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THE OBSERVER'S HANDBOOK for 1961 is the 53rd issue. Several additions have been made: the pronunciations of the names of the constellations, a finding list of named stars, a small map of the moon and the maximum and minimum values of the moon's libration in longitude and latitude. Additional explanations are given for sidereal time and for the correction for longitude in changing from local mean to standard time. Opposition ephemerides are given for the four brightest asteroids, together with a map of the path of Vesta near the time of opposition.

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Ruth J. Northcott

ANNIVERSARIES AND FESTIVALS, 1961

| New Year's D | Jan. | Victoria Day.......... . Mon. | 22 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Epiphany.............Fri. | Jan. | Trinity Sunday | May 28 |
| Septuagesima Sunday | Jan. 29 | Corpus Christi. ........Thu. | June 1 |
| Accession of Queen <br> Elizabeth (1952).... . Mon. | Feb. | St. John Baptist (midSummer Day)....... Sat. | June 24 |
| Quinquagesima (Shrove |  | Dominion Day........ Sat. | July |
| Sunday). | .Feb. 12 | Birthday of Queen Mother |  |
| Ash Wednes | Feb. 15 | Elizabeth (1900).... . Fri. | Aug. |
| St. David. . . . . . . . . . . Wed. | Mar. 1 | Labour Day.......... . Mon. | Sept. |
| St. Patrick | Mar. 17 | Hebrew New Year |  |
| Palm Sunday | . Mar. 26 | (Rosh Hashanah).... Mon. | Sept. 11 |
| Good Friday. | . Mar. 31 | St. Michael (Michael- |  |
| Easter Sunday | Apr. 2 | mas Day).......... . Fri. | Sept. 29 |
| Birthday of Queen |  | Thanksgiving. . . . . . . . Mon. | Oct. 9 |
| Elizabeth (1926).... .Fri. | Apr. 21 | All Saints' Day. . . . . . . Wed. | Nov. |
| St. George. . . . . . . . . . Sun. | Apr. 23 | Remembrance Day. . . . Sat. | Nov. 11 |
| Rogation Sunday | . May 7 | St. Andrew. . . . . . . . . . Thu. | Nov. 30 |
| Ascension Day........ Thu. | May 11 | First Sunday in Advent. | Dec. |
| Pentecost (Whit Sunday) | . May 21 | Christmas Day. . . . . . . Mon. | Dec. 25 |

## SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

## SUN, MOON AND PLANETS

The Sun
New Moon
(2) Full Moon

First Quarter
Last Quarter


## ASPECTS AND ABBRFVIATIONS

$\sigma$ Conjunction, or having the same Longitude or Right Ascension. $\circ^{\circ}$ Opposition, or differing $180^{\circ}$ in Longitude or Right Ascension. Quadrature, or differing $90^{\circ}$ in Longitude or Right Ascension. $\AA$ Ascending Node; $\vartheta$ Descending Node. $\alpha$ or R.A., Right Ascension; $\delta$ or Dec., Declination. h, m, s, Hours, Minutes, Seconds of Time. $\circ^{\circ} \prime \prime \prime$, Degrees, Minutes, Seconds of Arc.

SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

| $\uparrow$ | Aries | $0^{\circ}$ |  | Leo | $120^{\circ}$ | 자 | Sagittarius | $240^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ | Taurus | $30^{\circ}$ | m | Virgo | . $150^{\circ}$ | ठ | Capricornus | $270^{\circ}$ |
| I | Gemini | . $60^{\circ}$ | $\sim$ | Libra | 180 ${ }^{\circ}$ | \% | Aquarius. | $300^{\circ}$ |
| (3) | Cancer | $.90^{\circ}$ | m | Scorp | $210^{\circ}$ | H | Pisces. | $330^{\circ}$ |

THE GREEK ALPHABET

| A, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ | Alpha |
| :--- | :--- |
| B, $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ | Beta |
| $\Gamma, \boldsymbol{\gamma}$ | Gamma |
| $\Delta, \boldsymbol{\delta}$ | Delta |
| E, $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ | Epsilon |
| Z, $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ | Zeta |
| $\mathbf{H}, \boldsymbol{\eta}$ | Eta |
| $\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \vartheta$ | Theta |


| I, | Iota |
| :--- | :--- |
| K, $\kappa$ | Kappa |
| $\Lambda, \lambda$ | Lambda |
| $\mathbf{M}, \boldsymbol{\mu}$ | Mu |
| $\mathbf{N}, \boldsymbol{\nu}$ | Nu |
| $\boldsymbol{\Xi}, \boldsymbol{\xi}$ | Xi |
| $\mathbf{O}, \boldsymbol{o}$ | Omicron |
| $\mathrm{II}, \boldsymbol{\pi}$ | Pi |


| $\mathbf{P}, \boldsymbol{\rho}$ | Rho |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\Sigma, \sigma$ | Sigma |
| $\mathrm{T}, \boldsymbol{\tau}$ | Tau |
| $\Upsilon, v$ | Upsilon |
| $\boldsymbol{\Phi}, \boldsymbol{\phi}$ | Phi |
| $\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\chi}$ | Chi |
| $\Psi, \psi$ | Psi |
| $\Omega, \omega$ | Omega |

## THE CONFIGURATIONS OF JUPITER'S SATELLITES

In the Configurations of Jupiter's Satellites (pages 33,35 , etc.), $O$ represents the disk of the planet, d signifies that the satellite is on the disk, * signifies that the satellite is behind the disk or in the shadow. Configurations are for an inverting telescope.

## CALCULATIONS FOR ALGOL

The calculations for the minima of Algol are based on the epoch J.D. 2434576.5110 and period 2.86731 days as published in the 1954 International Supplement, Kracow Observatory.

## CELESTIAL DISTANCES

Celestial distances given herein are based on the standard value of $8.80^{\prime \prime}$ for the sun's parallax, not the more recent value $8.790^{\prime \prime}$ determined by Sir Harold Spencer Jones.

## THE CONSTELLATIONS

## Latin Names with Pronunciations and Abbreviations

| Andromeda, ăn-drǒm'è-d $\dot{a}$ | And Andr |
| :---: | :---: |
| Antlia, ănt'lil- $\dot{\text { a }}$. | .Ant Antl |
| Apus, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 'pǔs. | .Aps Apus |
| Aquarius, $\dot{d}$-kwâr'1-ǔs | .Aqr Aqar |
| Aquila, ăk'wĭ-l | .Aql Aqil |
| Ara, à'rí | Ara Arae |
| Aries, à'rǐlèz | .Ari Arie |
| Auriga, ô-ri'g $\dot{1}$ | . Aur Auri |
| Boötes, bō-ō'tēz | . Boo Boot |
| Caelum, sēl ${ }^{\text {unm }}$ | Cae Cael |
| Camelopardalis, k $\dot{d}$-mèl'ód-pär'd $d$-lĭs | . Cam Caml |
| Cancer, kăn'sẽr | . Cnc Canc |
| Canes Venatici, kā'nēz vè̀-năt'í1-sī | CVn CVen |
| Canis Major, kā'nĭs mā'jẽr. |  |
| Canis Minor, kā'nǐs mi'nẽr. | CM |
| Capricornus, |  |
| kăp'rí-kôr'nŭs. | Cap Capr |
| Carina, $\mathrm{k} \dot{d}$-ri'ndí | Car Cari |
|  | .Cas Cass |
| Centaurus, sěn-tô'r | . Cen Cent |
| Cepheus, sē'fūs | . Cep Ceph |
| Cetus, sē'tǔs | Cet Ceti |
| Chamaeleon, $\mathrm{k} \dot{d}$-mē'lè- | Cham |
| Circinus, sûr'sǐnu | Cir Circ |
| Columba, kò-lŭm'b ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Col Colm |
| Coma Berenices, kō'm $\mathrm{a} \dot{\text { be }}$ bèr'è-nin'sēz | . Com Coma |
| Corona Australis, kō-rō'n $\dot{\text { on ôs-trā'lís. }}$ | . CrA CorA |
| Corona Borealis, <br>  | . CrB CorB |
| Corvus, kôr'vưs. | Crv Corv |
| Crater, krā'tẽr | . Crt Crat |
| Crux, krŭks. | Cru Cruc |
| Cygnus, sig'nüs | Cyg Cygn |
| Delphinus, děl-fín u ¢ | . Del Dlph |
| Dorado, dò-rä'dō | Dor Dora |
| Draco, drā'kō. | Dra Drac |
| Equuleus, è-kwō' 1 è-us | Equ Equl |
|  | Eri Erid |
| Fornax, fôr'năks. | For Forn |
| Gemini, jěm'î-ni | Gem Gemi |
| Grus, grŭs | Gru Grus |
| Hercules, hûr'kü-lēz | .Her Herc |
| Horologium, hobr'ó-lō'jī-ŭm | .Hor Horo |
| Hydra, hi' ${ }^{\text {dra }}$ d | Hya Hyda |
| Hydrus, hi'drǔs | .Hyi Hydi |


| s , in' ${ }^{\prime}$ dus | . Ind | In |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lacerta, la -sûr't ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | .Lac | Lacr |
| Leo, le'ō | .Leo | Leon |
| Leo Minor, lē'ō | LMi | LMin |
| Lepus, le'pus. | Lep | Leps |
| Libra, li'brà | .Lib | Libr |
| Lupus, lū'pŭs | .Lup | Lupi |
| Lynx, lingks | .Lyn | Lync |
| Lyra, lī'r ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Lyr | Lyra |
| Mensa, měn's $\dot{\text { d }}$ | . Men | Mens |
| Microscopium, mi'krō-skō' p ĭ- $u$ m |  | Micr |
| Monoceros, mò-nŏs' | Mon |  |
| Musca, mưs'k $\dot{d}$. | . Mus | Musc |
| Norma, nôr'má. | Nor | Norm |
| Octans, ǒk'tănzz. | Oct | Octn |
| Ophiuchus, off ${ }^{\prime}$ '1-u' | Oph | Ophi |
|  | Ori | Orio |
| Pavo, Pā'vō | . Pav | Pavo |
| Pegasus, pěg' ${ }^{\prime}$-sus | Peg | Pegs |
| Perseus, purr'sūs | .Per | Pers |
| Phoenix, fē'nĭks | Phe | Phoe |
| Pictor, pik'tẽr. | .Pic | Pict |
| Pisces, pis'ēz | . Psc | Pisc |
| Piscis Austrinus, pis'ins ôs-tri'nŭs |  | PscA |
| Puppis, pŭp'is | . Pup | Pupp |
| Pyxis, pik'sis. | Pyx | Pyxi |
| Reticulum, rè-tik' $\mathrm{u}-1 \mathrm{u} \mathrm{m}$ |  | Reti |
| Sagitta, sid-ji'it ${ }^{\text {d }} \dot{d}$ | Sge | Sgte |
| Sagittarius, săj ${ }^{\text {jointā}}$ 'ri | Sgr | Sgtr |
| Scorpius, skôr'pǐ-ŭs | Sco | Scor |
| Sculptor, skǔlp'tẽr | Scl | Scul |
| Scutum, skū'tŭm | Sct | Scut |
| Serpens, sûr'pĕnz | Ser | Serp |
| Sextans, sěks'tănz | Sex | Sext |
| Taurus, tô'rǔs. | Tau | Taur |
| Telescopium, těl'è-skō'pì-ŭm | Tel | Tele |
| Triangulum, trī-ăng'gù-lüm. | Tri | Tria |
| Triangulum Australe, trī-ằng'gù-lŭm ôs-trā |  | TrAu |
| Tucana, tü-kā'ná. |  | Tucn |
| Ursa Major, ûr'sá mā'jẽ̃r. | UM | Maj |
| Ursa Minor, |  |  |
|  | Vel | Velr |
| Virgo, vûr'gō | Vir | Virg |
| Volans, vō'lănz | Vol | Voln |
| Vulpecula, vŭl-pĕk'ùtlà | .Vul | Vulp |

ā fāte; à chàotic; ă tăp; ă finăl; á ásk; $\dot{a}$ ide $\dot{a}$; â câre; ä älms; au aught; è bē; è crēate; ě ěnd; ě angĕl; ẽ makẽr; ī tīme; ǐ bĭt; 乞̌ anı̆mal; ō nōte; ơ anatoòmy; ŏ hŏt; ǒ ŏccur; ô ôrb; ōo mōn; ơ book; ou out; ū tūbe; û ûnite; ŭ sŭn; $\mathfrak{u}$ sǔbmit; û hûrl.

## MISCELLANEOUS ASTRONOMICAL DATA

Units*OF LENGTH

| 1 Angstrom unit | $=10^{-8} \mathrm{~cm}$. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 micron | $=10^{-4} \mathrm{~cm}$. |
| 1 meter | $=10^{2} \mathrm{~cm} .=3.28084$ feet |
| 1 kilometer | $=10^{5} \mathrm{~cm} .=0.62137$ miles |
| 1 mile | $=1.60935 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~cm} .=1.60935 \mathrm{~km}$. |
| 1 astronomical unit | $=1.49504 \times 10^{13} \mathrm{~cm} .=92,897,416$ miles |
| 1 light year | $=9.463 \times 10^{17} \mathrm{~cm} . \quad=5.880 \times 10^{12}$ miles $=0.3069$ parsecs |
| 1 parsec | $=30.84 \times 10^{17} \mathrm{~cm} . \quad=19.16 \times 10^{12}$ miles $=3.2591 . y$. |
| 1 megaparsec | $=30.84 \times 10^{23} \mathrm{~cm} . \quad=19.16 \times 10^{18}$ miles $=3.259 \times 10^{6} 1 . y$. |

Units of Time
Sidereal day $\quad=23 h 56 m 04.09 \mathrm{~s}$ of mean solar time
Mean solar day $=24 h 03 m 56.56 s$ of mean sidereal time
Synodical month $=29 d 12 h 44 m$; sidereal month $=27 d 07 h 43 m$
Tropical year (ordinary) $=365 d 05 h 48 \mathrm{~m} 46 \mathrm{~s}$
Sidereal year $\quad=365 d 06 h 09 \mathrm{~m} 10 \mathrm{~s}$
Eclipse year $=346 d 14 h 53 m$

## The Earth

Equatorial radius, $a=3963.35$ miles; flattening, $c=(\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}) / \mathrm{a}=1 / 297.0$
Polar radius, $\quad b=3950.01$ miles
$1^{\circ}$ of latitude $=69.057-0.349 \cos 2 \phi$ miles (at latitude $\phi$ )
$1^{\circ}$ of longitude $=69.232 \cos \phi-0.0584 \cos 3 \phi$ miles
Mass of earth $=6.6 \times 10^{21}$ tons; velocity of escape from $\oplus=6.94 \mathrm{miles} / \mathrm{sec}$.

## Earth's Orbital Motion

Solar parallax $=8 .^{\prime \prime} 80$; constant of aberration $=20 .^{\prime \prime} 47$
Annual general precession $=50 .^{\prime \prime} 26$; obliquity of ecliptic $=23^{\circ} 26^{\prime} 40^{\prime \prime}$ (1960)
Orbital velocity $=18.5 \mathrm{miles} / \mathrm{sec}$.; parabolic velocity at $\oplus=26.2 \mathrm{miles} / \mathrm{sec}$.

## Solar Motion

Solar apex, R.A. $18 h 04 m$; Dec. $+31^{\circ}$
Solar velocity $=12.2$ miles $/ \mathrm{sec}$.
The Galactic System
North pole of galactic plane R.A. $12 h 49 m$, Dec. $+27 .{ }^{\circ} 4$ (1959)
Centre of galaxy R.A. $17 h 42 m$, Dec. $-29^{\circ}$ (1950)
Distance to centre $\sim 10,000$ parsecs; diameter $\sim 30,000$ parsecs
Rotational velocity (at sun) $\sim 262 \mathrm{~km}$. $/ \mathrm{sec}$.
Rotational period (at sun) $\sim 2.2 \times 10^{8}$ years
Mass $\sim 2 \times 10^{11}$ solar masses

## Extra-Galactic Nebulae

Red shift $\sim+100 \mathrm{~km} . / \mathrm{sec} . /$ megaparsec $\sim 19 \mathrm{miles} / \mathrm{sec} . /$ million $1 . \mathrm{y}$.

## Radiation Constants

Velocity of light $=299,860 \mathrm{~km} . / \mathrm{sec} .=186,324 \mathrm{miles} / \mathrm{sec}$.
Solar constant $=1.93$ gram calories/square cm. $/$ minute
Light ratio for one magnitude $=2.512 ; \log$ ratio $=0.4000$
Radiation from a star of zero apparent magnitude $=3 \times 10^{-6}$ meter candles
Total energy emitted by a star of zero absolute magnitude $=5 \times 10^{25}$ horsepower

## Miscellaneous

Constant of gravitction, $G=6.670 \times 10^{-8}$ c.g.s. units
Mass of the electron, $m=9.1083 \times 10^{-28} \mathrm{gm}$; mass of the proton $=1.6724 \times 10^{-24} \mathrm{gm}$.
Planck's constant, $h=6.6234 \times 10^{-27} \mathrm{erg}$. sec.
Loschmidt's number $=2.6872 \times 10^{19}$ molecules $/ \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{cm}$. of gas at N.T.P.
Absolute temperature $=T^{\circ} \mathrm{K}=T^{\circ} \mathrm{C}+273^{\circ}=5 / 9\left(T^{\circ} \mathrm{F}+459^{\circ}\right)$
1 radian $=57^{\circ} .2958 \quad \pi=3.141,592,653,6$

$$
\begin{array}{rr}
=3437^{\prime} .75 & \text { No. of square degrees in the sky } \\
=206,265^{\prime \prime} & =41,253
\end{array}
$$

1961 EPHEMERIS OF THE SUN AT 0h U.T.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Date } \\ & 1961 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apparent } \\ & \text { R.A. } \end{aligned}$ | Corr. to Sun-dial | Apparent Dec. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Date } \\ & 1961 \end{aligned}$ | Apparent R.A. | Corr. to Sun-dial | Apparent Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | h m s | m | $\bigcirc 1$ |  | h m s | m s | - |
| Jan. 1 | 184500 | + 322 | -23 02.3 | July 3 | 6 47 | + 359 | $+2300.0$ |
| Jan. 4 | 185813 | + 446 | -22 46.0 |  | 65927 | + 431 | +22 44.3 |
| 7 | 191123 | + 606 | $-2225.7$ | 9 | 71146 | + 500 | +2225.0 |
| 10 | 192429 | + 722 | -22 01.3 | 12 | 72401 | + 526 | +2202.3 |
| 13 | 193729 | + 834 | -21 33.1 | 15 | $\begin{array}{llll}7 & 36 & 13\end{array}$ | + 547 | +2136.1 |
| 16 | 195025 | + 939 | -21 01.2 | 18 | 74819 | +604 | +2106.6 |
| 19 | 200314 | +1039 | $-2025.6$ | 21 | 80021 | +617 | +2033.9 |
| 22 | 201557 | +1132 | -19 46.5 | 24 | 81218 | +624 | +1958.1 |
| 25 | 202832 | +1218 | $-1904.2$ | 27 | 82409 | +625 | +19 19.3 |
| 28 | 204100 | +1256 | $-1818.7$ | 30 | 83555 | + 622 | +1837.7 |
| 31 | 205321 | +13 27 | $-1730.2$ | Aug. 2 | 84736 | $+612$ | +1753.2 |
| Feb. 3 | 210535 | +1351 | -16 39.0 | Aug. $\quad 5$ | 85911 | +612 +558 | +1753.2 +1706.2 |
| Feb. 6 | 211741 | +1408 | $-1545.1$ | 8 | 91041 | +538 | +1616.6 |
| 9 | 212940 | +1417 | -14 48.8 | 11 | 92206 | + 513 | +15 24.7 |
| 12 | 214132 | +1419 | $-1350.3$ | 14 | 93326 | + 444 | +1430.6 |
| 15 | 215317 | +1415 | -12 49.7 | 17 | 94440 | + 409 | +13 34.4 |
| 18 | 220456 | +1404 | -1147.2 | 20 | 95550 | + 329 | +1236.2 |
| 21 | 221629 | +13 47 | -10 43.1 | 23 | 100656 | + 245 | +1136.3 |
| 24 | 22 22 27 | +1324 | - 937.4 | 26 | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 17 & 57\end{array}$ | +156 | +1034.7 |
| 27 | 223916 | +1255 | $-830.5$ | 29 | 102855 | $+105$ | + 931.6 |
| Mar. 2 | 225032 | $+1221$ | - 722.5 | Sept. 1 | 103950 | + 010 | + 827.2 |
| Mar. 5 | 230143 | +1143 | - 613.5 | Sept. 4 | 105042 | - 048 | + 721.5 |
| 8 | 231251 | +1101 | - 503.7 | 7 | 110132 | - 148 | + 614.7 |
| 11 | $23 \quad 2355$ | +10 15 | - 353.4 | 10 | 111220 | - 249 | + 507.0 |
| 14 | 233456 | + 927 | - 242.6 | 13 | 112307 | $-352$ | + 358.5 |
| 17 | 234555 | + 837 | - 131.5 | 16 | 113353 | - 456 | + 249.4 |
| 20 | 235653 | + 744 | - 020.3 | 19 | 114438 | - 559 | + 139.8 |
| 23 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 07 & 49\end{array}$ | + 651 | + 050.8 | 22 | 115524 | - 703 | + 029.9 |
| 26 | 01844 | + 556 | + 201.6 | 25 | 120611 | $-806$ | - 040.2 |
| 29 | 02938 | + 501 | + 312.0 | 28 | 121659 | $-908$ | $-150.3$ |
| Apr. 1 | 04033 | + 406 | + 421.9 | Oct. 1 | $12 \quad 2749$ | -1008 | $-300.3$ |
| Apr. 4 | 05129 | + 313 | + 531.1 | 4 | 123842 | $-1105$ | - 410.0 |
| 7 | 10227 | + 220 | + 639.3 | 7 | 124938 | $-1158$ | - 519.3 |
| 10 | 11326 | + 130 | + 746.6 | 10 | 130037 | -1248 | - 628.0 |
| 13 | 12428 | + 042 | + 852.7 | 13 | $\begin{array}{llll}13 & 11 & 41\end{array}$ | $-1334$ | - 736.0 |
| 16 | 13533 | - 002 | + 957.5 | 16 | $\begin{array}{llll}13 & 22 & 49\end{array}$ | $-1416$ | - 842.9 |
| 19 | 14641 | - 044 | +1100.8 | 19 | 133402 | -14 52 | - 948.8 |
| 22 | 15753 | - 122 | +1202.5 | 22 | $\begin{array}{llll}13 & 45 & 21 \\ 13 & 56\end{array}$ | -15 23 | -10 53.3 |
| 25 | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 09 & 08\end{array}$ | - 156 | +1302.4 | 25 | $\begin{array}{llll}13 & 56 \\ 145\end{array}$ | -15 49 | -1156.4 -12579 |
| 28 | 22028 | - 226 | +1400.3 | 28 | 14 08 <br> 14 19 | -1607 -1619 | -1257.9 -1357.5 |
| May 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 4 | 2 2 1321 | - 313 | +15 49.8 | Nov. 3 |  | -16 24 | -14 55.2 |
| 7 | 25455 | - 328 | +16 41.1 | 6 | 144332 | $-1621$ | -15 50.6 |
| 10 | 30634 | - 339 | +1729.9 | 9 | 145532 | -16 11 | -16 43.7 |
| 13 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 18 & 19\end{array}$ | - 344 | +1816.1 | 12 | $\begin{array}{llll}15 & 07 & 39\end{array}$ | -15 53 | -17 34.3 |
| 16 | 318008 | - 344 | +18 59.5 | 15 | 15 19 54 | -15 27 | -18 22.1 |
| 19 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 42 & 03\end{array}$ | - 338 | +19 40.0 | 18 | $\begin{array}{llll}15 & 3217\end{array}$ | -14 54 | -19 07.0 |
| 22 | 35403 | - 328 | +20 17.5 | 21 | $\begin{array}{llll}15 & 44 & 47\end{array}$ | -14 14 | -19 48.9 |
| 25 | 400607 4 | - 314 | +20 51.9 | 24 | $\begin{array}{ll}15 & 57 \\ 16 & 24\end{array}$ | -13 27 | -20 27.4 |
| 28 | 41816 | - 255 | +2123.1 | 27 30 | $\begin{array}{lll}16 & 10 \\ 16 & 22 & 59\end{array}$ | -1232 -1131 | -2102.6 -2134 |
| 31 | 43029 | $-232$ | +2150.9 | 30 | 162259 | -1131 | -21 34.2 |
| June 3 | 44245 | - 205 | +22 15.3 | Dec. 3 |  | $-1024$ | -22 02.2 |
| June 6 | 45505 | - 134 | +22 36.2 | 6 | 164858 | - 911 | -22 26.3 |
| 9 | 50728 | - 101 | +22 53.6 | 9 | 170206 | - 753 | -22 46.5 |
| 12 | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 19 & 54\end{array}$ | - 025 | +23 07.3 | 12 | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 15 & 18 \\ 17 & 28 & 32\end{array}$ | -631 | -23 02.7 |
| 15 | 53221 | - 013 | +23 17.4 | 15 | 172832 | - 506 | -23 14.7 |
| 18 | 54450 | + 052 | +23 23.8 | 18 | 174149 | - 339 | -23 22.6 |
| 21 | 55719 | +131 +1310 | +23 26.4 | 21 | 17 55 <br> 17 08 | - 210 | -23 26.2 |
| 24 | $\begin{array}{llll}6 & 09 & 47\end{array}$ | +210 | +23 25.4 | 24 | 18 08 <br> 18 27 <br> 18  | a $-\quad 040$ $+\quad 049$ | -2325.7 -23 |
| 27 | 6 6 2215 | a +248 +324 | +23 20.6 | 27 | $\begin{array}{llll}18 & 21 & 46 \\ 18 & 35 & 03\end{array}$ | a +049 $+\quad 217$ | -23 <br> -23 |
| 30 | 63441 | + 324 | +23 12.2 | 30 | 183503 | + 217 | -23 11.8 |

## PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

ORBITAL ELEMENTS（1954，Dec．31， $12^{\text {h }}$ U．T．）

| Planet | Mean Distance from Sun <br> （a） |  | Period of Revolution |  | Eccen－ tri－ city （e） | In－ clina－ tion （i） | Long． of Node （ठ） | Long． <br> of <br> Peri－ <br> helion <br> （ $\pi$ ） | Mean <br> Long of Planet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Sidereal （P） | Mean Syn－ odic |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\oplus=1$ | millions of miles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | days |  | 。 | 。 | 。 |  |
| Mercury | 0.387 | 36.0 | 88．0d． | 116 | ． 206 | 7.0 | 47.8 | 76.8 | 305.8 |
| Venus | 0.723 | 67.2 | 224.7 | 584 | ． 007 | 3.4 | 76.3 | 130.9 | 127.1 |
| Earth | 1.000 | 92.9 | 365.3 |  | ． 017 | ．． |  | 102.2 | 99.4 |
| Mars | 1.524 | 141.5 | 687.0 | 780 | ． 093 | 1.8 | 49.2 | 335.2 | 21.3 |
| Jupiter | 5.203 | 483.3 | 11．86y． | 399 | ． 048 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 108.0 |
| Saturn | 9.539 | 886. | 29.46 | 378 | ． 056 | 2.5 | 113.3 | 92.2 | 219.5 |
| Uranus | 19.18 | 1783. | 84.01 | 370 | ． 047 | 0.8 | 73.8 | 169.9 | 119.8 |
| Neptune | 30.06 | 2791. | 164.8 | 367 | ． 009 | 1.8 | 131.3 | 44.2 | 205.9 |
| Pluto | 39.52 | 3671. | 248.4 | 367 | ． 249 | 17.1 | 109.6 | 223.2 | 137.6 |

PHYSICAL ELEMENTS

| Object | Symbol | Mean Di－ ameter＊ miles | Mass＊ $\oplus=1$ | Mean <br> Density＊ <br> water $=1$ | Axial Rotation | Mean <br> Sur－ <br> face Grav－ ity＊ $\oplus=1$ | Albedo＊ | Magni－ tude at Greates Brillian－ cy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sun | $\bigcirc$ | 864，000 | 332，000 | 1.41 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 24^{\mathrm{d}} .7 \text { (equa- } \\ \text { torial) } \end{array}$ | 27.9 |  | －26．8 |
| Moon | （1） | 2，160 | 0.0123 | 3.33 | $27^{\text {d }} 7.7^{\text {b }}$ | 0.16 | 0.072 | －12．6 |
| Mercury | 8 | 3，010 | 0.0543 | 5.46 | $88^{\text {d }}$ | 0.38 | 0.058 | － 1.9 |
| Venus | \％ | 7，610 | 0.8136 | 5.06 | ？ | 0.88 | 0.76 | － 4.4 |
| Earth | $\oplus$ | 7，918 | 1.0000 | 5.52 | $23^{\mathrm{h}} 56^{\mathrm{m}} .1$ | 1.00 | 0.39 |  |
| Mars | $0^{7}$ | 4，140 | 0.1069 | 4.12 | $24^{\mathrm{h}} 37^{\mathrm{m}} .4$ | 0.39 | 0.148 | － 2.8 |
| Jupiter | 2 | 86，900 | 318.35 | 1.35 | $9^{\text {h }} 50^{\mathrm{m}} \pm$ | 2.65 | 0.51 | － 2.5 |
| Saturn | b | 71，500 | 95.3 | 0.71 | $10^{\mathrm{h}} 02^{\mathrm{m}} \pm$ | 1.17 | 0.50 | － 0.4 |
| Uranus | ¢ | 29，500 | 14.54 | 1.56 | $10^{\text {b }} .8 \pm$ | 1.05 | 0.66 | ＋ 5.7 |
| Neptune | $\Psi$ | 26，800 | 17.2 | 2.47 | $15^{\mathrm{b}} .8 \pm$ | 1.23 | 0.62 | ＋ 7.6 |
| Pluto | E | 3，600 | 0.033 ？ | 2 ？ | $6^{\text {d }} .390$ | 0.16 ？ | 0.16 | ＋14 |

＊Kuiper，＂The Atmospheres of the Earth and Planets，＂ 1952.

## SATELLITES OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

| Name | Stellar <br> Mag. | Mean Dist. from <br> Planet | Revolution <br> Period <br> P | Miles | $\mathbf{d}$ | Diameter <br> Miles |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad$ Discoverer

Satellite of the Earth
Moon $\quad|-12.6| \quad 530|238,857| 27 \quad 07$ 43| $2160 \mid$
Satellites of Mars

| Phobos | 12 | 8 | 5,800 | 0 | 07 | 39 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Deimos | 13 | 21 | 14,600 | 1 | 06 | 18 |$\quad$| 10? |  |
| ---: | :--- |
| $5 ?$ | Hall, 1877 |
| Hall, 1877 |  |

## Satellites of Jupiter

| V | 13 | 48 | 112,600 | 0 | 11 | 57 | 100? | \|Barnard, 1892 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Io | 5 | 112 | 261,800 | 1 | 18 | 28 | 2300 | Galileo, 1610 |
| Europa | 6 | 178 | 416,600 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 2000 | Galileo, 1610 |
| Ganymede | 5 | 284 | 664,200 | 7 | 03 | 43 | 3200 | Galileo, 1610 |
| Callisto | 6 | 499 | 1,169,000 | 16 | 16 | 32 | 3200 | Galileo, 1610 |
| VI | 14 | 3037 | 7,114,000 | 250 | 16 |  | 100? | Perrine, 1904 |
| VII | 16 | 3113 | 7,292,000 | 260 | 01 |  | 40? | Perrine, 1905 |
| X | 18 | 3116 | 7,300,000 | 260 |  |  | 15? | Nicholson, 1938 |
| XI | 18 | 5990 | 14,000,000 | 692 |  |  | 15? | Nicholson, 1938 |
| VIII | 16 | 6240 | 14,600,000 | 739 |  |  | 40 ? | Melotte, 1908 |
| [ X | 17 | 6360 | 14,900,000 | 758 |  |  | 20? | Nicholson, 1914 |
| XII | 18 | - | , | 631 |  |  | 15? | Nicholson, 1951 |

## Satellites of Saturn

| Mimas | 12 | 27 | 115,000 | 0 | 22 | 37 | $400 ?$ | W. Herschel, 1789 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Enceladus | 12 | 34 | 148,000 | 1 | 08 | 53 | $500 ?$ | W. Herschel, 1789 |
| Tethys | 11 | 43 | 183,000 | 1 | 21 | 18 | $800 ?$ | G. Cassini, 1684 |
| Dione | 11 | 55 | 234,000 | 2 | 17 | 41 | $700 ?$ | G. Cassini, 1684 |
| Rhea | 10 | 76 | 327,000 | 4 | 12 | 25 | $1100 ?$ | G. Cassini, 1672 |
| Titan | 8 | 177 | 759,000 | 15 | 22 | 41 | $2600 ?$ | Huygens, 1655 |
| Hyperion | 13 | 214 | 920,000 | 21 | 06 | 38 | 300 ? | G. |
| Gond, 1848 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iapetus | 11 | 515 | $2,210,000$ | 79 | 07 | 56 | $1000 ?$ | G. Cassini, 1671 |
| Phoebe | 14 | 1870 | $8,034,000$ | 550 |  |  | $200 ?$ | W. Cickering, 1898 |

Satellites of Uranus

| Miranda | 17 | 9 | 81,000 | 1 | 09 | 56 |  | Kuiper, 19 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ariel | 16 | 14 | 119,000 | 2 | 12 | 29 | 600? | Lassell, 1851 |
| Umbriel | 16 | 19 | 166,000 | 4 | 03 | 28 | 400? | Lassell, 1851 |
| Titania | 14 | 32 | 272,000 | 8 | 16 | 56 | 1000? | W. Herschel, 1787 |
| Oberon | 14 | 42 | 364,000 | 13 | 11 | 07 | 900? | W. Herschel, 1787 |

Satellites of Neptune

| Triton | 13 | 16 | 220,000 | 5 | 21 | 03 | $3000 ?$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Nereid | 19 | 260 | $3,460,000 \mid 359$ |  |  | Lassell, 1846 |  |
| $200 ?$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |$|$| Kuiper, 1949 |
| :--- | :--- |

## *As seen from the sun.

Satellites Io, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto are usually denoted I, II, III, IV respectively, in order of distance from the planet.

## SOLAR, SIDEREAL AND EPHEMERIS TIME

Any recurring event may be used to measure time. The various times commonly used are defined by the daily passages of the sun or stars caused by the rotation of the earth on its axis. The more uniform revolution of the earth about the sun, causing the return of the seasons, defines ephemeris time.

A sun-dial indicates apparent solar time, but this is far from uniform because of the earth's elliptical orbit and the inclination of the ecliptic. If the real sun is replaced by a fictitious mean sun moving uniformly in the equator, we have mean (solar) time. Apparent time-mean time $=$ equation of time. This is the same as correction to sun-dial on page 7 , with reversed sign.

If instead of the sun we use stars, we have sidereal time. The sidereal time is zero when the vernal equinox or first of Aries is on the meridian. As the earth makes one more revolution with respect to the stars than it does with respect to the sun, sidereal time gains on mean time $3^{m} 56^{s}$ per day or 2 hours per month. Right Ascension (R.A.) is measured east from the vernal equinox, so that the R.A. of a body on the meridian is equal to the sidereal time.

Sidereal time is equal to mean time plus 12 hours plus the R.A. of the fictitious mean sun, so that by observation of one kind of time we can calculate the other. Sidereal time $=$ Standard time $(0 \mathrm{~h}$ at midnight) - correction for longtitude (p. 12) $+12 \mathrm{~h}+\mathrm{R}$. A. sun (p. 7) - correction to sun-dial (p. 7). (Note that it is necessary to obtain R. A. of the sun at the standard time involved.)

The foregoing refers to local time, in general different in different places on the earth. The local mean time of Greenwich, now known as Universal Time (UT) is used as a common basis for timekeeping. Navigation and surveying tables are generally prepared in terms of UT. When great precision is required, UT 1 and UT 2 are used differing from UT by polar variation and by the combined effects of polar variation and annual fluctuation respectively.

To avoid the inconveniences to travellers of a changing, local time, standard time is used. The earth is divided into 24 zones, each ideally 15 degrees wide, the zero zone being centered on the Greenwich meridian. All clocks within the same zone will read the same time.

In Canada and the United States there are 8 standard time zones as follows: Newfoundland (N), $3^{\mathrm{h}} 30^{\mathrm{m}}$ slower than Greenwich; 60th meridian or Atlantic (A), 4 hours; 75th meridian or Eastern (E), 5 hours; 90th meridian or Central (C), 6 hours; 105th meridian or Mountain (M), 7 hours; 120th meridian or Pacific (P), 8 hours; 135th meridian or Yukon (Y), 9 hours; and 150th meridian or Alaska (AL), 10 hours slower than Greenwich.

Universal time, even after the corrections mentioned have been applied, is still somewhat variable, as shown by atomic clocks or the orbital motion of the moon. Ephemeris Time (ET) is used when these irregularities must be avoided. The second, formerly defined as $1 / 86,400$ of the mean solar day, is now defined as $1 / 31,556,925.9747$ of the tropical year Jan. 0 at 12 hours E.T. The difference, $\Delta \mathrm{T}$, between UT and ET is measured as a small error in the observed longitude of the moon, in the sense $\Delta T=E T-U T$. The moon's position is tabulated in ET, but observed in UT. $\Delta$ T was zero near the beginning of the century, but in 1960 will be about 35 seconds.


JULIAN DAY CALENDAR, 1961
J.D. 2,430,000 plus the following:

Jan. 1........... . 7,301
Feb. 1............ 7,332
Mar. 1. . . . . . . . . . 7,360
Apr. 1............ . 7,391

May 1. . . . . . . . . 7,421
June 1. . . . . . . . . . 7,452
July 1.......... . 7,482
Aug. 1. . . . . . . . .7,513

Sept. 1. . . . . . . . 7,544
Oct. 1.......... . 7,574
Nov. 1. . . . . . . . . 7,605
Dec. 1..........7,635

The Julian Day commences at noon.
Thus J.D. 2,437,301.0 $=$ Jan. 1.5 U.T.

## TIMES OF RISING AND SETTING OF THE SUN AND MOON

The times of sunrise and sunset for places in latitudes ranging from $32^{\circ}$ to $54^{\circ}$ are given on pages 13 to 18 , and of twilight on page 19. The times of moonrise and moonset for the 5 h meridian are given on pages 20 to 25 . The times are given in Local Mean Time, and in the table below are given corrections to change from Local Mean Time to Standard Time for the cities and towns named.

The tabulated values are computed for the sea horizon for the rising and setting of the upper limb of the sun and moon, and are corrected for refraction. Because variations from the sea horizon usually exist on land, the tabulated times can rarely be observed.

The sun's declination, apparent diameter and the equation of time do not have precisely the same values on corresponding days from year to year. As the times of sunrise and sunset depend upon these factors, these tables for the solar phenomena can give only average values which may be in error by one or two minutes.

## The Standard Times for Any Station

To derive the Standard Time of rising and setting phenomena for the places named, from the list below find the approximate latitude of the place and the correction in minutes which follows the name. Then find in the monthly table the Local Mean Time of the phenomenon for the proper latitude on the desired day. Finally apply the correction to get the Standard Time. The correction is the number of minutes of time that the place is west (plus) or east (minus) of the standard meridian. The corrections for places not listed may be obtained by converting the longitude found from an atlas into time ( $360^{\circ}=24 \mathrm{~h}$ ).

| CANADIAN CITIES AND TOWNS |  |  |  |  |  | AMERICAN CITIES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lat. | Corr. |  | Lat. | Corr. |  | Lat. | Corr. |
| Athabaska | $55^{\circ}$ | +33M | Penticton | $49^{\circ}$ | -02P | Atlanta | $34^{\circ}$ | $+37 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Baker Lake | 64 | +24C | Peterborough | 44 | $+13 \mathrm{E}$ | Baltimore | 39 | $+06 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Brandon | 50 | +40C | Port Harrison | 59 | $+13 \mathrm{E}$ | Birmingham | 33 | $-13 \mathrm{C}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {Brantiord }}$ | 51 | +21 E +36 M | Port Arthur | 53 | +57 E +03 M | Boston | 43 | +15E |
| Charlottetown | 46 | $+12 \mathrm{~A}$ | Prince Rupert | 54 | $+41 \mathrm{P}$ | Chicago | 42 | $-10 \mathrm{C}$ |
| Churchill | 60 | $+17 \mathrm{C}$ | Quebec | 47 | $-15 \mathrm{E}$ | Cincinnati | 39 | $+38 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Cornwall | 45 | $-1 \mathrm{E}$ | Regina | 50 | -02M | Cleveland | 42 | $+26 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Edmonton | 54 | $+31 \mathrm{M}$ | St. Catharines | 43 | $+17 \mathrm{E}$ | Dallas | 33 | $+27 \mathrm{C}$ |
| Fort William | 48 | $+57 \mathrm{E}$ | St. Hyacinthe | 46 | $-08 \mathrm{E}$ | Denver | 40 | 00M |
| Fredericton | 46 | $+27 \mathrm{~A}$ | St. John, N.B. | 45 | $+24 \mathrm{~A}$ | Detroit | 42 | $+32 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Gander | 49 | $+8 \mathrm{~N}$ | St. John's, Nfld. | 48 | +01N | Fairbanks | 65 | -10AL |
| Glace Bay | 46 | 00A | Sarnia | 43 | $+29 \mathrm{E}$ | Flagstaff | 35 | $+27 \mathrm{M}$ |
| Goose Bay | 53 | + 2A | Saskatoon | 52 | +07M | Indianapolis | 40 | $-15 \mathrm{C}$ |
| Granby | 45 | $-09 \mathrm{E}$ | Sault Ste. Marie |  | $\pm 37 \mathrm{E}$ |  |  |  |
| Guelph | 44 45 | +21 E +14 A | 俍 ${ }^{\text {Shawinigan Falls }}$ Sherbrooke | 47 45 | -09 E -12 E | Kansas City | 39 <br> 34 | +18 C -07 P |
| Halifax Hamilton | 45 43 | +14 A +20 E | Sherbrooke | 45 | -12E | Los Angeles | 34 38 | -07 P -17 C |
| Hull | 45 | +03E | Sudbury | 47 | $+24 \mathrm{E}$ | Memphis | 35 | 00C |
| Kapuskasing | 49 | $+30 \mathrm{E}$ | Sydney | 46 | +01A | Miami | 26 | $+21 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Kingston | 44 | $+06 \mathrm{E}$ | The Pas | 54 | +45C | Milwaukee | 43 | -09C |
| Kitchener | 43 | $+22 \mathrm{E}$ | Timmins | 48 | +26E | Minneapolis | 45 | $+13 \mathrm{C}$ |
| London | 43 | $+25 \mathrm{E}$ | Toronto | 44 | $+18 \mathrm{E}$ | New Orleans | 30 | 00C |
| Medicine Hat | 50 | $+23 \mathrm{M}$ | Three Rivers | 46 | $-10 \mathrm{E}$ | New York | 41 | -04E |
| Moncton | 46 | $+19 \mathrm{~A}$ | Trail | 49 | -09P | Omaha | 41 | $+24 \mathrm{C}$ |
| Montreal | 46 | $-06 \mathrm{E}$ | Truro | 45 | $+13 \mathrm{~A}$ | Philadelphia | 40 | $+01 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Moosonee | 51 | $+23 \mathrm{E}$ | Vancouver | 49 | +12P | Phoenix | 33 | $+28 \mathrm{M}$ |
| Moose Jaw | 50 | $+02 \mathrm{M}$ | Victoria | 48 | +13P | Pittsburgh | 40 | $+20 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Niagara Falls | 43 | $+16 \mathrm{E}$ | Whitehorse | 61 | 00Y | St. Louis | 39 | +01C |
| North Bay | 46 | $+18 \mathrm{E}$ | Windsor | 42 | $+32 \mathrm{E}$ | San Francisco | 38 | +10P |
| Ottawa | 45 | $+03 \mathrm{E}$ | Winnipeg | 50 | +29 C +38 M |  | 40 | +09 P +08 E |
| Owen Sound | 45 | $+24 \mathrm{E}$ | Yellowknife | 62 | $+38 \mathrm{M}$ | Washington | 39 | $+08 \mathrm{E}$ |

Example-Find the time of sunrise at Owen Sound, on February 12.
In the above list Owen Sound is under " $45^{\circ}$ ", and the correction is +24 $\min$ On page 13 the time of sunrise on February 12 for latitude $45^{\circ}$ is 7.07 ; add 24 min . and we get 7.31 (Eastern Standard Time).

|  | Latitu Sunrise | Se $32^{\circ}$ | Latitu Sunrise | de $36^{\circ}$ Sunset | Latitu Sunrise | de $40^{\circ}$ | Latitu Sunrise | Se $44^{\circ}$ | Latitu Sunrise | 46 $6^{\circ}$ Sunset | Latitu Sunrise | de $48^{\circ}$ | Latitud Sunrise | de $50^{\circ}$ | Latitud Sunrise | Se $54^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | h |  | h m |  | $h \mathrm{~m}$ |  |  |  | h m |  |  |  |  | h m | h m |
| 1 | 701 | 507 | 711 | 457 | 722 |  |  |  | 742 | 425 | 750 | 417 | 759 | 4 | 819 |  |
|  | 70 | 508 | 711 | 458 | 723 | 447 | 735 | 434 | 742 | 426 | 750 | 419 | 759 | 410 | 819 | 350 |
| $5$ | 70 | 510 | 712 | 500 | 723 | 449 | 735 | 436 | 742 | 429 | 750 | 421 | 758 | 413 | 818 | 353 |
| $7$ | 702 | 511 | 711 | 502 | 722 | 450 | 735 | 438 | 742 | 431 | 749 | 423 | 758 | 415 | 818 | 355 |
| 9 | 702 | 513 | 711 | 504 | 722 | 452 | 734 | 440 | 741 | 433 | 749 | 426 | 757 | 418 | 816 | 358 |
| 11 | 702 | 515 | $7 \begin{array}{ll}7 & 11\end{array}$ | 506 | 722 | 454 | 734 | 442 | 740 | 436 | 748 | 428 | 756 | 420 | 815 | 401 |
| 13 | 701 | 516 | 711 | 508 | 721 | 456 | 733 | 445 | 739 | 439 | 747 | 431 | 755 | 423 | 814 | 404 |
| 15 | 701 | 518 | 710 | 510 | 720 | 458 | 732 | 448 | 738 | 441 | 745 | 434 | 754 | 426 | 812 | 408 |
| 17 | 701 | 520 | 710 | 512 | 720 | 500 | 730 | 450 | 737 | 444 | 744 | 437 | 752 | 429 | 810 | 411 |
| 19 | 700 | 522 | 709 | 514 | 719 | 502 | 729 | 453 | 735 | 446 | 742 | 439 | 750 | 432 | 807 | 415 |
| 21 | 659 | 524 | 708 | 515 | 718 | 505 | 728 | 455 | 734 | 448 | 740 | 442 | 748 | 435 | 805 | 418 |
| 23 | 659 | 526 | 707 | 517 | 715 | 508 | 726 | 457 | 732 | 451 | 739 | 445 | 746 | 438 | 802 | 422 |
| 25 | 658 | 527 | 706 | 519 | 714 | 510 | 725 | 500 | 731 | 454 | 737 | 448 | 744 | 441 | 800 | 426 |
| 27 | 657 | 529 | 705 | 521 | 712 | 513 | 724 | 502 | 729 7 | 457 | 735 | 451 | 742 | 445 | 757 | 430 |
| 29 | 656 | 531 | 704 | 523 | 711 | 515 | 722 | 505 | 727 | 500 | 733 | 454 | 739 | 448 | 754 | 434 |
| 31 | 655 | 533 | 702 | 525 | 710 | $\begin{array}{ll}5 & 17\end{array}$ | 719 | 508 | 724 | 503 | 730 | 457 | 736 | 451 | 750 | 438 |
|  | 653 | 535 | 700 | 527 | 708 | 520 | $\begin{array}{ll}7 & 17\end{array}$ | 5111 | 722 | 506 | $\begin{array}{ll}7 & 27\end{array}$ | 500 | 733 | 455 | 747 | 442 |
| 4 | 652 | 537 | 659 | 529 | 706 | 522 | 715 | 513 | 720 | 509 | 725 | 504 | 730 | 458 | 744 | 446 |
| 6 | 650 | 538 | 657 | 532 | 704 | 525 | 713 | 516 | 718 | 511 | 722 | 507 | 727 | 502 | 740 | 450 |
| 8 | 649 | 540 | 655 | 534 | 702 | 527 | 710 | 519 | 715 | 514 | 720 | 510 | 724 | 505 | 736 | 454 |
| 10 | 647 | 542 | 653 | 536 | 700 | 529 | 708 | 522 | 713 | 517 | 717 | 513 | 721 | 508 | 732 | 458 |
| 12 | 645 | 544 | 651 | 538 | 659 | 531 | 705 | 524 | 709 | 520 | 714 | 516 | 717 | 512 | 728 | 502 |
| 14 | 644 | 545 | 649 | 540 | 655 | 534 | 703 | 527 | 706 | 523 | 710 | 519 | 714 | 515 | 724 | 506 |
| 16 | 642 | 547 | 647 | 542 | 653 | 536 | 700 | 5 5 | 702 | 526 | 706 | 523 | 710 | $\begin{array}{ll}5 & 19\end{array}$ | 720 | 510 |
| 18 | 640 | 549 | 645 | 544 | 650 | 539 | 657 | 533 | 659 | 5.29 | 703 | 526 | 707 | 522 | 716 | 514 |
| 20 | 638 | 550 | 643 | 546 | 648 | 541 | 654 | 535 | 656 | 532 | 659 | 529 | 703 | 526 | 711 | 518 |
| 22 | 636 | 552 | 640 | 548 | 645 | 543 | 650 | 538 | 653 | 535 | 656 | 532 | 659 | 529 | $\begin{array}{ll}7 & 07\end{array}$ | 522 |
| 24 | 633 | 554 | 638 | 550 | 642 | 545 | 647 | 540 | 649 | 538 | 652 | 535 | 655 | 532 | 702 | 526 |
| 26 | 631 | 555 | 635 | 552 | 639 | 547 | 644 | 543 | 646 | 541 | 649 | 538 | 651 | 536 | 658 | 530 |
| 28 | 629 | 557 | 633 | 554 | 636 | 549 | 640 | 546 | 643 | 544 | 645 | 541 | 647 | 539 | 653 | 534 |



