD camera.

Images by Jack Newton were obtained using an SBIG ST-6 CCD camera. Separate red, green, and blue exposures were combined to produce colour images which were then converted to grayscale by computer. The given exposure times are the averages of the times for the three exposures.

Most of the CCD images were processed to bring out maximum detail using the software package 'Hidden Image.' This package uses an iterative procedure known as *maximum entropy deconvolution* to enhance detail, often with dramatic results. This same procedure is used on Hubble Space Telescope images.

Because of the relatively small number of pixels in all of the above CCD cameras, the CCD images appearing in this calendar are small, compared with the photographic images.

#### **Exposure details:**

- Cover *The North America Nebula* 5-inch f/6 Astro-Physics refractor, 100minute exposure with a Deep Sky filter, Rajiv Gupta.
- January 180-mm f/2.8 lens, 60-minute piggyback exposure with a Hydrogen- $\alpha$  filter.
- February Photo of M81 and M82: 5-inch f/6 refractor, 30-minute exposure. CCD image of M82: 7-inch Astro-Physics refractor working at f/36, 80-minute exposure. CCD image of M81: 7-inch refractor working at f/18, 15-minute exposure.
- March Photograph of M106 and companions: 5-inch f/6 refractor, 60-minute exposure. CCD image of M106: 25-inch f/5 Newtonian reflector, 10 minute exposure.
- April 5-inch f/6 refractor, 70-minute exposure on 120-size film with a homemade medium-format camera. The camera bends the film to compensate for field curvature. Negatives measure 48 by 58 mm.
- May 135-mm lens at f/3.5, 25-minute piggyback exposure taken from Coral Pink Sand Dunes in Utah.
- June 24-inch Helen Sawyer Hogg Telescope at the University of Toronto Southern Observatory in Chile; telescope working at f/35. First two exposures taken with a blue filter, the last with a green one. Exposures taken at 05:03, 05:41, and 06:57 UT on 01/04/1993.
- July 5-inch f/6 refractor, 45-minute exposure on 120-size film.

- August 8-inch f/6 Newtonian reflector, 30-minute exposure.
- September 5-inch f/6 refractor, Hydrogen- $\alpha$  filter, 120-size film.
- October Photograph: 8-inch f/6 Newtonian reflector, 60-minute exposure. CCD image: 7-inch refractor, 22-minute exposure.

#### • November

Images by Paul Boltwood obtained with a 7-inch refractor; exposure times 14 minutes for NGC 2371; 42 minutes for vdB 142; 12 minutes for M3; and 3 minutes for NGC 2419. Note that the exposure of M3 was taken at f/36 and as such only shows the core.

Images by Jack Newton obtained with a 25-inch f/5 Newtonian reflector and exposure times of 6 to 10 minutes.

• December 180-mm f/2.8 lens, 45-minute piggyback exposure with a Hydrogen- $\alpha$  filter.

#### Notes on this Calendar

Production of the calendar was computer assisted. No mechanical typesetting was done; computer diskettes with the necessary image and monthly layout information in camera-ready form were delivered to the printers.

A Fortran computer program was developed for the production of this calendar. This program automatically outputs PostScript files which produce the monthly grids with data.

Film photos were scanned and converted into digital form, and then processed with contrast adjustments. These adjustments and all photo layouts were done using the public-domain Unix software packages 'xv' and 'imtools.'

This calendar was produced by Rajiv Gupta of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Vancouver Centre. Gratitude is expressed to: the photo contributors; David Chapman for providing the historical anniversaries; and Doug George for processing and sending the Jupiter images.

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