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| Jan. | , | 538 | 629 | 545 | 622 | 552 | 615 | 600 | 607 | 607 | 600 |
|  | 11 | 539 | 637 | 545 | 631 | 552 | 624 | 559 | 617 | 605 | 612 |
|  | 21 | 538 | 645 | 543 | 640 | 548 | 635 | 554 | 630 | 558 | 625 |
|  | 31 | 534 | 654 | 538 | 650 | 541 | 647 | 545 | 644 | 547 | 641 |
| Feb. | 10 | 527 | 703 | 529 | 701 | 531 | 700 | 532 | 659 | 532 | 658 |
|  | 20 | 517 | 712 | 517 | 712 | 518 | 712 | 515 | 714 | 513 | 717 |
| Mar. | 2 | 506 | 720 | 504 | 722 | 502 | 726 | 456 | 730 | 451 | 736 |
|  | 12 | 452 | 729 | 448 | 733 | 443 | 739 | 435 | 747 | 426 | 756 |
|  | 22 | 438 | 738 | 431 | 745 | 423 | 754 | 411 | 806 | 359 | 818 |
| Apr. | 1 | 423 | 747 | 413 | 757 | 401 | 809 | 346 | 825 | 329 | 842 |
|  | 11 | 407 | 757 | 355 | 809 | 339 | 825 | 319 | 846 | 256 | 910 |
|  | 21 | 351 | 807 | 336 | 823 | 317 | 843 | 250 | 910 | 220 | 942 |
| May | 1 | 337 | 819 | 318 | 837 | 254 | 902 | 220 | 937 | 136 | 1022 |
|  | 11 | 323 | 830 | 302 | 852 | 233 | 922 | 148 | 1008 | 030 | 1137 |
|  | 21 | 312 | 841 | 247 | 907 | 213 | 942 | 113 | 1044 |  |  |
|  | 31 | 304 | 851 | 236 | 920 | 156 | 1001 | 023 | 1142 |  |  |
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|  | 20 | 318 | 854 | 251 | 920 | 214 | 957 9 | 104 | 1104 |  |  |
|  | 30 | 328 | 843 | 305 | 906 | 233 | 938 | 143 | 1026 |  |  |
| Aug. | 9 | 339 | 830 | 320 | 850 | 252 | 916 | 215 | 953 | 120 | 045 |
|  | 19 | 350 | 816 | 334 | 832 | 312 | 853 | 242 | 923 | 207 | 957 |
|  | 29 | 400 | 800 | 347 | 814 | 329 | 831 | 306 | 853 | 240 | 919 |
| Sept. | 8 | 410 | 744 | 359 | 755 | 346 | 808 | 328 | 826 | 308 | 845 |
|  | 18 | 419 | 728 | 411 | 736 | 401 | 746 | 347 | 800 | 333 | 813 |
|  | 28 | 428 | 713 | 422 | 718 | 415 | 725 | 405 | 735 | 355 | 745 |
| Oct. | 8 | 435 | 659 | 432 | 702 | 428 | 706 | 422 | 712 | 415 | 719 |
|  | 18 | 443 | 646 | 442 | 647 | 440 | 649 | 437 | 651 | 434 | 655 |
| Nov. | 28 | 451 | 636 | 452 | 634 | 453 | 634 | 453 | 634 | 452 | 635 |
|  | 7 | 500 | 627 | 502 | 624 | 505 | 621 | 507 | 619 | 509 | 617 |
|  | 17 | 508 | 621 | 512 | 617 | 517 | 612 | 521 | 607 | 525 | 604 |
|  | 27 | 516 | 618 | 522 | 613 | 528 | 606 | 534 | 600 | 539 | 555 |
| Dec. | 7 | 524 | 618 | 531 | 612 | 538 | 604 | 545 | 557 | 551 | 551 |
|  | 17 | 531 | 621 | 538 | 614 | 545 | 606 | 553 | 558 | 601 | 551 |
|  | 27 | 536 | 626 | 543 | 619 | 551 | 611 | 559 | 603 | 606 | 556 |
| Jan. | 1 | 538 | 629 | 545 | 622 | 552 | 615 | 600 | 607 | 607 | 600 |

The above table gives the local mean time of the beginning of morning twilight, and of the ending of evening twilight, for various latitudes. To obtain the corresponding standard time, the method used is the same as for correcting the sunrise and sunset tables, as described on page 12. The entry - in the above table indicates that at such dates and latitudes, twilight lasts all night. This table, taken from the American Ephemeris, is computed for astronomical twilight, i.e. for the time at which the sun is $108^{\circ}$ from the zenith (or $18^{\circ}$ below the horizon).

TIME OF MOONRISE AND MOONSET, 1961 (Local Mean Time)


| DATE | Latitude $35^{\circ}$ <br> Moon <br> Rise Set |  | Latitude $40^{\circ}$ <br> Moon <br> Rise Set |  | Latitude $45^{\circ}$ Moon Rise Set |  | Latitude $50^{\circ}$ Moon Rise Set |  | Latitude $54^{\circ}$ Moon |  |
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| 2 (3) | 1814 | 0631 | 1810 | 0635 | 1806 | 0641 | 1801 | 0647 | 1756 | 0653 |
| 3 | 1910 | 0705 | 1908 | 0706 | 1907 | 0710 | 1906 | 0712 | 1903 | 0716 |
| 4 | 2006 | 0737 | 2008 | 0737 | $20 \quad 09$ | 0737 | 2011 | 0737 | 2012 | 0737 |
| 5 | 2104 | 0810 | 2108 | 0809 | 2112 | 0805 | 2117 | 0802 | 2122 | 0759 |
| 6 | 2204 | 0846 | 2209 | 0841 | $\begin{array}{lll}22 & 17\end{array}$ | 0836 | 2224 | 0829 | 2233 | 0822 |
| 7 | $23 \quad 04$ | 0923 | 2312 | 0916 | $23 \quad 22$ | 0908 | 2332 | 0859 | 2344 | 0849 |
| 8 |  | 1004 |  | 0955 |  | 0945 |  | 0932 |  | 0920 |
| 9 C | 0005 | 1050 | 0014 | 1039 | 0026 | 1027 | 0040 | 1013 | 0054 | 0958 |
| 10 | 0106 | 1142 | 0117 | 1130 | 0130 | 1117 | 0146 | 1100 | 0202 | 1044 |
| 11 | 0205 | 1239 | 0217 | 1227 | 0230 | 1214 | 0247 | 1157 | 0304 | 1141 |
| 12 | 0301 | 1342 | 0313 | 1331 | 0326 | 1318 | 0341 | 1303 | 0358 | 1247 |
| 13 | 0354 | 1448 | $04 \quad 04$ | 1439 | 0415 | 1428 | 0430 | 1415 | 0443 | 1402 |
| 14 | 0443 | 1556 | 0451 | 1550 | 0459 | 1542 | 0511 | 1531 | 0521 | 1522 |
| 15 | 0528 | 1705 | 0532 | 1701 | 0539 | 1656 | 0547 | 1650 | 0554 | 1644 |
| 16 (i) | 0609 | 1813 | 0612 | 1812 | 0615 | 1810 | 0618 | 1808 | 0622 | 1806 |
| 17 | 0648 | 1920 | 0648 | 1921 | 0648 | 1923 | 0648 | 1925 | 0648 | 1926 |
| 18 | 0726 | 2024 | 0723 | $20 \quad 29$ | 0721 | 2033 | 0717 | 2039 | 0713 | 2044 |
| 19 | 0805 | 2127 | 0800 | 2133 | 0754 | 2141 | 0746 | 2150 | 0740 | 2159 |
| 20 | 0844 | 2227 | 0837 | 2236 | 0828 | 2246 | 0818 | 2257 | 0808 | 2310 |
| 21 | 0925 | $23 \quad 24$ | 0916 | 2335 | 0905 | 2346 | 0852 |  | 0839 |  |
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| 23 ? | 1053 | $\begin{array}{ll}00 & 19\end{array}$ | 1042 | 0030 | 1029 | 0043 | 1013 | 0058 | 0956 | 0114 |
| 24 | 1141 | 0109 | 1129 | 0121 | 1116 | 0134 | 1100 | 0151 | 1043 | 0207 |
| 25 | 1231 | 0156 | 1220 | 0207 | 1207 | 0220 | 1151 | 0237 | 1136 | 0252 |
| 26 | 1322 | 0239 | 1312 | 0249 | 1301 | 0302 | 1246 | 0316 | 1233 | 0330 |
| 27 | 1415 | 0319 | 1407 | 0327 | 1357 | 0338 | 1346 | 0351 | 1333 | 0403 |
| 28 | 1509 | 0355 | 1503 | 0403 | 1456 | 0411 | 1446 | 0422 | 1438 | 0431 |
| 29 | 1605 | 0431 | 1600 | 0436 | 1556 | 0442 | 1549 | 0449 | 1543 | 0457 |
| 30 | 1701 | 0505 | 1659 | 0507 | 1657 | 0511 | 1654 | 0515 | 1650 | 0520 |
| 31 | 1758 | , 0538 | 1759 | 0538 | 1759 | 0539 | 1800 | 0540 | 1800 | 0542 |
| Apr. 1 (바) | 1857 | 0611 | 1900 | 0610 | 1903 | 0608 | 1907 | 0605 | 1911 | 0604 |
| 2 | 1957 | 0646 | 2002 | 0642 | 2008 | 0637 | 2015 | 0632 | 2022 | 0626 |
| 3 | 2058 | 0723 | 2105 | 0717 | 2114 | 0709 | 2124 | 0701 | 2135 | 0652 |
| 4 | 2159 | 0803 | 2208 | 0755 | 2220 | 0745 | 2233 | 0734 | 2247 | 0722 |
| 5 | 2301 | 0848 | 2311 | 0838 | 2324 | 0826 | 2339 | 0812 | 2356 | 0758 |
| 6 |  | 0937 |  | 0926 |  | 0913 |  | 0857 |  | 0841 |
| 7 | 0000 | 1032 | 0012 | 1021 | 0025 | 1007 | 0042 | 0951 | 0059 | 0934 |
| 8 d | 0056 | 1132 | 0108 | 1121 | 0122 | 1108 | 0138 <br> 1 | 1052 | 0154 | 1035 |
| 9 | 0149 | 1236 | 0200 | 1226 | 0212 | 1214 | 0227 | 1200 | 0242 | 1146 |
| 10 | 0237 | 1342 | 0246 | 1333 | 0256 | 1324 | 0309 | 1314 | 0321 | 1302 |
| 11 | 0322 | 1448 | 0328 | 1443 | 0336 | 1436 | 0345 | 1429 | 0354 | 1421 |
| 12 | 0403 | 1555 | 0407 | 1552 | 0412 | 1549 | 0417 | 1545 | 0422 | 1541 |
| 13 | 0442 | 1701 | 0443 | 1700 | 0445 | 1701 | 0447 | 1701 | 0448 | 1700 |
| 14 | 0520 | 1805 | 0518 | 1808 | 0517 | 1811 | 0515 | 1815 | 0513 | 1819 |
| 15 준 | 0558 | 1909 | 0553 | 1915 | 0549 | 1920 | 0544 | 1928 | 0539 | 1935 |
| 16 | 0636 | 2011 | 0630 | 2019 | 0623 | 2028 | 0614 | 2038 | 0606 | 2049 |
| 17 | 0717 | 2111 | 0708 | 2120 | 0659 | 2132 | 0647 | 2145 | 0636 | 2159 |
| 18 | 0759 | 2207 | 0749 | $\begin{array}{lll}22 & 18\end{array}$ | 0738 | 2231 | 0723 | 2247 | 0710 | 2302 |
| 19 | 0845 | 2300 | 0834 | 2312 | $08 \quad 21$ | 2325 | 0804 | 2342 | 0748 | 2359 |
| 20 | 0932 | 2350 | 0920 |  | 0907 |  | 0850 |  | 0833 |  |
| 21 | 1022 |  | 1011 | 0001 | 0957 | 0014 | 0940 | 0031 | $\begin{array}{ll}09 & 24\end{array}$ | 0048 |
| 22 | 1113 | 0035 | 1102 | 0046 | 1050 | 0058 | 1035 | $\begin{array}{lll}01 & 14\end{array}$ | 1020 | 0129 |
| 23 | 1206 | 0116 | 1156 | 0126 | 1146 | 0137 | 1133 | 0151 | 1120 | 0204 |
| 24 | 1259 | 0154 | 1252 | 0202 | 1243 | 0212 | 1233 | 0223 | 1223 | 0234 |
| 25 | 1354 | 0229 | 1349 | 0236 | 1343 | 0243 | 1335 | 0252 | 1328 | 0300 |
| 26 | 1450 | 0303 | 1446 | $\begin{array}{ll}03 & 07\end{array}$ | 1443 | 0312 | 1439 | 0318 | 1434 | 0324 |
| 27 | 1546 | $03 \quad 36$ | 1546 | 0338 | 1545 | 0340 | 1544 | $\begin{array}{ll}03 & 43 \\ 04 & \\ \end{array}$ | 1543 | 0345 |
| 28 | 1645 | 0409 | 1646 | 0409 | 1649 | $\begin{array}{ll}04 & 08 \\ 04\end{array}$ | 1651 | $\begin{array}{ll}04 & 07 \\ 04 & 33\end{array}$ | 1653 | 0407 |
| 29 | 1745 | 0443 | 1748 | 0441 | $17 \quad 54$ | 0437 | 1800 | 0433 | 1805 | 0429 |
| 30 (6) | 1846 | 0520 | 1853 | 0514 | 1901 | 0508 | 1911 | 0501 | 1919 | 0454 |




| DATE | Latitude $35^{\circ}$ <br> Moon <br> Rise Set | Latitude $40^{\circ}$ Moon <br> Rise Set | Latitude $45^{\circ}$ Moon | Latitude $50^{\circ}$ Moon | Latitude. $54^{\circ}$ Moon |
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| 2 | $23 \quad 5613131$ | $23 \quad 45 \quad 1332$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}23 & 31 & 13 & 45\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}23 & 15 & 14 & 01\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}22 & 59 & 14 & 17\end{array}$ |
| 3 | 1413 | 1425 | 1439 | 1456 | $\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllll}23 & 43 & 15 & 12\end{array}$ |
| 4 | $\begin{array}{llll}00 & 43 & 15 & 02\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}00 & 31 & 15 & 14\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}00 & 17 & 15 & 27\end{array}$ | 00001544 | 1601 |
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| 6 | $\begin{array}{lllll}02 & 25 & 16 & 28\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}02 & 14 & 16 & 38\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}02 & 01 & 16 & 49\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}01 & 46 & 17 & 04\end{array}$ |  |
| 7 | $\begin{array}{llll}03 & 17 & 17 & 05\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}03 & 08 & 17 & 14\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llllll}02 & 57 & 17 & 23\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}02 & 44 & 17 & 35\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}02 & 31 & 17 & 46\end{array}$ |
| 8 | $\begin{array}{lllll}04 & 11 & 17 & 41\end{array}$ | 04 $04 \begin{array}{lll}17 & 17\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llllll}03 & 55 & 17 & 54\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}03 & 44 & 18 & 03\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llllll}03 & 34 & 18 & 11\end{array}$ |
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| 10 | $\begin{array}{lllll}05 & 59 & 18 & 45\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}05 & 56 & 18 & 47\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}05 & 53 & 18 & 49\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llllll}05 & 48 & 18 & 52\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}05 & 44 & 18 & 54\end{array}$ |
| 11 | $\begin{array}{llll}06 & 54 & 19 & 17\end{array}$ | 06531916 | $\begin{array}{lllll}06 & 53 & 19 & 16\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}06 & 51 & 19 & 15\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llllll}06 & 50 & 19 & 15\end{array}$ |
| 12 | $\begin{array}{llll}07 & 50 & 19 & 49 \\ 08 & 46 & 29\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}07 & 51 & 19 & 46 \\ 08 & 50 & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}07 & 53 & 19 & 43\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}07 & 55 & 19 & 39\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}07 & 57 & 19 & 36\end{array}$ |
| 13 | $\begin{array}{llll}08 & 46 & 20 & 22 \\ 09\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}08 & 50 & 20 & 17\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}08 & 54 & 20 & 11\end{array}$ | $0900 \quad 2005$ | 09051958 |
| 14 | $\begin{array}{llll}09 & 43 & 20 & 58 \\ 10 & 42 & 21 & 38\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}09 & 50 & 20 & 51 \\ 10 & 50 & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}09 & 57 & 20 & 42 \\ 11 & 00 & 21\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}10 & 06 & 20 & 32\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}10 & 14 & 20 & 23\end{array}$ |
| 15 | $\begin{array}{llll}10 & 42 & 21 & 38\end{array}$ | $1050 \quad 2129$ | $\begin{array}{llll}11 & 00 & 21 & 18\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}11 & 12 & 21 & 05\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}11 & 24 & 20 & 52\end{array}$ |
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| 19 | $\begin{array}{llll}14 & 35 & 00 & 10\end{array}$ | 1447 | 1500 | 1516 | 1533 |
| 20 | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 27 & 01 \\ 12\end{array}$ | $15 \quad 38 \quad 0100$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}15 & 49 & 00 & 47\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}16 & 04 & 00 & 3 i\end{array}$ | 1618 00 15 |
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| 22 | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 01 & 03 & 28 \\ 17 & 42 & 04\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 06 & 03 & 20 \\ 17 & 46 & 04\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 13 & 03 & 12 \\ 17 & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 21 & 03 & 02 \\ 17 & 52 & 04 & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 28 & 02 & 52\end{array}$ |
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| 26 | 19410804 | 19360808 | $\begin{array}{llll}19 & 29 & 08 & 13\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}19 & 22 & 08 & 19\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}19 & 15 & 08 & 25\end{array}$ |
| 27 | $\begin{array}{llll}20 & 22 & 09 & 09\end{array}$ | 20140916 | 20050924 | 19540934 | $1944 \quad 0943$ |
| 28 | $\begin{array}{llll}21 & 05 & 10 & 12\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}20 & 55 & 10 & 21\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}20 & 44 & 10 & 31\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}20 & 30 & 10 & 44\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}20 & 16 & 10 & 57\end{array}$ |
| 29 | $\begin{array}{llll}21 & 50 & 11 & 11 \\ 22 & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}21 & 39 & 11 & 22\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}21 & 25 & 11 & 34\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}21 & 10 & 11 & 50\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}20 & 54 & 12 & 05\end{array}$ |
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| 22 | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 47 & 07 & 20\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}17 & 34 & 07 & 33 \\ 18 & 27 & 08 & 23\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}17 & 20 & 07 & 47 \\ 18 & 14 & 08 & 36\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}17 & 02 & 08 & 05 \\ 17 & 57 & 08 & 54\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}16 & 44 & 08 & 22 \\ 17 & 40 & 09 & 11\end{array}$ |
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| 26 | $\begin{array}{lllll}21 & 22 & 10 & 13\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}21 & 16 & 10 & 22\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}21 & 07 & 10 & 30\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}20 & 57 & 10 & 42\end{array}$ | $2048 \quad 1052$ |
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## THE PLANETS FOR 1961

## THE SUN

The diagram represents the sun-spot activity of the current 19th cycle, as far as the final numbers are available. The present cycle began at the minimum in April 1954. For comparison, cycle 18 which began February 1944 (solid curve), and the mean of cycles 8 to 18 (dashed curve), are placed with their minima on April 1954.

The present cycle reached its maximum in January 1958 and since then has been declining slowly.

The observations for sun-spot numbers may be performed by devoted amateur astronomers with small-sized telescopes (suitably protected). Here is a field for amateurs who wish to make a valuable contribution to solar astronomy.


Mercury is exceptional in many ways. It is the planet nearest the sun and travels fastest in its orbit, its speed varying from 23 mi . per sec. at aphelion to 35 mi. per sec . at perihelion. The amount of heat and light from the sun received by it per square mile is, on the average, 6.7 times the amount received by the earth. Its period of rotation on its axis is believed to be the same as its period of revolution about the sun, which is 88 days.

Mercury's orbit is well within that of the earth, and the planet, as seen from the earth, appears to move quickly from one side of the sun to the other several times in the year. Its quick motion earned for it the name it bears. Its greatest elongation (i.e., its maximum angular distance from the sun) varies between $18^{\circ}$ and $28^{\circ}$, and on such occasions it is visible to the naked eye for about two weeks.

When the elongation of Mercury is east of the sun it is an evening star, setting soon after the sun. When the elongation is west, it is a morning star and rises shortly before the sun. Its brightness when it is treated as a star is considerable but it is always viewed in the twilight sky and one must look sharply to see it.

The most suitable times to observe Mercury are at an eastern elongation in the spring and at a western elongation in the autumn. The dates of greatest elongation this year, together with the planet's separation from the sun and its stellar magnitude, are given in the following table:

Maximum Elongations of Mercury during 1961

| Elong. East - Evening Star |  |  | Elong. West - Morning Star |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | Dist. | Mag. | Date |  | Dist. | Mag. |
| Feb. 6 | $18^{\circ}$ | -0.4 | Mar. |  | $28^{\circ}$ | +0.5 |
| May 31 | $23^{\circ}$ | +0.6 | July |  | $20^{\circ}$ | +0.5 |
| Sept. 28 | $26^{\circ}$ | +0.3 | Nov. | 7 | $19^{\circ}$ | -0.3 |

The most favourable elongations to observe are: in the evening, May 31 ; in the morning, Nov. 7. At these times Mercury looks like a half-moon in a telescope. On May 31 and Nov. 7 it is respectively about $8^{\prime \prime}$ and $7^{\prime \prime}$ in apparent diameter and about 77 and 92 million miles from the earth.


Venus is the next planet in order from the sun. In size and mass it is almost a twin of the earth. Venus being within the earth's orbit, its apparent motion is similar to Mercury's but much slower and more stately. The orbit of Venus is almost circular with radius of 67 million miles, and its orbital speed is 22 miles per sec.

On Jan. 1, 1961, Venus is in the evening sky and crosses the meridian about 3 hours after the sun. Its declination is $-15^{\circ}$ and it appears in the south-southwestern sky at sunset. It is brilliant, its stellar magnitude being -3.8. It reaches greatest elongation east, $47^{\circ}$, on Jan. 29 ; its declination is $-1^{\circ}$ and it transits
the meridian 3 hours after the sun. Greatest brilliancy, mag. -4.3 , is attained on Mar. 5. By Apr. 10 it is in inferior conjunction with the sun, and becomes a morning star. It again attains greatest brilliancy, mag. -4.2, on May 16. It reaches greatest elongation west, $46^{\circ}$, on June 19 ; its declination is $+13^{\circ}$, and it transits about 3 hours before the sun. It remains in the morning sky for the rest of the year, getting close to the sun by Dec. 31.

With the exception of the sun and moon, Venus is the brightest object in the sky. Its brilliance is largely due to the dense clouds which cover the surface of the planet. They reflect well the sun's light; but they also prevent the astronomer from detecting any solid object on the surface of the body. If such could be observed it would enable him to determine the planet's rotation period.

## MARS

The orbit of Mars is outside that of the earth and consequently its planetary phenomena are quite different from those of the two inferior planets discussed above. Its mean distance from the sun is 141 million miles and the eccentricity of its orbit is 0.093 , and a simple computation shows that its distance from the sun ranges between 128 and 154 million miles. Its distance from the earth varies from 35 to 235 million miles and its brightness changes accordingly. When Mars is nearest it is conspicuous in its fiery red, but when farthest away it is no brighter than Polaris. Unlike Venus, its atmosphere is very thin, and features on the solid surface are distinctly visible. Utilizing them its rotation period of 24 h .37 m . has been accurately determined.

The sidereal, or true mechanical, period of revolution of Mars is 687 days; and the synodic period (for example, the interval from one opposition to the next one) is 780 days. This is the average value; it may vary from 764 to 810 days. At the opposition on Sept. 10, 1956, the planet was closer to the earth than it will be for some years. The last opposition was on Dec. 30, 1960; the next on Feb. 4, 1963

On Jan. 1, 1961 Mars is in Gemini and is just rising in the north-eastern sky at sunset; its stellar magnitude is -1.3 . It remains in the evening sky until it comes into conjunction with the sun on Dec. 14. On Dec. 31 it is in the morning sky but is too close to the sun for observation. For its position throughout the year see the map.

## JUPITER

Jupiter is the giant of the family of the sun. Its mean diameter is 87,000 miles and its mass is $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times that of all the rest of the planets combined! Its mean distance is 483 million miles and the revolution period is 11.9 years. This planet is known to possess 12 satellites, the last discovered in 1951 (see p. 9). Not so long ago it was generally believed that the planet was still cooling down from its original high temperature, but from actual measurements of the radiation from it to the earth it has been deduced that the surface is at about $-200^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The spectroscope shows that its atmosphere contains ammonia and methane.

Jupiter is a fine object for the telescope. Many details of the cloud belts as well as the flattening of the planet, due to its short rotation period, are visible, and the phenomena of its satellites provide a continual interest.

On Jan. 1, 1961, Jupiter is close to the sun in the evening sky in the constellation Sagittarius; by Jan. 5 it is in conjunction with the sun and then emerges in the

morning sky. It comes into opposition with the sun on July 25, when it moves into the evening sky and is visible all night. It is then in Capricornus, with magnitude -2.3. It retrogrades from May 25 to Sept. 23 (see map). On Dec. 31 it is in Capricornus, and is low in the south-western sky at sunset; its magnitude has faded to -1.6 . During 1961 Jupiter overtakes Saturn, conjunction occurring on Feb. 18. Note: on the map, circles with vertical lines denote retrograde motion.

## SATURN

Saturn was the outermost planet known until modern times. In size it is a good second to Jupiter. In addition to its family of nine satellites, this planet has a unique system of rings, and it is one of the finest of celestial objects in a good telescope. The plane of the rings makes an angle of $27^{\circ}$ with the plane of the planet's orbit, and twice during the planet's revolution period of $29 \frac{1}{2}$ years the rings appear to open out widest; then they slowly close in until, midway between the maxima, the rings are presented edgewise to the sun or the earth, at which times they are invisible. The rings were edgewise in 1950 , and will be again in 1966; the northern face of the rings was at maximum in 1958 and the southern will be in 1973.
On Jan. 1, 1961, Saturn is close to the sun in the evening sky, and by Jan. 11 is in conjunction with the sun. On Feb. 18 Saturn is overtaken by Jupiter. It reaches opposition with the sun on July 19, when its stellar magnitude is +0.3 . It retrogrades from May 9 to Sept. 27 (see map). On Dec. 31 it is near the western edge of Capricornus, and is low in the south-western sky at sunset (mag. +0.8 ). Jupiter is higher in the sky, about ten degrees away. Note: on the map, circles with vertical lines denote retrograde motion.


Uranus was discovered in 1781 by Sir William Herschel by means of a $6 \frac{1}{4}$-in. mirror-telescope made by himself. The object did not look just like a star and he observed it again four days later. It had moved amongst the stars, and he assumed it to be a comet. He could not believe that it was a new planet. However, computation later showed that it was a planet nearly twice as far from the sun as Saturn. Its period of revolution is 84 years and it rotates on its axis in about 11 hours. Its five satellites are visible only in a large telescope.
During 1961 Uranus is in Leo (see map). At the beginning of the year it is in the morning sky and is retrograding (direct motion is resumed on Apr. 29). On

Feb. 12 it is in opposition to the sun and is above the horizon all night; its apparent diameter is $3.9^{\prime \prime}$ and its stellar magnitude is +5.7 . By the time of conjunction on Aug. 19 its magnitude has faded to +5.9 . It is in the morning sky for the rest of the year, passing close to Regulus in October. It is to be noted that Mars passes close to the planet on June 15.


Neptune was discovered in 1846 after its existence in the sky had been predicted from independent calculations by Leverrier in France and Adams in England. It caused a sensation at the time. Its distance from the sun is 2791 million miles and its period of revolution is 165 years. A satellite was discovered in 1846 soon after the planet. A second satellite was discovered by G. P. Kuiper at the McDonald Observatory on May 1, 1949. Its magnitude is about 19.5, its period about a year, and diameter about 200 miles. It is named Nereid.

During 1961 Neptune is in Libra (see map). It is in opposition to the sun on Apr. 30, when it is above the horizon all night. Its stellar magnitude is then +7.70 , and during the year it fades slightly to +7.84 . Thus it is too faint to be seen with the naked eye. In the telescope it shows a greenish tint and an apparent diameter of from $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ to $2.3^{\prime \prime}$. It is in conjunction with the sun on Nov. 3 and moves into the morning sky for the rest of the year.

## PLUTO

Pluto, the most distant known planet, was discovered at the Lowell Observatory in 1930 as a result of an extended search started two decades earlier by Percival Lowell. The faint star-like image was first detected by Clyde Tombaugh by comparing photographs taken on different dates. Further observations confirmed that the object was a distant planet. Its mean distance from the sun is 3671 million miles and its revolution period is 248 years. It appears as a 15 th mag. star in the constellation Leo. It is in opposition to the sun on Feb. 25, at which time its astrometric position is R.A. $10^{\mathrm{h}} 54^{\mathrm{m}}$, Dec. $+21^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$.

# THE SKY MONTH BY MONTH 

By J. F. Heard

THE SKY FOR JANUARY, 1961
Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0 h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75 th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During January the sun's R.A. increases from 18h 45 m to 20 h 57 m and its Decl. changes from $23^{\circ} 02^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. to $17^{\circ} 13^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. The equation of time changes from -3 m 22 s to -13 m 36 s . The earth is in perihelion or closest to the sun on the 2 nd .

For changes in the length of the day, see p. 13.
The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 20.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 12 m , Decl. $22^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 12 h 38 m . It is too close to the sun for observation, being in superior conjunction on the 5 th.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 22 h 51 m , Decl. $8^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ S., mag. -3.9 , and transits at 15 h 14 m . It is a brilliant evening star, dominating the south-western sky for about three hours after sunset. On the evening of the 19th it is very close to the moon. Greatest eastern elongation is on the 29th.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 6 h 14 m , Decl. $27^{\circ} 13^{\prime}$ N., mag. -1.0 , and transits at 22 h 32 m . In Gemini, it has risen before sunset and is visible all night.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 15 m , Decl. $22^{\circ} 26^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 11 h 36 m . It is in conjunction on the 5 th , and is too close to the sun for observation.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 32 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 11 h 53 m . It is in conjunction on the 11 th and is too close to the sun for observation.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 50 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 56^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 2 h 12 m . It rises about 3 hours after sunset.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 37 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 29^{\prime}$ S. and transits at 6 h 58 m . It rises about two hours after midnight.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA MONTH BY MONTH


Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ Jan. 11, $-7.96^{\circ}$; Jan. 23, $+7.52^{\circ}$. $\quad{ }^{b}$ Jan. 14, $-6.64^{\circ}$; Jan. $26,+6.75^{\circ}$.

## THE SKY FOR FEBRUARY, 1961

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0 h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75 th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During February the sun's R.A. increases from 20 h 57 m to 22 h 47 m and its Decl. changes from $17^{\circ} 13^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. to $7^{\circ} 45^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. The equation of time changes from -13 m 36 s to a minimum of -14 m 19 s on the 12 th and then to -12 m 33 s at the end of the month. There is a total eclipse of the sun on the 15th.

For changes in the length of the day, see p. 13.
The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 20.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 22 h 37 m , Decl. $5^{\circ} 39^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 12 h 54 m . It is at greatest eastern elongation on the 6th, and for a few evenings about this time may be seen low in the south-west just after sunset; this is a reasonably favourable elongation. By the 21st it is in inferior conjunction.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 0h 40 m , Decl. $6^{\circ} 58^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$, mag. -4.2 , and transits at 15 h 00 m . It is a brilliant evening star, dominating the western sky for nearly four hours after sunset.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 6 h 02 m , Decl. $26^{\circ} 46^{\prime}$ N., mag. - 0.1 , and transits at 20 h 19 m . In Gemini, it is well up at sunset and may be observed most of the night. On the 5th it is stationary in right ascension and resumes direct, or eastward, motion among the stars.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 45 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 25^{\prime}$ S., mag. -1.5 , and transits at 10 h 04 m . It is in Sagittarius, very low in the south-east at sunrise. On the 18th there is a very close conjunction with Saturn.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 47 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.8 , and transits at 10 h 06 m . It is very close to Jupiter (q.v.).

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 45 m , Decl. $14^{\circ} 22^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 0 h 05 m . It rises about at sunset. Opposition is on the 12th.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 38 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 4 h 57 m . It rises about at midnight.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.

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Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ Feb. $8,-7.53^{\circ}$; Feb. 20, +7.12 ${ }^{\circ}$.
${ }^{b}$ Feb. $10,-6.79^{\circ}$; Feb. 23, $+6.83^{\circ}$.

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75 th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During March the sun's R.A. increases from 22 h 47 m to 0 h 41 m and its Decl. changes from $7^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ S. to $4^{\circ} 22^{\prime}$ N. The equation of time changes from -12 m 33 s to -4 m 06 s . On the 20 th at 15 h 32 m E.S.T. the sun crosses the equator on its way north, enters the sign of Aries and spring commences. This is the vernal equinox. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 14.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 21. On the 21st at 23 h E.S.T. there is an occultation of Aldebaran visible in parts of America. There is a partial eclipse of the moon on the morning of the 2 nd .

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 21 h 58 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 31^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 10 h 28 m . It is at greatest western elongation on the 20 th , and for a few mornings at this time it may be seen low in the east before sunrise. This is not a favourable elongation.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 1 h 36 m , Decl. $16^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ N., mag. -4.2 , and transits at 14 h 04 m . It is a brilliant evening star seen low in the western sky for about three hours after sunset, though it is rapidly approaching the sun during the month. Greatest brilliancy is on the 5th.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 6 h 31 m , Decl. $25^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ N., mag. +0.6 , and transits at 18 h 59 m . In Gemini, now fading perceptibly, it is nearly to the meridian at sunset and sets about two hours after midnight.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 09 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ S., mag. -1.6 , and transits at 8 h 37 m . Moving into Capricornus, it may be seen very low in the south-east just before sunrise. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 58 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 39^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.9 , and transits at 8 h 27 m . It is just a few degrees west of Jupiter (q.v.).

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. $9 \mathrm{~h} \mathrm{41m}$, Decl. $14^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 22 h 06 m . It is well up in the east at sunset.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 37 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 25^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 3 h 06 m . It rises in the late evening.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.

| MARCH <br> E.S.T. |  |  |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Min. } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Algol }}}{ }$ | Config. of Jupiter's 5h 15m | Sun's Colong. 0h U.T |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d | h | m |  | h m |  | - |
| Wed. 1 |  |  |  | 2305 | 01234 | 74.43 |
| Thu. 2 | 8 | 35 | (2) Full Moon. Eclipse, see p. $60 \ldots$. |  | 12043 | 86.58 |
| Fri. 3 |  |  |  |  | 42 O 13 | 98.72 |
| Sat. 4 |  |  |  | 1955 | 41302 | 110.87 |
| Sun. 5 | 12 |  | ㅇ. greatest brilliancy, mag. $-4.3 \ldots$ |  | 43012 | 123.01 |
| Mon. 6 | 0 |  | \% stationary in R.A. |  | 4320 * | 135.17 |
| Tue. 7 | 0 |  | $\sigma \Psi \mathbb{C}$ | 1644 | d430* | 147.32 |
| Wed. 8 |  |  |  |  | 40132 | $159.48^{\text {l }}$ |
| Thu. 9 | 21 | 58 | (8) Last Quarter. |  | 412 O 3 | $171.65^{\text {b }}$ |
| Fri. 10 |  |  |  | 1333 | 24013 | 183.82 |
| Sat. 11 |  |  |  |  | d1O42 | 196.00 |
| Sun. 12 | 15 |  | Ob da b $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ |  | 3 O 124 | 208.19 |
|  | 19 |  | く4『 2 $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
| Mon. 13 |  |  |  | 1023 | 32104 | 220.39 |
| Tue. 14 |  |  | 8 at $४$. |  | d3204 | 232.59 |
|  | 13 |  | © at perigee. Dist. from $\oplus, 225,300 \mathrm{mi}$. |  |  |  |
|  | 15 |  | O¢ ¢ ¢ \% $0.9^{\circ} \mathrm{S} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. |  |  |  |
| Wed. 15 |  |  |  |  | 01324 | 244.80 |
| Thu. 16 | 13 | 51 | (17) New Moo | 712 | d1O34 | 257.01 |
|  | 14 |  | б' Vesta $\odot$ |  |  |  |
| Fri. 17 |  |  |  |  | 2 O 134 | 269.23 |
| Sat. 18 | 14 |  | O우 (6) ¢ $12^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ |  | 10324 | 281.44 |
| Sun. 19 | 13 |  | ㅇ stationary in R.A. | 401 | d3012 | 293.65 |
| Mon. 20 |  |  | $\bigcirc$ greatest hel. lat. N............. |  | 34210 | 305.86 |
|  | 15 |  | ¢ greatest elongation W., $28^{\circ} \ldots .$. |  |  |  |
|  | 15 | 32 | $\bigcirc$ enters $\uparrow$. Spring commences.... |  |  |  |
| Tue. 21 |  |  |  |  | 432 O 1 | $318.07^{2}$ |
| Wed. 22 |  |  |  | 050 | 4032* | $330.27^{\text {b }}$ |
| Thu. 23 | 21 | 49 | (1) First Quarter |  | 41 O 23 | 342.46 |
| Fri. 24 |  |  | .8 at aphelion. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 2140 | 42 O 13 | 354.66 |
|  | 8 |  | $\bigcirc$ Ceres $\odot$. |  |  |  |
|  | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sat. 25 |  |  |  |  | 41 O 23 | 6.84 |
| Sun. 26 | 10 |  | © at apogee. Dist. from $\oplus, 251,600 \mathrm{mi}$. |  | 43 O 12 | 19.02 |
| Mon. 27 |  |  |  | 1829 | $3120^{*}$ | 31.19 |
| Tue. 28 | 2 |  | $\sigma^{\circ}$ © ${ }^{\text {c }} 2^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$. |  | 32 O 41 | 43.37 |
| Wed. 29 |  |  | $\sigma^{7}$ greatest hel. lat. N............. . |  | O324* | 55.53 |
| Thu. 30 |  |  |  | 1518 | dO234 | 67.69 |
| Fri. 31 |  |  |  |  | 20134 | 79.86 |

Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56

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{ }^{l} \text { Mar. 8, }-6.35^{\circ} ; \text { Mar. 21, }+6.21^{\circ} . \quad{ }^{b} \text { Mar. 9, }-6.79^{\circ} ; \text { Mar. 22, }+6.80^{\circ} .
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The Sun-During April the sun's R.A. increases from 0h 41m to 2 h 32 m and its Decl. changes from $4^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. to $14^{\circ} 56^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. The equation of time changes from -4 m 06 s to +2 m 52 s , being zero on the 15 th . For changes in the length of the day, see p. 14.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 21.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 0 h 32 m , Decl. $1^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 11 h 02 m . It is too close to the sun for observation.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 0h 58 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ N., mag. -3.3 , and transits at 11 h 22 m . Although still visible at the beginning of the month as an evening star low in the west at sunset, it reaches inferior conjunction by the 10th and thereafter becomes a morning star, though not easy to observe.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 7 h 26 m , Decl. $24^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ N., mag. +1.1 , and transits at 17 h 53 m . In Gemini, it is past the meridian at sunset and sets soon after midnight.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 28 m , Decl. $19^{\circ} 24^{\prime}$ S., mag. -1.8 , and transits at 6 h 55 m . In Capricornus, it rises almost four hours before the sun, but remains low in the south-east because of its low declination. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 06 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 18^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.8 , and transits at 6 h 33 m . It is in Capricornus, preceding Jupiter by about 5 degrees and visible for about four hours before sunrise.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 37 m , Decl. $14^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 20 h 02 m . It is approaching the meridian at sunset.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 34 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 1 h 02 m . It rises soon after sunset. Opposition is on the 30th.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.

| APRIL E.S.T. |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Min. } \\ \text { Mig } \\ \text { Algol } \end{gathered}$ | Config. of Jupiter's $4 \mathrm{~h} \mathrm{00m}$ | Sun's Selen. Colong Oh U.T |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d | h | m | (3) Full Moon | h m | 1034* |  |
| Sat. 1 | 0 | 48 |  |  |  | 92.02 |
| Sun. 2 |  |  |  | 1207 | 30124 | 104.18 |
| Mon. 3 | 5 |  | O世 (6) $\quad \Psi 3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  | 31204 | $116.34^{\text {l }}$ |
| Tue. 4 |  |  | $\square \delta^{\top} \odot$ East. |  | 32014 | 128.50 |
| Wed. 5 |  |  | b at $\vartheta$ | 856 | d1302 | $140.67^{\text {b }}$ |
| Thu. 6 |  |  |  |  | 40123 | 152.84 |
| Fri. 7 |  |  |  |  | 4203* | 165.02 |
| Sat. 8 | 5 | 16 | (16) Last Quarter. | 546 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 4103 * \\ 43012 \end{array}$ | 189.40 |
| Sun. 9 | 1 |  | oba b $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
|  | 9 |  | O4® $43^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
| Mon. 10 | 19 |  | $\bigcirc ¢ \odot{ }^{\circ} \odot$ inferior. |  | 43120 | 201.61 |
| Tue. 11 | 3 |  | $\mathbb{\circledR}$ at perigee. Dist. from $\oplus, 228,600 \mathrm{mi}$. | 235 | 43201 | 213.82 |
| Wed. 12 |  |  |  |  | 4102* | 226.03 |
| Thu. 13 | 16 |  | O¢¢ $¢ 0.3{ }^{\circ}$ | 2324 | 40132 | 238.25 |
| Fri. 14 |  |  | \% greatest hel. lat. S. |  | 2043* | 250.48 |
| Sat. 15 | 0 | 38 | (1) New Moon |  | d2O34 | 262.71 |
| Sun. 16 |  |  |  | 2013 | 30124 | 274.94 |
| Mon. 17 | 20 |  | ర ¢¢ ¢ ¢ ¢ 9 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ |  | d3104 | 287.16 |
| Tue. 18 |  |  |  |  | 32 O 4 | $299.39^{\text {l,b }}$ |
| Wed. 19 |  |  | $\square \mathrm{b} \odot \mathrm{P}^{\text {West.}}$ | 1702 | 31024 | 311.61 |
| Thu. 20 |  |  |  |  | 01324 | 323.84 |
| Fri. 21 |  |  | Lyrid meteors (see p. 64). |  | 21043 | 336.05 |
| Sat. 22 | 0 |  | $\sigma^{\circ} 0^{7}$ dr $0^{7} 5^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$. | 1351 | d2403 | 348.26 |
|  | 16 | 50 | ```ii First Quarter................... \| at apogee. Dist. from }\Theta,251,100 mi``` |  |  |  |
| Sun. 23 | 5 |  |  |  | d4O12 | 0.47 |
| Mon. 24 | 9 |  |  |  | 43102 | 12.67 |
| Tue. 25 |  |  |  | 1040 | 43201 | 24.86 |
| Wed. 26 |  |  | $\square 4 \odot$ |  | 43102 | 37.05 |
| Thu. 27 |  |  |  |  | 40312 | 49.23 |
| Fri. 28 |  |  |  | 729 | 41203 | 61.41 |
| Sat. 29 | 8 |  | $\bigcirc$ stationary in R.A. |  | 42013 | 73.59 |
|  | 12 |  | ¢ stationary in R.A. |  |  |  |
| Sun. 30 | 8 |  | $\bigcirc$ - $\Psi \odot$ Dist. from $\oplus, 2,724,000,000 \mathrm{mi}$. |  | 4032* | $85.76{ }^{1}$ |
|  | 12 |  | ठ $\Psi \mathbb{( 1 )}$ ( $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
|  | 13 | 41 | (3) Full Moon.................. |  |  |  |

Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ Apr. 3, $-5.41^{\circ}$; Apr. $18,+5.19^{\circ}$; Apr. 30, $-5.46^{\circ} .{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Apr} .5,-6.67^{\circ}$; Apr. 18, +6.66 ${ }^{\circ}$.

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0 h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75 th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During May the sun's R.A. increases from 2 h 32 m to 4 h 35 m and its Decl. changes from $14^{\circ} 56^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. to $21^{\circ} 59^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. The equation of time changes from +2 m 52 s to a maximum of +3 m 44 s on the 14 th and then to +2 m 23 s at the end of the month. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 15.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 22.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 4 h 26 m , Decl. $23^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 12 h 59 m . It is in superior conjunction on the 1st, and is too close to the sun for observation except for the last few days of the month, being at greatest eastern elongation on the 31 st. Thus for the last few days of the month it may easily be seen low in the west after sunset.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 0 h 58 m , Decl. $6^{\circ} 17^{\prime}$ N., mag. -4.2 , and transits at 9 h 26 m . It is a morning star visible low in the eastern sky for an hour or so before sunrise. Greatest brilliancy is on the 16th.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 8 h 30 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ N., mag. +1.5 , and transits at 16 h 58 m . In Cancer, no longer very prominent, it is well past the meridian at sunset and sets about at midnight.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 38 m , Decl. $18^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ S., mag. -2.0 , and transits at 5 h 06 m . In Capricornus, it rises about at midnight and reaches the meridian about at sunrise. On the 25th it is stationary in right ascension and begins to retrograde, i.e. move westward among the stars. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 08 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.7 , and transits at 4 h 37 m . In Capricornus, it precedes Jupiter by about 7 degrees, rising a little before midnight. On the 9th it is stationary in right ascension and begins to retrograde, i.e. move westward among the stars.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 38 m . Decl. $14^{\circ} 57^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 18 h 04 m . It is a little past the meridian at sunset.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 31 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 56^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 22 h 56 m . It is low in the south-east at sunset.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.


Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p.4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ May $15,+4.72^{\circ}$; May $27,-6.23^{\circ} .{ }^{6}$ May $2,-6.52^{\circ}$; May $15,+6.54^{\circ}$; May $30,-6.52^{\circ}$.

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75 th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During June the sun's R.A. increases from 4 h 35 m to 6 h 39 m and its Decl. changes from $21^{\circ} 59^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. to $23^{\circ} 09^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. The equation of time changes from +2 m 23 s to -3 m 36 s , being zero on the 14th. The summer solstice is on the 21st at 10 h 30 m E.S.T. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 15.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 22.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 6 h 45 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 13 h 10 m . It is near greatest eastern elongation as the month begins, and at that time may be easily seen for a few evenings low in the west after sunset. It is in inferior conjunction on the 27 th.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 2 h 26 m , Decl. $11^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$ N., mag. -4.0 , and transits at 8 h 54 m . It is a morning star seen low in the east for an hour or so before sunrise. Greatest western elongation is on the 19th.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 39 m , Decl. $15^{\circ} 27^{\prime}$ N., mag. +1.7 , and transits at 16 h 05 m . In Leo, it is well down in the west at sunset and sets before midnight.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 36 m , Decl. $19^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ S., mag. -2.2 , and transits at 3 h 03 m . In Capricornus, it rises before midnight and is west of the meridian by sunrise. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 04 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.5 , and transits at 2 h 31 m . Moving from Capricornus into Sagittarius, it precedes Jupiter by about 7 degrees and so rises about half-an-hour earlier.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 41 m , Decl. $14^{\circ} 39^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 16 h 05 m . It is well past the meridian at sunset.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 28 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 20 h 52 m . It is approaching the meridian at sunset.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.


Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ June $10,+5.27^{\circ}$; June 24, $-7.10^{\circ}$. ${ }^{b}$ June $11,12,+6.54^{\circ}$; June $26,-6.63^{\circ}$.

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During July the sun's R.A. increases from 6 h 39 m to 8 h 44 m and its Decl. changes from $23^{\circ} 09^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. to $18^{\circ} 08^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. The equation of time changes from -3 m 36 s to a minimum of -6 m 25 s on the 26 th and then to -6 m 16 s at the end of the month. On the 5th the earth is in aphelion or farthest from the sun. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 16.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 23.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 6 h 13 m , Decl. $19^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 10 h 41 m . It is at greatest western elongation on the 19th, and for a few mornings at that time may be seen low in the east before sunrise.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 4 h 28 m , Decl. $19^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ N., mag. -3.7 , and transits at 8 h 58 m . It is a morning star which rises about two hours before the sun.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 10 h 46 m , Decl. $8^{\circ} 53^{\prime}$ N., mag. +1.8 , and transits at 15 h 14 m . In Leo, it is well down in the west at sunset and sets about two hours later.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 24 m , Decl. $19^{\circ} 56^{\prime}$ S., mag. -2.3 , and transits at 0 h 53 m . In Capricornus it rises soon after sunset, reaches the meridian about at midnight and sets before sunrise. Opposition is on the 25th. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 56 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 56^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.3 , and transits at 0 h 24 m . In Sagittarius, it precedes Jupiter by about 7 degrees, rising at about sunset. Opposition is on the 19th.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 46 m , Decl. $14^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 14 h 13 m . It is low in the west at sunset.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 27 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 39^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 18 h 53 m . It is past the meridian at sunset.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.


Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{\imath}$ July $7,+6.52^{\circ}$; July $22,-7.59^{\circ}$. $\quad{ }^{b}$ July $9,+6.68^{\circ}$; July $23,-6.76^{\circ}$.

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75 th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time; see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During August the sun's R.A. increases from 8 h 44 m to 10 h 40 m and its Decl. changes from $18^{\circ} 08^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. to $8^{\circ} 27^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. The equation of time changes from -6 m 16 s to -0 m 10 s . There is an annular eclipse of the sun on the 11 th. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 16.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p . 23 . There is a partial eclipse of the moon on the night of the 25 th.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 9 h 41 m , Decl. $15^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 12 h 11 m . It is in superior conjunction on the 14th, and is too close to the sun for observation all month.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 6 h 56 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$ N., mag. -3.5 , and transits at 9 h 24 m . It is a morning star dominating the eastern sky for about three hours before sunrise.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 11 h 56 m , Decl. $1^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ N., mag. +1.9 , and transits at 14 h 22 m . Moving into Virgo, it is too low on the western horizon at sunset to be observed easily.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 08 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 51^{\prime}$ S., mag. -2.3 , and transits at 22 h 30 m . Moving from Capricornus into Sagittarius, it is risen at sunset, past the meridian at midnight and set before sunrise. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.
Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 47 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.4 , and transits at 22 h 09 m . In Sagittarius, it precedes Jupiter by about 5 degrees.

Uranus on the 15th is in R.A. 9h 53 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 12 h 18 m . It is too close to the sun for observation. Conjunction is on the 19th.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 28 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 16 h 51 m . It is well down in the south-west at sunset.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.


Explanation of symbols and abbrevations on p. 4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ Aug. $4,+7.51^{\circ}$; Aug. 19, $-7.43^{\circ} . \quad{ }^{6}$ Aug. $5,+6.81^{\circ}$; Aug. 20, $-6.79^{\circ}$.

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Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75th meridian are given in local mean time, 0h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During September the sun's R.A. increases from 10 h 40 m to 12 h 28 m and its Decl. changes from $8^{\circ} 27^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. to $3^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ S. The equation of time changes from $-0 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{10s} \mathrm{to}+10 \mathrm{~m} 08 \mathrm{~s}$, being zero during the first day of the month. On the 23 rd at 1 h 43 m E.S.T. the sun crosses the equator moving southward, enters the sign of Libra, and Autumn commences. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 17.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 24. During the night of the 29th-30th there is an occultation of Aldebaran visible in parts of North America.

Mercury on the 15th is in R.A. 12h 53m, Decl. $6^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 13 h 19 m . It is at greatest eastern elongation on the 28th, and for a few evenings at that time might be glimpsed low in the south-west after sunset. This is not a favourable elongation.

Venus on the 15th is in R.A. 9h 28 m , Decl. $15^{\circ} 24^{\prime}$ N., mag. -3.4 , and transits at 9 h 54 m . It is a morning star visible in the east for about two hours before sunrise.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 13 h 10 m , Decl. $7^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ S., mag. +1.9 , and transits at 13 h 34 m . In Virgo, it is too low on the western horizon at sunset to be observed easily.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 59 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ S., mag. -2.2 , and transits at 20 h 19 m . In Sagittarius, it is well up in the south-east at sunset and visible until about an hour after midnight. On the 23rd it is stationary in right ascension and resumes direct, or eastward, motion among the stars. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. $19 \mathrm{~h} \mathrm{41m}, \mathrm{Decl}. 21^{\circ} 39^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.6 , and transits at 20 h 02 m . In Sagittarius, it precedes Jupiter by about 5 degrees. On the 27 th it is stationary in right ascension and resumes direct, or eastward, motion among the stars.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 10 h 01 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 10 h 24 m . It rises an hour or two before the sun.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 30 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 14 h 52 m . It is low in the south-west at sunset.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.


Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4 , of time on p. 10 , of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{2}$ Sept. 1, $+7.82^{\circ}$; Sept. 16, $-6.57^{\circ}$; Sept. 29, $+7.36^{\circ}$.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Sept. $1,+6.83^{\circ}$; Sept. $16,-6.76^{\circ}$; Sept. 28, $+6.70^{\circ}$.

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0 h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75 th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During October the sun's R.A. increases from 12 h 28 m to 14 h 24 m and its Decl. changes from $3^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ S. to $14^{\circ} 17^{\prime}$ S. The equation of time changes from +10 m 08 s to +16 m 21 s . For changes in the length of the day, see p. 17 .

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 24.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 14h 14 m , Decl. $16^{\circ} 43^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 12 h 37 m . It is at inferior conjunction on the 22 nd and is too close to the sun for observation.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 11 h 48 m , Decl. $2^{\circ} 53^{\prime}$ N., mag. -3.4 , and transits at 10 h 15 m . It is a morning star, rising in the east about two hours before the sun.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 26 m , Decl. $14^{\circ} 31^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 12 h 52 m . It is too close to the sun for easy observation.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20h 01 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ S., mag. -2.0 , and transits at 18 h 24 m . In Sagittarius, moving back into Capricornus, it is approaching the meridian at sunset and visible until about midnight. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 42 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 39^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.7 , and transits at 18 h 05 m . In Sagittarius, it precedes Jupiter by about 5 degrees.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 10 h 07 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 8 h 32 m . It is well up in the east at sunrise.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 34 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 17^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 12 h 58 m . It is too close to the sun for easy observation.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.

|  |  |  | OCTOBER <br> E.S.T. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Min. } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Algol } \end{gathered}$ | Config. of Jupiter's 19h 45m | Sun's Colong. Oh U.T. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | h | m |  | h m |  | - |
| Sun. 1 | 6 |  | Vesta stationary in R.A. |  | 20134 | 166.57 |
|  | 9 | 10 | (1) Last Quarter.... |  |  |  |
| Mon. 2 |  |  |  |  | O34** | 178.76 |
| Tue. 3 |  |  |  | 008 | 10324 | 190.95 |
| Wed. 4 |  |  |  |  | 23014 | 203.15 |
| Thu. 5 | 3 |  | (f) at apogee. Dist. from $\oplus, 251,900 \mathrm{mi}$. | 2056 | 32140 | 215.36 |
|  | 16 |  | $\sigma$ ¢ © ${ }_{\text {d }}$ ¢ $0.5^{\circ} \mathrm{N} \ldots \ldots$. |  |  |  |
| Fri. 6 |  |  | \% greatest hel. lat. S. |  | 34012 | 227.57 |
| Sat. 7 | 3 |  |  |  | 41302 | 239.79 |
| Sun. 8 |  |  |  | 1745 | 42 O 13 | 252.00 |
| Mon. 9 |  |  | ㅇ. at perihelion |  | 41203 | 264.22 |
|  | 13 | 53 | - New Moon. |  |  |  |
| Tue. 10 | 20 |  | ¢ stationary in R.A. |  | d4023 | 276.44 |
| Wed. 11 | 1 |  | Oo'd $\sigma^{81} 5^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. | 1434 | d4201 | 288.66 |
|  | 2 |  | $\bigcirc$ ¢ \% \% 9 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
|  | 10 |  | OW® $43^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
|  | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu. 12 |  |  |  |  | 34210 | 300.87 |
|  |  |  | $0^{\pi} \quad$ at 8 |  | 3021* | $313.08^{\text {l }}$ |
| Sat. 14 |  |  |  | 1122 | 31024 | $325.29^{\text {l }}$ |
| Sun. 15 |  |  |  |  | 20134 | 337.49 |
| Mon. 16 |  |  | $\square b \odot{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Cast}$ |  | 12 O 34 | 349.69 |
|  | 23 | 35 | (id First Quarter |  |  |  |
| Tue. 17 | 0 |  | Ob © b b $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. | 811 | dO234 | 1.87 |
|  | 9 |  | O24 $43^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
|  | 17 |  | ठ $0^{\top} \Psi \quad \sigma^{\top} 1.9^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
| Wed. 18 |  |  |  |  | dO34* | 14.05 |
| Thu. 19 |  |  |  |  | 32104 | 26.23 |
| Fri. 20 |  |  | Orionid meteors (see p. 64). | 500 | 30214 | 38.39 |
|  | 2 |  | © at perigee. Dist. from $\oplus, 226,600 \mathrm{mi}$. |  | 31042 | 50.55 |
| Sun. 22 |  |  | $\square 4 \odot{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ - |  | 24031 | 62.70 |
|  | 14 |  | $\bigcirc$ ¢ $\odot$ - inferior |  |  |  |
| Mon. 23 | 16 | 31 | (3) Full Moon. | 148 | 41203 | 74.85 |
| Tue. 24 |  |  |  |  | 40123 | 87.00 |
|  |  |  | ¢ at $\delta$. | 2237 | 4023* | 99.15 |
| Wed. 25 <br> Thu. 26 |  |  |  |  | 43210 | $111.29^{\text {b }}$ |
|  | 13 |  | Juno stationary in R.A. |  | 4301* | $123.45{ }^{\text {l }}$ |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Fri. } & 27 \\ \text { Sat. } & 28 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 1926 | 43102 | 135.60 |
| Sun. 29 |  |  |  |  | 42 O 31 | 147.76 |
| Mon. 30 |  |  | O at perihelion |  | 21043 | 159.93 |
|  | 7 |  | Pallas stationary in R.A. |  |  |  |
| Tue. 31 |  |  | O greatest hel. lat. N. | 1615 | 01243 | 172.10 |
|  | 3 |  | \% stationary in R.A. |  |  |  |
|  | 3 | 59 | (1) Last Quarter.... |  |  |  |

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75th meridian are given in local mean time, 0h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During November the sun's R.A. increases from 14h 24m to 16 h 27 m and its Decl. changes from $14^{\circ} 17^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. to $21^{\circ} 44^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. The equation of time changes from +16 m 21 s to a maximum of +16 m 24 s on the 3 rd and then to +11 m 09 s at the end of the month. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 18.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 25 . During the evening of the 22 nd there is an occultation of Aldebaran visible in North America.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 15 m , Decl. $11^{\circ} 28^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$., and transits at 10 h 41 m . It is at greatest western elongation on the 7 th and for a few mornings at that time may be seen low in the south-east before sunrise very close to Venus. This is a favourable elongation.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 12 m , Decl. $11^{\circ} 46^{\prime}$ S., mag. -3.4 , and transits at 10 h 37 m . It is a morning star seen low in the south-east for about an hour before sunrise.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 15 h 54 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 12 h 18 m . It is too close to the sun for observation.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 16 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 28^{\prime}$ S., mag. -1.8 , and transits at 16 h 37 m . In Capricornus, it is about on the meridian at sunset and sets before midnight. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 19 h 48 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 24^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.8 , and transits at 16 h 10 m . In Sagittarius, it precedes Jupiter by about 5 degrees.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 10 h 11 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 03^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 6 h 33 m . It rises about at midnight.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 38 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 11 h 00 m . It is too close to the sun for observation, being in conjunction on the 3rd.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.

| NOVEMBER E.S.T. |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Min. } \\ \text { Mifgol } \\ \text { Algol } \end{gathered}$ | Config. of Jupiter's $18 \mathrm{~h} \mathrm{30m}$ | Sun's Colong. Oh U.T. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | h | m |  | h m |  | - |
| Wed. 1 | 21 |  | (d) at apogee. Dist. from $\oplus, 251,300 \mathrm{mi}$. |  | 10234 | 184.27 |
| Thu. 2 | 1 |  |  |  | d2304 | 196.46 |
| Fri. 3 | 12 |  | б $\Psi \odot$ | 1304 | 304** | 208.64 |
| Sat. 4 |  |  |  |  | 31024 | 220.83 |
| Sun. 5 |  |  | Taurid meteors (see p. 64) |  | 23014 | 233.03 |
| Mon. 6 | 11 |  | $\bigcirc$ ¢ © ㅇ. $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. | 953 | 21034 | 245.23 |
|  | 13 |  | $\bigcirc ¢ \mathbb{4}$ (1) |  |  |  |
| Tue. 7 | 10 |  | ¢\% greatest elongation W., $19^{\circ}$ |  | 04123 | 257.43 |
| Wed. 8 | 4 | 59 | (10. New Moon. . |  | 41023 | 269.64 |
| Thu. 9 |  |  | \% greatest hel. lat. N. | 641 | 42301 | $281.84{ }^{\text {l,b }}$ |
| Fri. 10 |  |  |  |  | 43210 | 294.04 |
| Sat. 11 |  |  |  |  | 43102 | 306.24 |
| Sun. 12 | 5 |  | $\bigcirc^{\circ}$ Ceres $\odot$ | 330 | 43201 | 318.43 |
| Mon. 13 | $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 19 \end{array}$ |  | ob © b $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  | 42103 | 330.62 |
|  |  |  | -4『 $43^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
| Tue. 14 |  |  |  |  | 40213 | 342.80 |
| Wed. 15 | 7 | 13 | (id First Quarter | 019 | 14023 | 354.98 |
| Thu. 15 |  |  | Leonid meteors (see p. 64) |  | 23014 | 7.15 |
| Fri. 17 | 0 |  | © at perigee. Dist from $\oplus, 229,700 \mathrm{mi}$. | 2108 | 32104 | 19.31 |
| Sat. 18 | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 23 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\bigcirc$ - Vesta $\odot$ |  | d3024 | 31.46 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sun. 19 |  |  |  |  | d3O14 | 43.60 |
| Mon. 20 | 11 |  | б¢ 4 ¢ | 1757 | 21034 | 55.75 |
| Tue. 21 |  |  |  |  | 02134 | 67.88 |
| Wed. 22 |  |  | $\square \hat{\odot} \odot{ }^{\circ}$ West |  | 10234 | $80.02^{b}$ |
|  | 4 | 44 | (2) Full Moon... |  |  |  |
| Thu. 23 |  |  |  | 1446 | d2O14 | 92.15 |
| Fri. 24 |  |  |  |  | d3210 | $104.29^{1}$ |
| Sat. 25 |  |  |  |  | d3402 | 116.42 |
| Sun. 26 |  |  |  | 1135 | 4302* | 128.56 |
| Mon. 27 |  |  |  |  | 42103 | 140.71 |
| Tue. 28 |  |  |  |  | 4013* | 152.86 |
| Wed. 29 | 10 |  | $\sigma \widehat{¢}$ © ${ }^{\text {c }} 0.1^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. | 824 | 41023 | 165.01 |
|  | 17 |  | © at apogee. Dist. from $\oplus, 251,200 \mathrm{mi}$. |  |  |  |
| Thu. 30 | 1 | 19 | (1) Last Quarter................. |  | 42 O 31 | 177.17 |

Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p.4, of time on p. 10, of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ Nov. $9,-4.72^{\circ}$; Nov. $24,+5.42^{\circ} . \quad{ }^{\circ}$ Nov. $9,-6.55^{\circ}$; Nov. $22,+6.53^{\circ}$.

## THE SKY FOR DECEMBER, 1961

Positions of the sun and planets are given for 0 h Universal Time.
The times of transit at the 75th meridian are given in local mean time, 0 h at midnight; to change to Standard Time, see p. 10. Estimates of altitude are for an observer in latitude $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$.

The Sun-During December the sun's R.A. increases from 16h 27 m to 18 h 44 m and its Decl. changes from $21^{\circ} 44^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. to $23^{\circ} 04^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$. The equation of time changes from +11 m 09 s to -3 m 14 s , being zero on the 25 th . The winter solstice is on the 21 st at 21 h 20 m E.S.T. For changes in the length of the day, see p. 18.

The Moon-For its phases, perigee and apogee times and distances, and its conjunctions with the planets, see opposite page. Times of moonrise and moonset are given on p. 25. On the morning of the 20th there is an occultation of Aldebaran visible in parts of North America.

Mercury on the 15 th is in R.A. 17 h 25 m , Decl. $24^{\circ} 25^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 11 h 53 m . It is in superior conjunction on the 16th and is too close to the sun for observation during the whole month.

Venus on the 15 th is in R.A. 16 h 44 m , Decl. $21^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ S., mag. -3.4 , and transits at 11 h 11 m . It is a morning star, but (especially later in the month) it is too close to the sun for easy observation.

Mars on the 15 th is in R.A. 17 h 28 m , Decl. $23^{\circ} 51^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 11 h 54 m . It is in conjunction on the 14th, and becomes thereafter a morning star, but it is too close to the sun all month for observation.

Jupiter on the 15 th is in R.A. 20h 38 m , Decl. $19^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ S., mag. -1.6 , and transits at 15 h 01 m . In Capricornus, it is well past the meridian at sunset and sets about three hours later. For the configurations of Jupiter's satellites see opposite page, and for their eclipses, etc., see p. 58.

Saturn on the 15 th is in R.A. 20 h 00 m , Decl. $20^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ S., mag. +0.8 , and transits at 14 h 23 m . In Sagittarius, it precedes Jupiter by about 5 degrees, setting about half-an-hour earlier.

Uranus on the 15 th is in R.A. 10 h 11 m , Decl. $12^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ N., and transits at 4 h 36 m . It rises in the late evening.

Neptune on the 15 th is in R.A. 14 h 42 m , Decl. $13^{\circ} 56^{\prime}$ S., and transits at 9 h 06 m . It rises several hours before the sun.

Pluto-For information in regard to this planet, see p. 31.

|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { DECEMBER } \\ \text { E.S.T. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Min. } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Algol } \end{gathered}$ | Config. of Jupiter's 17 h 45 m | Sun's Colong. 0h U.T. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d | h | m |  | h m |  | - |
| Fri. 1 |  |  |  |  | 43210 | 189.33 |
| Sat. 2 |  |  |  | 513 | 34012 | 201.51 |
| Sun. 3 |  |  | 8 at 8 |  | 3024* | 213.68 |
| Mon. 4 |  |  |  |  | 2104* | 225.86 |
| Tue. 5 | 5 |  | ठ $\Psi \mathbb{C}$ | 202 | 20134 | 238.05 |
| Wed. 6 | 7 |  | 人 stationary in R.A. |  | 10234 | $250.24{ }^{\text {l }}$ |
|  | 18 |  | రㅇ¢ (18) $+4^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  |  |  |
| Thu. 7 | 18 | 52 | (11) New Moon. | 2251 | 20134 | 262.43 |
| Fri. 8 |  |  |  |  | 23104 | 274.62 |
| Sat. 9 |  |  |  |  | 30124 | 286.81 |
| Sun. 10 | 19 |  | Obed b $2^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ | 1940 | 31024 | 299.01 |
| Mon. 11 | 9 |  | ठ2『 $42^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. |  | d240* | 311.19 |
|  | 19 |  | (1) at perigee. Dist. from $\oplus, 228,900 \mathrm{mi}$. |  |  |  |
| Tue. 12 |  |  |  |  | 42 O 13 | 323.37 |
| Wed. 13 |  |  | Geminid meteors (see p. 64). $\vartheta$ $\qquad$ at aphelion. | 1629 | 41023 | 335.55 |
| Thu. 14 | 13 |  | $\sigma \sigma^{T} \odot$. |  | d4O13 | 347.72 |
|  | 15 | 06 | 1i First Quarter |  |  |  |
| Fri. 15 |  |  |  |  | 42130 | 359.88 |
| Sat. 16 | 3 |  | $\sigma$ ¢ $\odot \bigcirc$ superior | 1318 | 43 O 12 | 12.03 |
| Sun. 17 |  |  |  |  | 43102 | 24.18 |
| Mon. 18 | 17 |  | P stationary in R.A. |  | 42301 | 36.32 |
| Tue. 19 |  |  | $\Psi \quad$ greatest hel. lat. N. | 1007 | 2403* | $48.46{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| Wed. 20 |  |  |  |  | 10423 | 60.59 |
| Thu. 21 | 19 | 42 | (2) Full Moon. |  | O2134 | $72.72^{\text {l }}$ |
|  | 21 | 20 | $\odot$ enters $\begin{array}{r} \\ \text {. Winter commences. }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Fri. 22 |  |  | Ursid meteors (see p. 64) | 657 | 21304 | 84.84 |
| Sat. 23 |  |  |  |  | 3014* | 96.97 |
| Sun. 24 |  |  |  |  | 31024 | 109.10 |
| Mon. 25 |  |  |  | 346 | 32014 | 121.23 |
| Tue. 26 |  |  | \% at $\vartheta$ |  | 21034 | 133.37 |
|  | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wed. 27 | 14 |  | (1) at apogee. Dist. from $\oplus, 251,500 \mathrm{mi}$. |  | 10423 | 145.51 |
| Thu. 28 |  |  |  | 035 | 40123 | 157.65 |
| Fri. 29 | 22 | 57 | (6) Last Quarter. |  | d4210 | 169.80 |
| Sat. 30 |  |  |  | 2124 | 4301* | 181.96 |
| Sun. 31 |  |  |  |  | 43102 | 194.12 |

Explanation of symbols and abbreviations on p. 4, of time on p. 10 , of colongitude on p. 56
${ }^{l}$ Dec. $6,-5.31^{\circ}$; Dec. 21, $+5.11^{\circ} . \quad{ }^{6}$ Dec. $6,-6.59^{\circ}$; Dec. $19,+6.63^{\circ}$.

## THE OBSERVATION OF THE MOON

During 1961 the ascending node of the moon's orbit occurs in the constellation Leo ( $\delta$ from $159^{\circ}$ to $140^{\circ}$ ). Every month the moon will pass within a degree of the bright stars Aldebaran and Regulus.

The sun's selenographic colongitude is essentially a convenient way of indicating the position of the sunrise terminator as it moves across the face of the moon. It provides an accurate method of recording the exact conditions of illumination (angle of illumination), and makes it possible to observe the moon under exactly the same lighting conditions at a later date.

The sun's selenographic colongitude is numerically equal to the selenographic longitude of the sunrise terminator reckoned eastward from the mean centre of the disk. Its value increases at the rate of nearly $12.2^{\circ}$ per day or about $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ per hour; it is approximately $270^{\circ}, 0^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}$ and $180^{\circ}$ at New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon and Last Quarter respectively. (See the tabulated values for 0h U.T. starting on p. 33.)

Sunrise will occur at a given point east of the central meridian of the moon when the sun's selenographic colongitude is equal to the eastern selenographic longitude of the point; at a point west of the central meridian when the sun's selenographic colongitude is equal to $360^{\circ}$ minus the western selenographic longitude of the point. The longitude of the sunset terminator differs by $180^{\circ}$ from that of the sunrise terminator.

The sun's selenographic latitude varies between $+1 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and $-1 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ during the year.

By the moon's libration is meant the shifting, or rather apparent shifting, of the visible disk. Sometimes the observer sees features farther around the eastern or the western limb (libration in longitude), or the northern or southern limb (libration in latitude). The quantities called the earth's selenographic longitude and latitude are a convenient way of indicating the two librations. When the libration in longitude, that is the selenographic longitude of the earth, is positive, the mean central point of the disk of the moon is displaced eastward on the celestial sphere, exposing to view a region on the west limb. When the libration in latitude, or the selenographic latitude of the earth, is positive, the mean central point of the disk of the moon is displaced towards the south, and a region on the north limb is exposed to view.

In the Astronomical Phenomena Month by Month the dates of the greatest positive and negative values of the libration in longitude are indicated by ${ }^{2}$ in the column headed "Sun's Selenographic Colongitude," and their values are given in the footnotes. Similarly the extreme values of the libration in latitude are indicated by ${ }^{b}$.
A map of the moon, with identifications of some of the markings, appears on p. 90 .

## OPPOSITION EPHEMERIDES OF THE BRIGHTEST ASTEROIDS, 1961

The asteroids are many small objects revolving around the sun mainly between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. The largest, Ceres, is only 480 miles in diameter. Vesta, though half the diameter of Ceres, is brighter. The next brightest asteroids, Juno and Pallas, are 120 and 300 miles in diameter, respectively. Unlike the planets the asteroids move in orbits which are appreciably elongated. Thus the distance of an asteroid from the earth (and consequently its magnitude) varies greatly at different oppositions.

Ephemerides for the four brightest asteroids are given when the asteroids are near opposition. Right ascensions and declinations are for 0 h E.T. and equinox of 1950.0.

| Pallas (No. 2) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opp. Sept. 9 in Psc |  |  |  | Mag. 8.7 |
| Aug. | 20 | $23^{\text {b }}$ | $15.6{ }^{\text {m }}$ | $+4^{\circ} 43^{\prime}$ |
|  | 25 | 23 | 12.4 | +348 |
|  | 30 | 23 | 08.9 | +249 |
| Sept. | 4 | 23 | 05.2 | +147 |
|  | 9 | 23 | 01.4 | +0 42 |
|  | 14 | 22 | 57.7 | -0 25 |
|  | 19 | 22 | 54.0 | -133 |
|  | 24 | 22 | 50.5 | -2 40 |
|  | 29 | 22 | 47.2 | -346 |
| Ceres (No. 1) |  |  |  |  |
| Opp. Nov. 12 in Cet |  |  |  | Mag. 7.5 |
| Oct. | 23 | $3^{\text {h }}$ | $35.7{ }^{\text {m }}$ | $+9^{\circ} 53^{\prime}$ |
|  | 28 | 3 | 31.9 | +946 |
| Nov. | 2 | 3 | 27.7 | +939 |
|  | 7 | 3 | 23.2 | +933 |
|  | 12 | 3 | 18.4 | +929 |
|  | 17 | 3 | 13.6 | +926 |
|  | 22 | 3 | 08.9 | +926 |
|  | 27 | 3 | 04.4 | +927 |
| Dec. | 2 | 3 | 00.2 | +931 |


| Juno (No. 3) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opp. Sept. 17 in Psc |  |  |  | Mag. 7.7 |
| Aug. 28 <br> Sept. |  | $23^{\text {h }}$ | $53.9{ }^{\text {m }}$ | $+0^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ |
|  | 2 | 23 | 51.6 | -0 43 |
|  | 7 | 23 | 48.8 | -141 |
| Oct. | 12 | 23 | 45.6 | -2 42 |
|  | 17 | 23 | 42.2 | -3 46 |
|  | 22 | 23 | 38.7 | -450 |
|  | 27 | 23 | 35.2 | -5 54 |
|  | 2 | 23 | 32.0 | -6 55 |
|  | 7 | 23 | 29.1 | $-752$ |
| Vesta (No. 4)Opp. Nov. 19 in Tau Mag. 7.0 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $4^{\text {h }}$ | 03.7m | $+11^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ |
|  |  | 3 | 59.4 | +1132 |
| , | 9 | 3 | 54.6 | +1120 |
|  | 14 | 3 | 49.5 | +1110 |
|  | 19 | 3 | 44.2 | +1101 |
| Dec. | 24 | 3 | 38.9 | +1054 |
|  | 29 | 3 | 33.8 | +1050 |
|  | 4 | 3 | 28.9 | +1048 |
|  | 9 | 3 | 24.5 | +1049 |



PHENOMENA OF JUPITER'S SATELLITES, E.S.T. 1961


[^0]EPHEMERIS FOR THE PHYSICAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE SUN, 1961 For 0h U.T.

| Date | P | $\mathrm{B}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{L}_{0}$ | Date | P | $\mathrm{B}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{L}_{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - |  |  | - |  |  |
| Jan. 1 | + 2.12 | -3.07 | 91.61 | July 5 | $-0.98$ | +3.34 | 169.87 |
|  | - 0.31 | -3.64 | 25.76 | Ju 10 | + 1.29 | +3.86 | 103.70 |
| 11 | - 2.72 | -4.18 | 319.92 | 15 | + 3.53 | +4.36 | 37.53 |
| 16 | - 5.09 | -4.69 | 254.08 | 20 | + 5.74 | +4.83 | 331.37 |
| 21 | - 7.39 | $-5.16$ | 188.25 | 25 | + 7.88 | +5.26 | 265.22 |
| 26 | -9.62 | $-5.60$ | 122.42 | 30 | +9.95 | $+5.66$ | 199.08 |
| 31 | -11.74 | $-5.98$ | 56.58 | Aug. 4 | $+11.94$ | +6.02 | 132.95 |
| Feb. 5 | -13.75 | -6.32 | 350.75 | 9 | +13.83 | $+6.33$ | 66.84 |
| 10 | $-15.64$ | -6.61 | 284.92 | 14 | +15.62 | $+6.61$ | 0.74 |
| 15 | $-17.40$ | -6.85 | 219.08 | 19 | $+17.30$ | $+6.83$ | 294.66 |
| 20 | -19.02 | -7.03 | 153.24 | 24 | $+18.85$ | $+7.01$ | 228.58 |
| 25 | $-20.49$ | $-7.16$ | 87.39 | 29 | +20.28 | $+7.14$ | 162.52 |
| Mar. 2 | $-21.80$ | -7.23 | 21.52 | Sept. 3 | $+21.57$ | $+7.22$ | 96.47 |
|  | $-22.96$ | -7.25 | 315.65 | - 8 | +22.72 | +7.25 | 30.44 |
| 12 | -23.95 | -7.21 | 249.77 | 13 | +23.72 | +7.23 | 324.42 |
| 17 | -24.78 | $-7.12$ | 183.87 | 18 | +24.58 | +7.15 | 258.41 |
| 22 | -25.44 | -6.97 | 117.95 | 23 | +25.27 | +7.02 | 192.41 |
| 27 | -25.92 | $-6.77$ | 52.01 | 28 | +25.79 | +6.84 | 126.42 |
| Apr. 1 | -26.23 | -6.52 | 346.06 | Oct. 3 | +26.15 | +6.60 | 60.44 |
| 6 | -26.35 | $-6.23$ | 280.08 | 8 | +26.33 | +6.32 | 354.47 |
| 11 | -26.30 | -5.89 | 214.09 | 13 | +26.33 | +5.99 | 288.51 |
| 16 | -26.06 | $-5.50$ | 148.08 | 18 | +26.14 | +5.62 | 222.56 |
| 21 | $-25.64$ | $-5.08$ | 82.04 | 23 | +25.77 | +5.20 | 156.61 |
| 26 | $-25.03$ | -4.62 | 15.99 | 28 | +25.19 | +4.74 | 90.67 |
| May 1 | $-24.24$ | -4.13 | 309.91 | Nov. 2 | +24.43 | +4.24 | 24.74 |
| May | $-23.27$ | -3.62 | 243.82 |  | $+23.46$ | +3.71 | 318.82 |
| 11 | -22.12 | -3.08 | 177.71 | 12 | +22.30 | +3.16 | 252.90 |
| 16 | -20.81 | -2.51 | 111.59 | 17 | +20.95 | +2.57 | 186.98 |
| 21 | -19.33 | -1.93 | 45.45 | 22 | +19.41 | +1.97 | 121.07 |
| 26 | $-17.70$ | -1.34 | 339.30 | 27 | +17.70 | +1.35 | 55.17 |
| 31 | $-15.92$ | -0.75 | 273.13 |  | $+15.82$ | +0.71 | 349.27 |
| June 5 | -14.03 | -0.14 | 206.96 | 7 | +13.80 | +0.07 | 283.39 |
| 10 | -12.02 | +0.46 | 140.78 | 12 | +11.65 | -0.57 | 217.51 |
| 15 | -9.92 | +1.06 | 74.60 | 17 | + 9.40 | -1.20 | 151.63 |
| 20 | - 7.74 | +1.65 | 8.42 | 22 | + 7.06 | $-1.83$ | 85.76 |
| 25 | $-5.51$ | +2.23 | 302.24 | 27 | + 4.67 | -2.45 | 19.90 |
| 30 | - 3.25 | +2.80 | 236.05 |  |  |  |  |

P -The position angle of the axis of rotation, measured eastward from the north point of the disk.
$\mathrm{B}_{0}$-The heliographic latitude of the centre of the disk.
$\mathrm{L}_{0}$ - The heliographic longitude of the centre of the disk, from Carrington's solar meridian.

Carrington's Rotation Numbers-Greenwich Date of Commencement of Synodic Rotations, 1961

| No. | Commences | No. | Commences | No. | Commences |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1436 | Jan. 7.96 | 1441 | May 24.44 | 1446 | Oct. 7.58 |  |
| 1437 | Feb. | 4.30 | 1442 | June 20.64 | 1447 | Nov. 3.88 |
| 1438 | Mar. 3.63 | 1443 | July 17.84 | 1448 | Dec. 1.19 |  |
| 1439 | Mar. 30.94 | 1444 | Aug. 14.06 | 1449 | Dec. 28.51 |  |

In 1961 there will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon.
I. A Total Eclipse of the Sun on February 15. This eclipse will be visible partially in all of Europe and North Africa and most of Asia; the path of totality begins off the east coast of France and sweeps across Southern Europe and Russia and ends in Siberia.
II. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon in the morning of March 2, visible generally in the Pacific Ocean, Australasia, and Asia. The beginning will be visible in North America except the extreme eastern part, but the ending will be visible only in the extreme north-western corner of North America. Generally speaking, over the eastern part of the continent the moon will have set and the sun risen before the moon is well into the umbra.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { moon enters umbra. . . . . . . . . . . . . 06h } 52 \mathrm{~m} \text { E.S.T. } \\
& \text { middle of eclipse..................... } 29 \mathrm{~m} \text { E.S. } \\
& \text { moon leaves umbra............. } 10 \mathrm{~h} 05 \mathrm{~m} \text { E.S.T. } \\
& \text { magnitude of eclipse . . . . . . . . . . . } 0.806
\end{aligned}
$$

III. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun on August 11. The central line commences in Brazil and sweeps across the South Atlantic and Antarctica and ends in the Indian Ocean. The partial phase will be visible generally in the South Atlantic and South Indian Oceans and in South Africa.
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moon enters umbra. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20 h 36 h 36 m E.S.T.
middle of eclipse. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 23 h 42 m E.S.T.
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## PLANETARY APPULSES AND OCCULTATIONS

The close approach of a planet to a star is of interest to observers. Surprisingly few observable appulses of planets and stars of 9th magnitude or brighter occur during a year. An even rarer occurrence is the observable occultation of a star by a planet.

The following details have been kindly supplied by Mr. Gordon E. Taylor and the British Astronomical Association. The data include the E.S.T. of conjunction of the planet and star, the magnitude of the star, the angular separation of the star and planet as seen from the centre of the earth (geocentric separation), and the horizontal parallax of the planet. The geocentric separation is in the sense dec. of planet minus dec. of star.

| Planet | Date | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Conj. } \\ & \text { E.S.T. } \end{aligned}$ | Star | Mag. | Geoc. Sepn. | Hor. Par. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | h m |  |  | " | " |
| Venus | May 14 | 2133 | Z.C. 136 | 6.3 | +20 | 21 |
| Mars | Jan. 13* | 2329 | B.D. $+27^{\circ} 1049$ | 8.8 | +19 | 14 |
|  | Jan. 21 | 1018 | B.D. $+27^{\circ} 1006$ | 8.0 | +20 | 13 |
|  | Feb. 19* | 458 | B.D. $+26^{\circ} 1079$ | 7.5 | $-27$ | 10 |
|  | Apr. 25 | 1109 | B.D. $+23^{\circ} 1825$ | 8.7 | +23 | 6 |
|  | June 21* | 2051 | B.D. $+14^{\circ} 2166$ | 8.6 | -10 | 4 |
|  | July $28{ }^{*}$ | 1310 18 | B.D. $+6^{\circ} 2429$ | 8.9 | -2 | 4 |
|  | Aug. $14^{*}$ | 1834 | B.D. $+1^{\circ} 2633$ | 7.7 | -11 | 4 |
|  | Sept. 4* | 2001 | B.D. $-3^{\circ} 3360$ | 8.0 | +10 | 4 |
| Jupiter | Feb. 6 | 1128 | B.D. $-21^{\circ} 5471$ | 8.8 | -52 | 1 |
|  | Feb. 8 | 1449 | B.D. $-21^{\circ} 5482$ | 8.7 | +38 | 1 |
|  | Feb. 9 | 2217 | B.D. $-21^{\circ} 5494$ | 8.6 | -50 | 1 |
|  | Feb. 19 | 239 | B.D. $-21^{\circ} 5546$ | 8.8 | -38 |  |
|  | Mar. 15 | 212 | B.D. $-20^{\circ} 5836$ | 7.3 | +25 | 2 |
|  | Mar. 15 | 2216 | B.D. $-20^{\circ} 5844$ | 8.5 | +12 | 2 |
|  | Mar. 23 | 1225 | B.D. $-20^{\circ} 5880$ | 7.8 | +15 | 2 |
|  | June 27 | 1537 | B.D. $-19^{\circ} 5850$ | 8.7 | -12 | 2 |
|  | Dec. 8 | 351 | B.D. $-19^{\circ} 5852$ | 7.9 | +14 | 2 |

[^1]
## LUNAR OCCULTATIONS

When the moon passes between the observer and a star that star is said to be occulted by the moon and the phenomenon is known as a lunar occultation. The passage of the star behind the east limb of the moon is called the immersion and its re-appearance from behind the west limb the emersion. As in the case of eclipses, the times of immersion and emersion and the duration of the occultation
are different for different places on the earth's surface. The tables given below, adapted from data supplied by the British Nautical Almanac Office and give the times of immersion or emersion or both for occultations visible at Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton and Vancouver. Stars of magnitude 5.3 or brighter are included as well as daytime occultations of very bright stars and planets. Since an occultation at the bright limb of the moon is difficult to observe the predictions are limited to phenomena occurring at the dark limb.

The terms $a$ and $b$ are for determining corrections to the times of the phenomena for stations within 300 miles of the standard stations. Thus if $\lambda_{0}, \phi_{0}$, be the longitude and latitude of the standard station and $\lambda, \phi$, the longitude and latitude of the neighbouring station then for the neighbouring station we have:

Standard Time of phenomenon $=$ Standard Time of phenomenon at the standard station $+a\left(\lambda-\lambda_{0}\right)+b\left(\phi-\phi_{0}\right)$
where $\lambda-\lambda_{0}$ and $\phi-\phi_{0}$ are expressed in degrees. The quantity $P$ is the position angle of the point of contact on the moon's disk reckoned from the north point towards the east.

LUNAR OCCULTATIONS VISIBLE AT TORONTO AND MONTREAL, 1961

| Date | Star | Mag. | $\begin{gathered} \text { I } \\ \text { or } \\ \text { E } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Age } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Moon } \end{aligned}$ | Toronto |  |  |  | Montreal |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | E.S.T. | a | b | P | E.S.T. | a | b | P |
|  |  |  | F | ${ }^{\text {d }} 9$ | $\begin{array}{cc}\mathrm{h} & \mathrm{m} \\ 3 & 30\end{array}$ | 1 | ${ }_{+}^{\text {m }}$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\mathrm{h} \mathrm{m}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{m}^{\mathrm{m}}$ | m | $\stackrel{\circ}{8}$ |
| Jan. 26 | ${ }_{\gamma}{ }^{\text {Tau }}$ | 4.8 3.9 | E | 22.9 9.3 | 1305.0 | -1.3 | +1.1 | 101 | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & 39.8 \\ 1 & 04.1\end{array}$ | -1.3 | +0.5 | 287 92 |
| Feb. 18 | 89 Psc | 5.3 | I | 3.6 | 1835.2 |  | 1.7 | 130 | 1837.7 | -1.4 | -3.4 | 124 |
| Mar. 8 | $\gamma$ Lib | 4.0 | I | 21.0 | Low |  |  |  | 044.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 144 |
| Mar. 8 | $\gamma \mathrm{Lib}$ | 4.0 | E | 21.0 | 129.5 | -1.6 | +2.5 | 241 | 142.3 | -1.5 | +1.6 | 256 |
| Mar. 21 | ${ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{Tau}$ | 4.0 | I | 5.2 | 2010.3 | -1.0 | -1.8 | 104 | 2012.7 | -0.8 | -1.5 | 95 |
| Mar. 21 | $\theta^{2} \mathrm{Tau}$ | 3.6 | I | 5.2 | 2020.5 | -0.8 | -3.1 | 128 | 20 19.6 | -0.7 | -2.5 | 118 |
| Mar. 21 | 264 B.Tau | 4.8 | I | 5.3 | 2120.1 | -0.8 | -0.4 | 61 | 2123.7 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 51 |
| Mar. 22 | 111 Tau | 5.1 | I | 6.3 | ${ }_{22} 2240.4$ |  |  | 156 | 2231.8 | +0.2 | -3.1 | 139 |
| Apr. 21 | 74 Gem | 5.2 | I | 6.9 | ${ }^{22} 4343.2$ |  |  | 30 | No occ. |  |  |  |
| May 15 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | I | 1.2 | 1732.6 | -0.7 | -1.5 | 96 | 1733.5 | -0.5 | -1.3 | 87 |
| May 15 | $\alpha$ Tau | 1.1 | E | 1.2 | 18186.4 | -0.4 | -0.9 | 255 | 1835.8 | -0.1 | -1.2 | 265 |
| June 4 | 42 Cap | 5.3 | E | 20.6 | ${ }_{2}^{2} 111.0$ | -1.2 | +1.4 | 254 | 221.0 | -1.3 | +1.2 | 257 |
| July 9 | $\alpha$ Tau | 1.1 | $\stackrel{\text { I }}{ }$ | 26.2 | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 50.7\end{array}$ |  |  | 5 | 453.8 |  |  | 9 |
| July July 23 | $\alpha$ Tau | 1.1 | E | 26.2 | ${ }_{5}^{5} 13.4$ | - | - | 323 | 522.3 |  |  | 318 |
| July 23 July 29 | 24 Sco | 5.0 | I | 11.4 | 23188.5 | -1.1 | +0.1 | 48 | 2343.7 | -0.8 | -0.1 | 47 |
| July 29 | $\mu \mathrm{Cap}$ | 5.2 | E | 16.4 | $\begin{array}{ll}0 & 10.4\end{array}$ | -1.6 | +0.8 | 262 | 021.1 | -1.6 | +0.6 | 261 |
| Aug. Aug. 5 | 5 Tau | 4.3 | I | 22.6 | ${ }_{3} 359.3$ | -1.2 | +1.4 | 84 | Sun |  |  |  |
| Aug. 5 | $\gamma$ Tau | 3.9 | , | 23.6 | ${ }_{2}^{2} 37.4$ | +0.1 | +2.4 | 36 | 241.8 | 0.0 | +2.5 | 38 |
| Aug. 5 <br> Aug. 5 | $\gamma$ Tau | 3.9 | E | 23.6 | (3) 29.0 | -1.0 | +0.9 | 289 | 336.9 | -1.2 | 0.9 | 287 |
| Aug. Aug. 5 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{I} \\ & \mathrm{E} \end{aligned}$ | 23.9 23.9 | $\begin{array}{ll}12 & 32.2 \\ 13 & 25.0\end{array}$ | -0.8 0.0 | 0.0 -2.3 | 51 300 | $\begin{array}{llll}12 & 37.1 \\ 13 & 19.4\end{array}$ | -0.8 +0.3 | +0.4 | 39 312 |
| Aug. ${ }^{5}$ | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | E | 23.9 | $1 \begin{array}{ll}13 & 25.0 \\ 20 & 37.1\end{array}$ | 0.0 -1.5 | -2.3 | 300 | ${ }_{13}^{13} 19.4$ | +0.3 | -2.8 | 312 |
| Sept. 21 <br> Sept. 27 |  | 5.2 4.4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { I } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 12.0 | 20 <br> 1 <br> 0 08.1 | - 1.5 | +1.1 | 64 | $\begin{array}{rr}20 & 47.8 \\ 0 & 18.2\end{array}$ | -1.5 | +0.9 +1.8 | 65 54 |
| Sept. 27 | ${ }_{\mu}^{\mu}$ Cet | 4.4 | E | 17.1 | 120.3 | -1.7 | +0.9 | 260 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 318.7\end{array}$ | - 1.7 | +0.8 | 258 |
| Sept. 28 | ${ }_{\theta^{1}} \mathrm{Tau}$ | 4.0 | E | 19.1 | 2219.4 | -0.1 | +1.2 | 278 | 2222.7 | -0.2 | +1.3 | 276 |
| Sept. 28 | $\theta^{2} \mathrm{Tau}$ | 3.6 | E | 19.1 | 2221.3 | +0.1 | +1.5 | 256 | 2224.4 | -0.1 | +1.6 | 255 |
| Sept. 28 | 264B. Tau | 4.8 | E | 19.1 | 2310.0 | -0.8 | +0.4 | 304 | 23 15.8 | -0.9 | +0.5 | 302 |
| Sept. 29 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | I | 19.2 | 107.7 | -0.5 | +2.6 | 41 | $1 \begin{array}{ll}16.3\end{array}$ | -0.7 | +2.5 | 43 |
| Sept. 29 | $\alpha$ Tau | 1.1 | E | 19.2 | 211.1 | -1.8 | +0.4 | 284 | 222.5 | -1.9 | +0.2 | 283 |
| Sept. 30 | 115 Tau | 5.3 | E | 20.1 | 041.6 | -0.6 | +1.4 | 270 | 048.4 | -0.8 | +1.4 | 269 |
| Oct. 4 | ${ }^{1} \mathrm{Cnc}$ | 5.2 | E | 24.3 | 340.5 | -0.4 | +2.0 | 253 | 347.5 | -0.7 | +2.0 | 255 |
| Oct. 7 | $\sigma$ Leo | 4.1 | E | 27.4 | 5 | -0.4 | -0.8 | 329 | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 12.7\end{array}$ | -0.5 | -1.2 | 336 |
| Oct. 17 | $\rho$ - ${ }^{\text {Cap }}$ | 5.0 | , | 8.2 | 1833.3 | - | - | 9 | 1844.0 | - |  | 9 |
| Nov. 30 | ${ }_{\boldsymbol{\chi}}^{\chi} \mathrm{L}$ Leo | 4.7 4.4 | E | 24.6 | ${ }_{1}^{4} 339.2$ | -0.9 | +0.8 | 287 | 446.1 | -1.1 | +0.4 | 295 |
| Nov. 20 Nov. 22 | $\mu$ Cet | 4.4 | I | 12.7 | 1932.5 | -0.7 | +1.9 | 57 | 1940.4 | -0.9 | +1.8 | 60 |
| Nov. 22 Nov. 22 | $\alpha$ Tau | 1.1 | $\stackrel{\mathrm{I}}{\mathrm{E}}$ | 14.7 | $1 \begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 20\end{aligned} 59.9$ | -0.4 | +1.5 | 84 | 2002.5 | -0.6 | +1.4 | 86 |
| Nov. 22 | $\stackrel{\alpha}{115}{ }_{1}^{\text {Tau }}$ | 1.1 | $\stackrel{\mathrm{E}}{\mathrm{E}}$ | 14.7 15.6 | ${ }_{\text {Low }}{ }^{20} 59.6$ | -0.6 | +1.9 | 242 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}21 & 07.1 \\ 18 & 59.3\end{array}\right.$ | -0.7 | +2.0 | 240 |
| Nov. 23 | 119 Tau | 4.7 | E | 15.7 | 2125.4 | -1.2 | +0.1 | 305 | 2133.4 | -1.4 | +0.2 | 303 |
| Nov. 26 | $\zeta$ Cnc | 5.1 | E | 18.7 | Low |  |  |  | 2136.5 | -0.1 | +1.1 | 283 |
| Nov. 29 | $\nu$ Leo | 5.2 | E | 20.9 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 57.5 \\ 3\end{array}$ | -1.0 | +1.6 | 264 | 206.8 | -1.2 | +1.4 | 270 |
| Dec. 20 | 75 Tau | 5.3 | I | 12.3 | 304.5 | -0.6 | -1.6 | 98 | 305.2 | -0.5 | -1.3 | 89 |
| Dec. 20 | 264B. Tau | 4.8 | I | 12.4 | No occ. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 20.7\end{array}$ | +0.7 | -4.3 | 151 |
| Dec. 28 | $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ Leo | 4.1 | E | 20.5 | No occ. |  |  |  | ${ }_{6}^{6} 15.5$ | - | - | 180 |
| Dec. 28 | $\sigma$ Leo | 4.1 | E | 20.5 | No occ. |  |  |  | 653.4 | - |  | 235 |


| Date | Star | Mag. | $\begin{gathered} \text { I } \\ \text { or } \\ \mathrm{E} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Moon } \end{gathered}$ | Edmonton |  |  |  | Vancouver |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | M.S.T. | a | b | P | P.S.T. | a | b | P |
|  |  |  |  | d | h m | m | m |  | h m | m | m | - |
| Jan. 22 | ${ }^{2} \mathrm{Psc}$ | 4.7 | I | 6.2 | 1732.0 | $-1.7$ | +0.1 | 96 | Sun |  |  |  |
| Jan. 25 | $\gamma$ Tau | 3.9 | I | 9.3 | 2219.3 | -1.3 | $-0.6$ | 80 | 2106.1 | $-1.7$ | -0.5 | 90 |
| Jan. 26 | 71 Tau | 4.6 | I | 9.5 | $2 \quad 10.9$ | +0.2 | $-2.9$ | 134 | No occ. |  |  |  |
| Jan. 26 | $\theta^{1}$ Tau | 4.0 | I | 9.5 | Low |  |  |  | 2 2 13.9 | $-0.1$ | -1.1 | 76 |
| Jan. 26 | $\theta^{2}$ Tau | 3.6 | I | 9.5 | Low |  |  |  | $2{ }_{2} 15.8$ | 0.0 | -1.6 | 97 |
| Feb. 3 | 59 Leo | 5.1 | E | 17.5 | 354.3 | $-2.1$ | +0.4 | 241 | No occ. |  |  |  |
| Mar. 9 | 24 Sco | 5.0 | E | 22.2 | 502.5 | -1.3 | +0.2 | 289 | 347.4 | $-1.3$ | +0.8 | 275 |
| Mar. 14 | Mercury | 0.7 | I | 27.5 | $\begin{array}{lll}13 & 37.1\end{array}$ | $-1.3$ | $-1.8$ | 109 | 1228.1 | -1.7 | $-1.4$ | 107 |
| Mar. 14 | Mercury | 0.7 | E | 27.5 | 1428.3 | $-0.2$ | +0.3 | 209 | $13 \quad 23.0$ | -0.4 | +0.7 | 208 |
| Mar. 22 | 111 Tau | 5.1 | 1 | 6.3 | 1946.8 | -1.2 | $-3.2$ | 137 | No occ. |  |  |  |
| Apr. 4 | $\gamma \mathrm{Lib}$ | 4.0 | I | 18.7 | Sun |  |  |  | 4 4 0 0 1.71 .7 | $-1.6$ | 0.0 | 53 179 |
| Apr. 26 | 59 Leo | 5.1 | I | 11.1 | $\begin{array}{rrr}1 & 22.2 \\ 14 & 44\end{array}$ | -0.2 | -2.6 | 158 | 0 34.3 | -1.7 |  | 179 |
| May 15 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | I | 1.2 | 1444.1 | -1.4 | 0.0 | 72 | 11328.2 | $-1.7$ | +0.2 | 81 |
| May 15 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | E | 1.2 | $15 \quad 59.3$ | $-1.2$ | $-1.1$ | 269 | 1448.9 | $-1.5$ | -0.3 | 257 |
| June 21 | ${ }_{\gamma} \boldsymbol{V} \mathrm{Vir}$ | 2.9 | E | 8.9 | No occ. |  |  |  | 12029.2 | $-0.5$ | $-2.8$ | 348 |
| June 22 | 74 Vir | 4.8 | I | 10.0 | 12235.9 | $-0.8$ | $-2.0$ | 145 | 2136.1 | -0.8 | -2.3 | 160 |
| June 30 | $\pi$ Cap | 5.2 | E | 17.2 | 239.7 | -0.8 | +1.3 | 198 | 123.9 | - | - | 196 |
| June 30 | $\rho$ Cap | 5.0 | E | 17.2 | Sun |  |  |  | 240.1 | $-1.5$ | $-0.3$ | 271 |
| July 23 | 24 Sco | 5.0 | I | 11.4 | $20 \quad 51.5$ | +0.1 | -2. | 31 37 | Sun |  |  |  |
| Aug. 4 | 5 Tau | 4.3 | I | 22.6 | ${ }_{2}^{2} 02.6$ | +0.1 | +2.3 | 37 285 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 55.1 \\ 1 & 43\end{array}$ | +0.2 +0.4 | +2.1 | 37 287 |
| Aug. 4 | 5 Tau | 4.3 | E | 22.6 | 253.8 | $-0.7$ | +1.3 | 285 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 43.0 \\ 3 & 35\end{array}$ | -0.4 | +1.2 +2.2 | 287 |
| Aug. 5 | 71 Tau | 4.6 | E | 23.7 | Sun |  |  |  | 3 3 | -0.3 | +2.2 | 233 |
| Aug. 5 | $\theta^{2}$ Tau | 3.6 | I | 23.8 | Sun |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 50.4 \\ 3 & 53\end{array}$ | -0.6 | +1.8 | 74 53 |
| Aug. 5 | $\theta^{1}$ Tau | 4.0 | I | 23.8 23 | ${ }_{10}^{\text {Sun } 01.0}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 53.3 \\ 8 & 38.3\end{array}$ | -0.4 | +2.2 +2.0 | 53 37 |
| Aug. 5 Aug. 5 | ${ }_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \mathrm{Tau}$ | 1.1 1.1 | E | 23.9 23.9 | $\begin{array}{ll}10 & 01.0 \\ 10 & 39.9\end{array}$ | - | - | 21 320 | $\begin{array}{lll}8 & 38.3 \\ 9 & 39.5\end{array}$ | -1.4 | +2.0 -2.4 | 37 300 |
| Aug. 23 | $\pi$ Cap | 5.2 | I | 12.8 | $23 \quad 26.3$ | - | - | 140 | 2212.1 | - |  | 140 |
| Aug. 23/ 24 | $\rho$ Cap | 5.0 | I | 12.9 | 004.0 | -1.1 | -0.2 | 65 | 2251.5 | $-1.4$ | $+0.3$ | 64 |
| Sept. 5 | 74 Gem | 5.2 | E | 25.1 | Sun |  |  |  | 356.1 | +0.4 | +4.3 | 208 |
| Oct. 26 | $\gamma$ Tau | 3.9 | I | 16.6 | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 37.7\end{array}$ | -1.9 | $-2.0$ | 128 | 125.3 | - | - | 137 |
| Oct. 26 | $\gamma$ Tau | 3.9 | E | 16.6 | 323.9 | -1.1 | +2.6 | 203 | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 00.4\end{array}$ | - | - | 191 |
| Oct. 28 | 71 Ori | 5.2 | E | 18.7 | Graze |  |  |  | 527.1 | $-1.3$ | $-3.0$ | 316 |
| Nov. 16 | $\chi$ Aqr | 5.1 | I | 8.8 | 2155.8 | $-1.2$ | $-0.8$ | 85 | 2044.2 | $-1.5$ | $-0.3$ | 84 |
| Nov. 20 | $\mu$ Cet | 4.4 | I | 12.7 | 1750.6 | $+0.3$ | +2.7 | 9 | Low |  |  |  |
| Nov. 22 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | I | 14.7 | 1816.6 | $+0.4$ | +1.9 | 43 | ${ }_{17}$ Low |  |  |  |
| Nov. 22 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | E | 14.7 | 1901.9 | $-0.1$ | +1.2 | 289 | 1757.1 | +0.1 | +1.0 | 290 |
| Nov. 29 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Leo | 1.3 | E | 21.1 | No occ. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 46.1 \\ 4 & 29 .\end{array}$ | - | - | 51 348 |
| Nov. 29 | $\alpha$ Leo | 1.3 | E | 21.1 | No occ. |  |  |  | 429.7 Sun | - | - | 348 |
| Dec. 17 | $\xi^{2}$ Cet | 4.3 | I | 10.1 10.4 | 16 53.2 | -0.4 -0.3 | +1.7 -0.9 | 77 67 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sun } \\ & 132.9 \end{aligned}$ |  | $-1.2$ | 81 |
| Dec. 18 Dec. 18 | ${ }_{5}^{\mu}$ Cet | 4.4 4.3 | I | 10.4 | 2 22 23 12 | -0.3 | -0.9 | 67 140 | 132.9 Graze | -0.6 | $-1.2$ | 81 |
| Dec. 19 | ${ }_{\gamma}{ }^{\text {T Tau }}$ | 3.9 | I | 12.2 | 1914.0 | $-0.8$ | +1.2 | 101 | 1801.7 | $-0.6$ | $+1.3$ | 99 |
| Dec. 19 / 20 | 75 Tau | 5.3 | 1 | 12.3 | 016.8 | $-1.3$ | 0.0 | 71 | 2301.2 | $-1.6$ | +0.3 | 79 |
| Dec. 20 | 264B. Tau | 4.8 | I | 12.4 | 140.9 | $-1.0$ | $-3.9$ | 138 | No occ. |  |  |  |
| Dec. 20 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | I | 12.5 | 415.8 | $-0.2$ | -1.8 | 99 | 321.1 | $-0.4$ | $-2.4$ | 118 |
| Dec. 20 | $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tau | 1.1 | E | 12.5 | 512.7 | $-0.1$ | -1.0 | 248 | 413.0 | $-0.5$ | $-0.3$ | 230 |
| Dec. 24 | $\zeta$ Cnc | 5.1 | E | 16.5 | 605.9 | $-0.8$ | $\mid-1.5$ | 272 | 500.0 | -1. | -0.7 | 253 |

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# METEORS, FIREBALLS AND METEORITES 

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Meteoroids are small solid particles moving in orbits about the sun. On entering the earth's atmosphere at velocities ranging from 10 to 45 miles per second they become luminous and appear as meteors or fireballs and, if large enough to avoid complete vapourization, in rare cases they may fall to the earth as meteorites.

Meteors are visible on any night of the year. At certain times of the year the earth encounters large numbers of meteors all moving together along the same orbit. Such a group is known as a meteor shower and the accompanying list gives the most important showers visible in 1961.

On the average an observer sees 7 meteors per hour which are not associated with any recognized shower. These have been included in the hourly rates listed in the table. The radiant is the position among the stars from which the meteors of a given shower seem to radiate. The appearance of any very bright fireball should be reported immediately to the nearest astronomical group or organization. If sounds are heard accompanying such a phenomenon there is a possibility that a meteorite may have fallen and the astronomers must rely on observations made by the general public to track it down.

Meteor Showers for 1961

| Shower | Shower Maximum |  |  | Radiant |  |  | Single Observer Hourly Rate | Normal Duration to $\frac{1}{4}$ strength of Max. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Date | E.S.T. | Moon | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Position } \\ \text { at Max. } \\ \alpha & \delta \delta \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\bigcirc{ }^{\circ}$ | - | 。 |  | (days) |
| Quadrantids | Jan. 3 | $06^{\text {b }}$ | F.M. | ${ }^{232}+50$ |  |  | 40 | 0.6 |
| Lyrids | Apr. 21 | 23 | F.Q. | $274+34$ | +1.1 | 0.0 | 15 | 2.3 |
| $\eta$ Aquarids | May 4 | 23 | L.Q. | $\begin{array}{ll}336 & 00\end{array}$ | +0.9 | $+0.4$ | 20 | 18 |
| $\delta$ Aquarids | July 29 | 08 | F.M. | 339-17 | +0.85 | +0.17 | 20 | 20 |
| Perseids | Aug. 12 | 03 | N.M. | $046+58$ | +1.35 | +0.12 | 50 | 5.0 |
| Orionids | Oct. 20 | 14 | F.M. | $095+15$ | +1.23 | +0.13 | 25 | 8 |
| Taurids | Nov. 5 | 15 | N.M. | $053+14$ | +0.67 | +0.13 | 15 | (30) |
| Leonids | Nov. 16 | 13 | F.Q. | $152+22$ | +0.70 | -0.42 | 15 |  |
| Geminids | Dec. 13 | 08 | F.Q. | ${ }^{113}+32$ | +1.05 | -0.07 | 50 | 6.0 |
| Ursids | Dec. 22 | 13 | F.M. | $217+76$ |  |  | 15 | 2.2 |

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| Name |  | R.A. | Name |  | R.A. |
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| Acamar | $\theta$ Eri | 02 | Fomalhaut | $\alpha$ PsA | 22 |
| Achernar | $\alpha$ Eri | 01 | Gacrux | $\gamma \mathrm{Cru}$ | 12 |
| Acrux | $\alpha$ Cru | 12 | Gienah | ${ }_{\gamma} \mathrm{Crv}$ | 12 |
| Adhara | $\epsilon$ СМa | 06 | Hadar | $\beta$ Cen | 14 |
| Al Na'ir | $\alpha \mathrm{Gru}$ | 22 | Hamal | $\alpha$ Ari | 02 |
| Albireo | $\beta$ Cyg | 19 | Kaus Australis | $\epsilon \mathrm{Sgr}$ | 18 |
| Alcyone | $\eta$ Tau | 03 | Kochab | $\beta$ UMi | 14 |
| Aldebaran | $\alpha \mathrm{Tau}$ | 04 | Markab | $\alpha \mathrm{Peg}$ | 23 |
| Alderamin | ${ }_{\alpha}$ Cep | 21 | Megrez | $\delta$ UMa | 12 |
| Algenib | $\gamma \mathrm{Peg}$ | 00 | Menkar | $\alpha$ Cet | 03 |
| Algol | $\beta$ Per | 03 | Menkent | $\theta$ Cen | 14 |
| Alioth | $\epsilon \mathrm{UMa}$ | 12 | Merak | $\beta \mathrm{UMa}$ | 10 |
| Alkaid | $\eta$ UMa | 13 | Miaplacidus | $\beta$ Car | 09 |
| Almach | $\gamma$ And | 02 | Mira | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Cet}$ | 02 |
| Alnilam | $\epsilon$ Ori | 05 | Mirach | $\beta$ And | 01 |
| Alphard | $\alpha \mathrm{Hya}$ | 09 | Mirfak | $\alpha$ Per | 03 |
| Alphecca | $\alpha \mathrm{CrB}$ | 15 | Mizar | $\zeta \mathrm{UMa}$ | 13 |
| Alpheratz | $\alpha$ And | 00 | Nunki | $\sigma$ Sgr | 18 |
| Altair | $\alpha \mathrm{Aql}$ | 19 | Peacock | $\alpha$ Pav | 20 |
| Ankaa | $\alpha$ Phe | 00 | Phecda | $\gamma \mathrm{UMa}$ | 11 |
| Antares | $\alpha$ Sco | 16 | Polaris | $\alpha \mathrm{UMi}$ | 01 |
| Arcturus | $\alpha$ Boo | 14 | Pollux | $\beta$ Gem | 07 |
| Atria | $\alpha$ TrA | 16 | Procyon | $\alpha$ CMi | 07 |
| Avior | $\epsilon \mathrm{Car}$ | 08 | Ras-Algethi | $\alpha$ Her | 17 |
| Bellatrix | $\gamma \mathrm{Ori}$ | 05 | Rasalhague | $\alpha$ Oph | 17 |
| Betelgeuse | $\alpha$ Ori | 05 | Regulus | ${ }^{\alpha}$ Leo | 10 |
| Canopus | $\alpha \mathrm{Car}$ | 06 | Rigel | $\beta$ Ori | 05 |
| Capella | $\alpha$ Aur | 05 | Rigil Kentaurus | ${ }^{\alpha} \mathrm{Cen}$ | 14 |
| Caph | $\beta$ Cas $\alpha$ Gem | 00 07 | $\xrightarrow[\text { Sabik }]{\text { Scheat }}$ | ${ }_{\beta}^{\eta} \mathrm{OPpg}^{\text {Open }}$ | ${ }_{23}^{17}$ |
| Castor | $\alpha$ Gem | 07 |  |  |  |
| Deneb | $\alpha \mathrm{Cyg}$ | 20 | Schedar | $\alpha$ Cas | 00 |
| Denebola | $\beta$ Leo | 11 | Shaula | $\lambda$ Sco | 17 |
| Diphda | $\beta$ Cet | 00 | Sirius | $\alpha \mathrm{CMa}$ | 06 |
| Dubhe | $\alpha \mathrm{UMa}$ | 11 | Spica | ${ }^{\alpha} \mathrm{Vir}$ | ${ }_{09}^{13}$ |
| Elnath | $\beta$ Tau | 05 | Suhail | $\lambda \mathrm{Vel}$ | 09 |
| Eltanin | $\gamma$ Dra | 17 | Vega Zubenelgenubi | ${ }_{\alpha}^{\alpha} \mathrm{Lyr}$ Lib | 18 |
| Enif | $\epsilon \mathrm{Peg}$ | 21 | Zubenelgenubi | $\alpha$ Lib | 14 |

## THE BRIGHTEST STARS

## By Donald A. MacRae

The 286 stars brighter than apparent magnitude 3.55.
Star. If the star is a visual double the letter $A$ indicates that the data are for the brighter component. The brightness and separation of the second component $B$ are given in the last column. Sometimes the double is too close to be conveniently resolved and the data refer to the combined light, $A B$; in interpreting such data the magnitudes of the two components must be considered.

Visual Magnitude ( $V$ ). These magnitudes are based on photoelectric observations, with a few exceptions, which have been adjusted to match the yellow colour-sensitivity of the eye. The photometric system is that of Johnson and Morgan in $A p$. J., vol. 117, p. 313, 1953. It is as likely as not that the true magnitude is within 0.03 mag. of the quoted figure, on the average. Variable stars are indicated with a " v ". The type of variability, range, $R$, in magnitudes, and period in days are given.

Colour index $(B-V)$. The blue magnitude, $B$, is the brightness of a star as observed photoelectrically through a blue filter. The difference $B-V$ is therefore a measure of the colour of a star. The table reveals a close relaton between $B-V$ and spectral type. Some of the stars are slightly reddened by interstellar dust. The probable error of a value of $B-V$ is only 0.01 or 0.02 mag .

Type. The customary spectral (temperature) classification is given first. The Roman numerals are indicators of luminosity class. They are to be interpreted as follows: Ia-most luminous supergiants; Ib-less luminous supergiants; II—bright giants; III—normal giants; IV—subgiants; V—main sequence stars. Intermediate classes are sometimes used, e.g. Iab. Approximate absolute magnitudes can be assigned to the various spectral and luminosity class combinations. Other symbols used in this column are: p-a peculiarity; e-emission lines; v -the spectrum is variable; m -lines due to metallic elements are abnormally strong; f-the O-type spectrum has several broad emission lines; $n$ or nn-unusually wide or diffuse lines. A composite spectrum, e.g. M1 Ib+B, shows up when a star is composed of two nearly equal but unresolved components. In the far southern sky, spectral types in italics were provided through the kindness of Prof. R. v. d. R. Woolley, Australian Commonwealth Observatory. Types in parentheses are less accurately defined (g-giant, d-dwarf, c-exceptionally high luminosity). All other types were very kindly provided especially for this table by Dr. W. W. Morgan, Yerkes Observatory.

Parallax ( $\pi$ ). From "General Catalogue of Trigonometric Stellar Parallaxes" by Louise F. Jenkins, Yale Univ. Obs., 1952.

Absolute visual magnitude ( $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{V}}$ ), and distance in light-years (D). If $\pi$ is greater than $0.030^{\prime \prime}$ the distance corresponds to this trigonometric parallax and the absolute magnitude was computed from the formula $\mathrm{M}_{V}=V+5+5 \log \pi$. Otherwise a generally more accurate absolute magnitude was obtained from the luminosity class. In this case the formula was used to compute $\pi$ and the distance corresponds to this "spectroscopic" parallax. The formula is an expression of the inverse square law for decrease in light intensity with increasing distance. The effect of absorption of light by interstellar dust was neglected, except for three stars, $\zeta$ Per, $\sigma$ Sco and $\zeta$ Oph, which are significantly reddened and would therefore be about a magnitude brighter if they were in the clear.

Annual proper motion ( $\mu$ ), and radial velocity (R). From "General Catalogue of Stellar Radial Velocities" by R. E. Wilson, Carnegie Inst. Pub. 601, 1953. Italics indicate an average value of a variable radial velocity.

The star names are given for all the officially designated navigation stars and a few others. Throughout the table, a colon (:) indicates an uncertainty.

We are indebted to Dr. Daniel L. Harris, Yerkes Observatory, particularly for his compilation of the photometric data from numerous sources.

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| Radial Velocity | a | ¢ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\oplus}{0} \\ & +1 \\ & +1 \end{aligned}$ |
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| Distance light－years | Q | $\stackrel{i}{i}$ | இ |  |  | bo룰 |
| Absolute Magnitude | $\sum$ | + + + + |  |  |  |  |
| Parallax | $k$ | $=$ |  $00^{\circ} 1000000$ |  | $$ |  |
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| Colour Index | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A } \\ & \infty \end{aligned}$ | 0 0 + + |  ooonnoroo $1+1++++++1$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 0 N \\ -1+ \\ -1+ \end{array}$ |
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| Star | R.A. 19 | 60 Dec. | $V$ | $B-V$ | Type | $\pi$ | $M_{V}$ | D | $\mu$ | R |  |
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|  | h m | - |  |  |  | ' |  | 1.y. | '" | km./sec. |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tri | 0150.8 | +29 23 | 3.45 | +0.46 | F6 IV | 0.050 | +2.0 | 65 | 0.230 | $-12.6$ |  |
| $\epsilon$ Cas | 51.5 | +63 28 | 3.33 | $-0.15$ | B3 IV: p | 0.007 | $-2.7$ | 520 | 0.038 | -08.1 |  |
| $\beta$ Ari | 52.4 | +20 37 | 2.68 | +0.14 | A5 V | 0.063 | +1.7 | 52 | 0.147 | -01.9 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ UMi $A$ | 55.5 | +89 05 | 1.99v | $+0.60 \mathrm{v}$ | F8 Ib | 0.003 | $-4.6$ | 680 | 0.046 | $-17.4$ | Cep., R 0.11 ${ }^{\mathrm{m}} 4.0^{\mathrm{d}}, \mathrm{B} 8.9 \mathrm{9}^{\mathrm{m}} 18^{\prime \prime}$ Polaris |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Hyi | 57.5 | -61 46 | 2.84 | +0.28 | FO V |  | +2.9 | 31 | 0.265 | +07 | d $=$ Almach |
| $\gamma$ And $A$ | 0201.4 | +4208 | 2.14: | +1.16: | K3 II | 0.005 | -2.4 | 260 | 0.068 | -11.7 | $B 5.4^{\mathrm{m}} C 6.2^{\mathrm{m}} A-B C 10^{\prime \prime} B-C 0.7^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Ari | 04.9 | +23 16 | 2.00 | +1.15 | K2 III | 0.043 | +0.2 | 76 | 0.241 | -14.3 | Hamal |
| $\beta$ Tri | 07.2 | +34 48 | 3.00 | +0.13 | A5 III | 0.012 | $-0.1$ | 140 | 0.156 | +09.9 |  |
| - Cet $A$ | 17.3 | -03 09 | 2.0 v | +0.13 | (gM6e) | 0.013 | $-0.5$ | 103 | 0.232 | +63.8 | LP, $R 2.0-10.1,332^{\text {d }}, B 10^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime}$ Mira |
| $\gamma$ Cet $A B$ | 41.2 | +03 04 | 3.48 | +0.11 | A2 V | 0.048 | +2.0 | 68 | 0.203 | -05.1 | $A 3.57^{\mathrm{m}}$ B $6.23^{\mathrm{m}} 3^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ Eri $A B$ | 56.7 | $-4028$ | 2.92 | +0.13 | $A 3 \quad V$ | 0.028 | +1.7 | 65 | 0.061 | +11.9 | $A 3.25{ }^{\mathrm{m}}$ B $4.36{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 8^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Acamar |
| $\alpha$ Cet | 0300.2 | +03 56 | 2.54 | +1.63 | M2 III | 0.003 | $-0.5$ | 130 | 0.075 | -25.9 | Menkar |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ Per | 01.9 | +53 21 | 2.91: | +0.72: | G8III: + A3: | 0.011 | $+0.3$ | 113 | 0.004 | +02.5 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ Per | 02.6 | +38 41 | 3.5 v |  | M4 II-III | 0.008 | $-1.0$ | 260 | 0.172 | +28.2 | Irr. $R$ 3.2-3.8 |
| $\beta$ Per | 05.6 | +40 48 | 2.06 v | $-0.07$ | B8 V | 0.031 | $-0.5$ | 105 | 0.006 | +04.0 | Ecl. R 2.06-3.28, $2.87{ }^{\text {d }}$ Algol |
| $\alpha$ Per | 21.5 | +49 43 | 1.80 | +0.48 | F5 Ib | 0.029 | $-4.4$ | 570 | 0.035 | -02.4 | Mirfak |
| $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ Per | 40.1 | +4740 | 3.03 | -0.14 | B5 III | 0.007 | $-3.3$ | 590 | 0.046 | -09 |  |
| $\eta$ Tau | 45.1 | $+2359$ | 2.86 | -0.09 | B7 III | 0.005 | $-3.2$ | 541 | 0.050 | +10.1 | in Pleiades Alcyone |
| $\gamma \mathrm{Hyi}$ | 47.8 | $-7422$ | 3.30 | +1.61 | M2 II-III | -. 0.001 | $-1.5$ | 300 | 0.125 | $+16.0$ |  |
| $\zeta$ Per $A$ | 51.6 | +31 46 | 2.83 | +0.13 | B1 Ib | 0.007 | $-6.1$ | 1000 | 0.015 | $+20.6$ | B $9.36{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 13^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\epsilon$ Per $A$ | 55.2 | +39 54 | 2.88 | $-0.17$ | B0.5 V | -. 0001 | $-3.7$ | 680 | 0.036 | -01 | B $7.99{ }^{\text {m }} 9^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\gamma \mathrm{Eri}$ | 56.2 | $\begin{array}{\|cc\|}-13 & 37\end{array}$ | 3.01 | +1.58 | M0 III | 0.003 | $-0.5$ | 160 | 0.126 | +61.7 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Ret $A$ | 0413.9 | -62 34 | 3.33 | +0.91 | G6 II | 0.008 | $-2.1$ | 390 | 0.064 | +35.6 | $B 12^{\mathrm{m}} 49^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\epsilon$ Tau | 26.3 | +19 06 | 3.54 | +1.02 | K0 III | 0.018 | $+0.1$ | 160 | 0.118 | +38.6 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathbf{2}}$ Tau | 26.4 | +15 47 | 3.42 | +0.17 | A7 III | 0.025 | $+0.2$ | 140 | 0.108 | $+39.5$ |  |
| $\alpha$ Dor | 33.1 | $-5508$ | 3.28 | -0.08 | AO IIIp | 0.011 | $-1.2$ | 260 | 0.051 | $+25.6$ | Silicon star |
| $\alpha$ Tau $A$ | 33.6 | +1626 | 0.86 v | +1.52 | K5 III | 0.048 | $-0.7$ | 68 | 0.202 | $+54.1$ | Irr.? R0.78-0.93, $1213^{\mathrm{m}} 31^{\prime \prime}$ Aldebaran |
| $\pi^{3}$ Ori | 47.7 | +06 54 | 3.17 | +0.45 | F6 V | 0.125 | $+3.65$ | 26 | 0.468 | $+24.3$ |  |
| ، Aur | 54.4 | +33 06 | 2.64: | +1.49 | K3 II | 0.015 | -2.4 | 330 | 0.021 | +17.5 |  |



| Star | R.A. 19 | 60 Dec. | $V$ | $B-V$ | Type | $\pi$ | $M_{V}$ | D | $\mu$ | R |  |
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|  | h m | $\bigcirc 1$ |  |  |  | \% |  | $1 . y$. | ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | km./sec. |  |
| $\nu$ Pup | 0636.5 | -43 10 | 3.19 | -0.10 | B7 III |  | -3.2 | 620 | 0.010 | $+28.2$ |  |
| $\epsilon$ Gem | 41.5 | +25 10 | 3.00 | +1.39 | G8 Ib | 0.009 | -4.6 | 1080 | 0.016 | $+09.9$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ Gem | 43.0 | +1256 | 3.38 | +0.43 | F5 IV | 0.051 | +1.9 | 64 | 0.224 | $+25.3$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ CMa $A$ | 43.4 | -16 40 | -1.42 | +0.01 | A1 V | 0.375 | $+1.45$ | 8.7 | 1.324 | -07.6 | $B 8.66^{\mathrm{m}} 1960: 9^{\prime \prime}, \theta=90^{\circ} \quad$ Sirius |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Pic | 47.8 | -6154 | 3.27 | +0.21 | A5 V |  | $+2.1$ | 57 | 0.272 | $+20.6$ |  |
| $\tau$ Pup | 48.9 | -50 34 | 2.97 | +1.17 | K0 III |  | +0.1 | 124 | 0.079 | $+36.4$ |  |
| $\epsilon \mathrm{CMa} A$ | 57.1 | $-2855$ | 1.48: | -0.18: | B2 II |  | $-5.1$ | 680 | 0.004 | +27.4 | $B 7.5{ }^{\text {m }} 8^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Adhara |
| $\boldsymbol{o}^{\mathbf{2}} \mathrm{CMa}$ | 0701.4 | -23 46 | 3.02 | -0.09 | B3 Ia |  | -7.1 | 3400 | 0.000 | +48.4 |  |
| $\delta \mathrm{CMa}$ | 06.8 | -26 20 | 1.85 | +0.65 | F8 Ia | $-.018$ | -7.1 | 2100 | 0.005 | +34.3 |  |
| $\mathrm{L}_{2} \mathrm{Pup}$ | 12.3 | -44 34 |  |  | (gM5e) | 0.016 | $-3.1$ | 650 | 0.342 | $+53.0$ | LP, $R$ 3.4-6.2, $141{ }^{\text {d }}$ |
| $\pi$ Pup | 15.7 | -37 01 | 2.81 | +1.56: | (gK4) | 0.023 | $-0.3$ | 140 | 0.008 | $+15.8$ |  |
| $\eta$ CMa | 22.5 | -29 13 | 2.46 | -0.08 | B5 Ia |  | -7.1 | 2700 | 0.008 | +41.1 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\beta} \mathrm{CMi}$ | 25.0 | +08 22 | 2.91 | -0.09 | B7 V | 0.020 | $-1.1$ | 210 | 0.065 | $+22$ |  |
| $\sigma \operatorname{Pup} A$ | 28.0 | $\begin{array}{lll}-43 & 13\end{array}$ | 3.28 | +1.49 | (gK5) | 0.013 | $-0.4$ | 180 | 0.195 | $+88.1$ | $B 9.4{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 22^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Gem $A$ | 32.0 | +3159 | 1.97 | +0.00: | A1 V | 0.072 | +1.3 | 45 | 0.199 0.199 | +06.0 -01.2 | 5 $5^{\prime \prime}, B-V+0.02, C 9.08 \mathrm{v}^{\mathrm{m}} 73^{\prime \prime}$ Castor |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Gem $B$ | 32.0 | +3159 | 2.95 | +0.07: | A5m | 0.072 | $+2.3$ | 45 | 0.199 | -01.2 | $)^{5}, B-V+0.02, C 9.08 \mathrm{v}$ ( ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \mathrm{CMi} A$ | 37.2 | +05 20 | 0.37 | +0.41 | F5 IV-V | 0.288 | $+2.7$ | 11.3 | 1.250 | -03.2 | $B 10.7^{\mathrm{m}} 5^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Procyon |
| $\beta$ Gem | 42.9 | +28 07 | 1.16 | +1.02 | K0 III | 0.093 | $+1.0$ | 35 | 0.625 | +03.3 | Pollux |
| $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ Pup | 47.6 | -24 45 | 3.34 | +1.23 | G3 Ib | $-.003$ | -4.6 | 1240 | 0.005 | +02.7 |  |
| $\chi$ Car | 55.8 | $-5252$ | 3.48 | -0.18 | (B3) |  | -2.1 | 430 | 0.039 | +19.1 |  |
| $\zeta$ Pup | 0802.2 | $-3953$ | 2.23 | $-0.26$ | O5f |  | -7.1 | 2400 | 0.033 | -24 |  |
| $\rho$ Pup | 05.8 | -24 11 | 2.80 v | +0.42 | F6 IIp | 0.031 | +0.3: | 105: | 0.098 | $+46.6$ | Var. R 2.72-2.87 |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ Vel $A$ | 08.3 | -47 14 | 1.88 | $-0.26$ | WC7 |  | $-4.1$ | 520 | 0.011 | +35 | $B 4.31^{\mathrm{m}} 41^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\epsilon \mathrm{Car}$ | 21.7 | $-5923$ | 1.97 | +1.14: | $(\mathrm{K} 0+\mathrm{B})$ |  | -3.1: | 340 | 0.030 | $+11.5$ | Avior |
| - UMa $A$ | 27.0 | +6051 | 3.37 | +0.83 | G5 III | 0.004 | +0.1 | 150 | 0.171 | +19.8 | $B 15^{\mathrm{m}} 7^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\delta \mathrm{Vel} A B$ | 43.6 | $-5434$ | 1.95 | +0.05 | $A 0 \quad V$ | 0.043 | +0.2 | 76 | 0.086 | +02.2 | $A 2.0^{\mathrm{m}} B 5.1^{\mathrm{m}} 3^{\prime \prime} C D 10^{\mathrm{m}} 69^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\epsilon$ Hya $A B C$ | 44.7 | +0634 | 3.39 | +0.68 | G0 comp. | 0.010 | $+0.6$ | 140 | 0.198 | $+36.4$ | $A 3.7^{\mathrm{m}} B 5.2^{\mathrm{m}} 0.2^{\prime \prime} 15^{\mathrm{y}}, C 6.8^{\mathrm{m}} 3^{\prime \prime} D 12^{\mathrm{m}} 20^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\zeta$ Hya | 53.3 | +06 06 | 3.11 | +1.00 | K0 II-III | 0.029 | $-1.1$ | 220 | 0.101 | +22.8 |  |
| ${ }^{\text {c UMa }} A$ | 56.5 | +48 12 | 3.12 | +0.19 | A7 V | 0.066 | +2.2 | 49 | 0.505 | +12.2 | $B C 10.8^{\mathrm{m}} 7^{\prime \prime}$ |


| Star | R.A. 19 | 60 Dec. | $V$ | $B-V$ | Type | $\pi$ | $\mathrm{M}_{\boldsymbol{V}}$ | D | $\mu$ | R |  |
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|  | h m | - 1 |  |  |  | " |  | 1.y. | ' 1 | km./sec. |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ Vel | 0906.5 | $-4316$ | 2.24 | +1.64: | $K 5 \quad I b$ | 0.015 | $-4.6$ | 750 | 0.026 | +18.4 | Suhail |
| a Car | 09.9 | $-5848$ | 3.43 | $-0.17$ | B3 IV |  | $-2.9$ | 590 | 0.028 | +23.3 |  |
| $\beta$ Car | 12.8 | $-6933$ | 1.67 | +0.01 | AO III | 0.038 | $-0.4$ | 86 | 0.183 | -05 | Miaplacidus |
| ¢ Car | 16.0 | $-5906$ | 2.25 | $+0.17$ | FO Ib |  | $-4.6$ | 750 | 0.019 | $+13.3$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Lyn | 18.6 | $+3434$ | 3.17 | $+1.54$ | M0 III | 0.021 | $-0.5$ | 180 | 0.217 | $+37.6$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ Vel | 20.9 | $-5450$ | 2.45 | -0.15 | B2 IV | 0.007 | $-3.4$ | 470 | 0.012 | +21.9 |  |
| $\alpha$ Hya | 25.6 | $-08129$ | 1.98 | +1.44 | K4 III | 0.017 | $-0.3$ | 94 | 0.034 | -04.3 | Alphard |
| N Vel | 30.0 | $-5651$ | 3.19 | +1.56 | (gK5) | 0.015 | $-0.4$ | 170 | 0.036 | $-13.9$ |  |
| $\theta$ UMa $A$ | 30.2 | +51 52 | 3.19 | $+0.46$ | F6 IV | 0.052 | $+1.8$ | 63 | 1.094 | $+15.4$ | $B 14{ }^{\text {m }} 5^{\prime \prime}$ |
| є Leo | 43.6 | +23 58 | 2.99 | $+0.81$ | G0 II | 0.002 | $-2.1$ | 340 | 0.048 | $+05.0$ |  |
| 1 Car | 44.1 | $-6219$ | 4.1 |  | (cG0) | 0.019 | $-5.5$ | 2700 | 0.016 | $+04.0$ | Cep. max. $3.4{ }^{\mathrm{m}} \min .4 .8^{\mathrm{m}}, 35.52^{\mathrm{d}}$ |
| $v$ Car $A B$ | 46.1 | $-6453$ | 2.95 | $+0.26$ | $A 7 \quad I I$ | 0.020 | $-2.1$ | 340 | 0.012 | $+13.6$ | $A 3.02^{\mathrm{m}} B 6.03^{\mathrm{m}} 5^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Leo $A$ | 1006.2 | +12 10 | 1.36 | $-0.11$ | B7 V | 0.039 | $-0.7$ | 84 | 0.248 | +03.5 | B $8.1^{\mathrm{m}} 177^{\prime \prime}$ Regulus |
| $\omega$ Car | 12.8 | $-6950$ | 3.33 | -0.08 | $B 8.5$ IV |  | $-1.5$ | 300 | 0.029 | +04 |  |
| $\zeta$ Leo | 14.5 | $+2337$ | 3.46 | $+0.30$ | F 0 III | 0.009 | +0.5 | 130 | 0.023 | $-15.0$ |  |
| $\lambda \mathrm{UMa}$ | 14.7 | +43 07 | 3.45 | $+0.03$ | A2 IV | $-.010$ | $+0.1$ | 150 | 0.170 | +18.3 |  |
| q Car | 15.8 | $-6108$ | 3.41 v | $+1.55$ | $K 5 \quad I b$ | 0.018 | $-4.6$ | 1300 | 0.023 | +08.6 | Var. R 3.38-3.44 |
| $\gamma$ Leo $A B$ | 17.8 | $+2003$ | 1.99 | $+1.13$ | K0 IIIp | 0.019 | $+0.1$ | 90 | 0.350 | -36.6 | $A 2.29{ }^{\text {m }}$ B $3.54{ }^{\text {m }} 4^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ UMa | 20.0 | +41 42 | 3.05 | +1.55 | M0 III | 0.031 | +0.5 | 105 | 0.086 | -20.5 |  |
| p Car | 30.6 | $-6129$ | 3.30 v | -0.11 | B5 IVpe |  | $-2.3$ | 430 | 0.021 | $+26.0$ | Var. $R$ 3.22-3.39 |
| $\theta$ Car | 41.5 | $-6411$ | 2.74 | $-0.22$ | B0 Vp |  | $-4.0$ | 710 | 0.018 | +24 |  |
| $\mu$ Vel $A B$ | 45.0 | $\begin{array}{ll}-49 & 12\end{array}$ | 2.67 | $+0.89$ | G5 III |  | +0.1 | 108 | 0.085 | +06.9 | $A 2.7^{\mathrm{m}} B 7.2^{\mathrm{m}} 2^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\nu$ Hya | 47.6 | $-1559$ | 3.12 | $+1.25$ | K3 III | 0.022 | $-0.2$ | 150 | 0.221 | -01.0 |  |
| $\beta$ UMa | 59.4 | $+5636$ | 2.37 | $-0.03$ | A1 V | 0.042 | +0.5 | 78 | 0.087 | $-12.0$ | Merak |
| $\alpha$ UMa $A B$ | 1101.3 | +6158 | 1.81 | $+1.06$ | K0 III | 0.031 | $-0.7$ | 105 | 0.138 | $-08.9$ | $A 1.88{ }^{\mathrm{m}}$ B 4.82 ${ }^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime}$ Dubhe |
| $\psi$ UMa | 07.4 | +44 43 | 3.00 | $+1.14$ | K1 III |  | +0.0 | 130 | 0.072 | -03.8 |  |
| $\delta$ Leo | 12.0 | +20 45 | 2.57 | $+0.13$ | A4 V | 0.040 | $+0.6$ | 82 | 0.201 | $-20.6$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ Leo | 12.1 | +1539 | 3.34 | 0.00 | A2 V | 0.019 | $+1.1$ | 90 | 0.104 | +07.8 |  |
| $\lambda$ Cen | 33.9 | -62 48 | 3.15 | -0.05 | $B 9$ III |  | $-2.1$ | 370 | 0.039 | +07.9 |  |
| $\beta$ Leo | 47.0 | $+1448$ | 2.14 | $+0.09$ | A3 V | 0.076 | $+1.5$ | 43 | 0.511 | $-00.1$ | Denebola |


| Star | R.A. 196 | 60 Dec. | $V$ | $B-V$ | Type | $\pi$ | $M_{V}$ | D | $\mu$ | R |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ UMa | $\begin{array}{cc} \mathrm{h} & \mathrm{~m} \\ 11 & 51.7 \end{array}$ | $\circ$ +53 | 2.44 | 0.00 | A0 V | $\prime \prime$ 0.020 | $+0.2$ | 1.9 90 | " ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{km} . / \mathrm{sec} . \\ -12.9 \end{gathered}$ | Phecda |
| $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ Cen | 1206.3 | $-5030$ | 2.59 v | -0.15: | B2 Ve |  | $-2.7$ | 370 | 0.042 | $+09$ | Var. $R$ 2.56-2.62 |
| є Crv | 08.1 | -22 24 | 3.04 | +1.33 | K3 III |  | $-0.2$ | 140 | 0.069 | +04.9 |  |
| $\delta \mathrm{Cru}$ | 13.0 | $-5832$ | 2.81 v | $-0.23$ | B2 IV |  | $-3.4$ | 570 | 0.041 | $+26.4$ | Var. $R$ 2.78-2.84 |
| $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ UMa | 13.5 | +57 15 | 3.30 | $+0.07$ | A3 V | 0.052 | $+1.9$ | 63 | 0.106 | $-12.9$ | Mar.R Megrez |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \mathrm{Crv}$ | 13.7 | $-1719$ | 2.59 | $-0.10$ | B8 III |  | $-3.1$ | 450 | 0.163 | $-04.2$ | Gienah |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Cru $A$ | 24.4 | $-6253$ | 1.39 | $-0.25$ | B1 IV |  | $-3.9$ | 370 | 0.042 | -11.2 | \} ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ C $4900^{\mathrm{m} ~ 89}$ '' Acrus |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Cru $B$ | 24.4 | $-6253$ | 1.86 | $-0.25$ | (B3) |  | $-3.4$ | 370 | 0.042 | -00.6 | $\} 5^{\prime}$, C $4.90^{\text {m }} 89^{\prime}$ Acrus |
| $\delta \operatorname{Crv} A$ | 27.8 | $-1618$ | 2.97 | $-0.04$ | $\mathrm{B} 9.5 \quad \mathrm{~V}: \mathrm{n}$ | 0.018 | +0.1 | 124 | 0.255 | +09 | B $8.26^{\mathrm{m}} 24^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\gamma \mathrm{Cru}$ | 28.9 | $-56153$ | 1.69 | $+1.55$ | M3 II |  | $-2.5$ | 220 | 0.274 | $+21.3$ | Gacrux |
| $\boldsymbol{\beta} \mathrm{Crv}$ | 32.3 | $-2311$ | 2.66 | +0.89 | G5 III | 0.027 | $+0.1$ | 108 | 0.059 | $-07.7$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Mus | 34.8 | $-6855$ | 2.70 v | $-0.20$ | $B 3$ IV |  | $-2.9$ | 430 | 0.037 | +18 | Var. $R$ 2.66-2.73 |
| $\gamma$ Cen $A B$ | 39.3 | $-4844$ | 2.17 | +0.00 | A0 IV: | 0.006 | $-0.5$ | 160 | 0.197 | $-07.5$ | $A 2.9{ }^{\mathrm{m}}$ B $2.9{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\gamma \operatorname{Vir} A B$ | 39.6 | -01 14 | 2.76 | +0.34 | F 0 V | 0.101 | $+3.5$ | 32 | 0.567 | $-19.7$ | $A 3.50^{\mathrm{m}} B 3.52^{\mathrm{m}} 4^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\beta$ Mus $A B$ | 43.8 | $-6753$ | 3.06 | -0.17: | B3 V |  | $-2.1$ | 470 | 0.041 | $+42$ | $A 3.7^{\text {m }}$ B $4.0^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ Cru | 45.4 | $-59128$ | 1.28 | $-0.25$ | B0 III |  | $-4.6$ | 490 | 0.049 | $+20.0$ | Beta Crucis |
| $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ UMa | 52.3 | +56111 | 1.79 | $-0.03$ | A0py | 0.008 | $+0.2$ | 68 | 0.113 | -09.3 | Chromium-europium star Alioth |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \mathrm{CVn} A$ | 54.2 | +38 32 | 2.90 | $-0.10$ | B9.5pv | 0.023 | $+0.1$ | 118 | 0.238 | -03.3 | Silicon-europium star. $B 5.61{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 20^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\epsilon$ Vir | 1300.2 | +1110 | 2.86 | +0.93 | G9 II-III | 0.036 | $+0.6$ | 90 | 0.274 | $-14.0$ |  |
| $\gamma$ Hya | 16.7 | $-2258$ | 2.98 | +0.92 | G8 III | 0.021 | $+0.3$ | 113 | 0.086 | -05.4 |  |
| ¢ Cen | 18.3 | $-3630$ | 2.76 | +0.05 | A2 V | 0.046 | $+1.1$ | 71 | 0.351 | +00.1 |  |
| $\zeta \mathrm{UMa} A$ | 22.3 | $+5508$ | 2.26 | +0.02 | A2 V | 0.037 | $+0.1$ | 88 | 0.127 | -09.0 | B $3.94^{\mathrm{m}} 14^{\prime \prime}$ <br> Mizar |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Vir | 23.1 | $-1057$ | 0.91 v | $-0.24$ | B1 V | 0.021 | $-3.3$ | 220 | 0.054 | $+01.0$ | Ecl. R 0.91-1.01, 4.0 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ Spica |
| $\zeta \mathrm{Vir}$ | 32.7 | $-0024$ | 3.40 | +0.10 | A3 Vn | 0.035 | $+1.1$ | 93 | 0.287 | $-13.2$ |  |
| $\epsilon$ Cen | 37.3 | $-5316$ | 2.33 | $-0.23$ | $B 1 \quad I V$ |  | $-3.9$ | 570 | 0.033 | $+05.6$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ UMa | 46.0 | $+4931$ | 1.87 | $-0.20$ | B3 V | 0.004 | $-2.1$ | 210 | 0.123 | $-10.9$ | Alkaid |
| $\nu$ Cen | 47.1 | $-4129$ | 3.42 | $-0.22$ | B2 IV |  | $-3.4$ | 750 | 0.037 | $+09.0$ |  |
| $\mu$ Cen | 47.2 | $-4217$ | 3.12 V | -0.13: | B2 V:pne |  | $-2.7$ | 470 | 0.032 | +12.6 | Var. $R$ 3.08-3.17 |
| $\eta \text { Boo }$ | 52.8 | +1836 | 2.69 | $+0.59$ | G0 IV | 0.102 | $+2.7$ | 32 | 0.370 | $-00.1$ |  |
| $\zeta$ Cen | 53.0 | $\begin{array}{lll}-47 & 06\end{array}$ | 2.56 | -0.23: | B2 IV |  | $-3.4$ | 520 | 0.076 | +06.5 |  |


| Star | R.A. 19 | 60 Dec. | V | $B-V$ | Type | $\pi$ | $M_{V}$ | D | $\mu$ | R |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | h m | - ' |  |  |  | " |  | 1.y. | '" | km./sec. |  |
| $\beta$ Cen $A B$ | 1401.0 | $-6011$ | 0.63 | -0.23: | B1 II: | 0.016 | $-5.2$ | 490 | 0.035 | -12 | $A 0.7^{\text {m }}$ B 3.9 ${ }^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Hadar |
| $\pi$ Hya | 04.1 | -26 29 | 3.25 | +1.13 | K2 III | 0.039 | +1.2 | 84 | 0.156 | $+27.2$ |  |
| $\theta$ Cen | 04.3 | -36 10 | 2.04 | +1.03 | K0 III-IV | 0.059 | $+0.9$ | 55 | 0.738 | +01.3 | Menkent |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Boo | 13.8 | +19 23 | -0.06 | +1.23 | K2 IIIp | 0.090 | $-0.3$ | 36 | 2.284 | -05.2 | Arcturus |
| $\gamma$ Boo | 30.5 | +38 29 | 3.05 | +0.19 | A7 III | 0.016 | +0.2 | 118 | 0.186 | -35.5 |  |
| $\eta$ Cen | 33.0 | -4159 | 2.39 v | -0.21 | B1.5 V:ne |  | $-3.0$ | 390 | 0.049 | -00.2 | Var. $R$ 2.33-2.45 |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Cen $A$ | 36.9 | -60 40 | 0.01 | +0.68 | G2 V V | \}. 751 | +4.39 | 4.3 | 3.676 | -24.6 | \} 18' ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ Rigil Kentaurus |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Cen $B$ | 36.9 | -60 40 | 1.40: | +0.73: | (dK1) | $\} .751$ | +5.8 | 4.3 | 3.676 | -20.7 | \} $18^{\prime \prime}$ Rigil Kentaurus |
| $\alpha \operatorname{Cir} A B$ | 39.2 | -64 48 | 3.18 | +0.25 | FO Vp | 0.049 | +1.6 | 66 | 0.308 | +07.4 | Strontium star. $A 3.19^{\mathrm{m}} B 8.61{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 16^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Lup | 39.3 | -47 13 | 2.32 | -0.22 | B1 V |  | -3.3 | 430 | 0.033 | +07.3 |  |
| $\epsilon$ Boo AB | 43.2 | +2714 | 2.37 | +0.96 | K1: III: +A | 0.013 | $+0.0$ | 103 | 0.051 | -16.5 | $A 2.47{ }^{\text {m }} B 5.04^{\mathrm{m}} 3^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \operatorname{Lib} A$ | 48.5 | -15 50 | 2.76 | +0.15 | A3m | 0.049 | +1.2 | 66 | 0.130 | -10 | $B 5.15{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 231{ }^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Zubenelgenubi |
| $\beta$ UMi | 50.8 | +74 19 | 2.04 | +1.47 | K4 III | 0.031 | $-0.5$ | 105 | 0.033 | +16.9 | Kochab |
| $\beta$ Lup | 55.9 | $-4258$ | 2.69 | -0.23 | B2 IV |  | -3.4 | 540 | 0.066 | -00.3 |  |
| $\kappa$ Cen | 56.5 | $-4157$ | 3.15 | -0.21 | B2 V |  | -2.7 | 470 | 0.033 | +09.1 |  |
| $\beta$ Boo | 1500.4 | $+4033$ | 3.48 | +0.95 | G8 III | 0.022 | $+0.3$ | 140 | 0.059 | -19.9 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathrm{Lib}$ | 01.7 | -25 08 | 3.31 | +1.65 | M4 III | 0.056 | +2.0: | $58:$ | 0.089 | -04.3 |  |
| $\zeta \operatorname{Lup} A$ | 09.4 | $-5157$ | 3.42 | +0.90: | K0 III | 0.036 | +1.2 | 90 | 0.135 | -09.7 | B 7.8 ${ }^{\text {m }} 71^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\delta$ Boo $A$ | 13.9 | +33 28 | 3.47 | +0.95 | G8 III | 0.028 | $+0.3$ | 140 | 0.148 | -12.2 | $B 7.84{ }^{\mathrm{m}} 105^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\beta \mathrm{Lib}$ | 14.8 | -09 14 | 2.61 | -0.11 | B8 V | -. 012 | $-0.6$ | 140 | 0.101 | -35.2 |  |
| $\gamma \operatorname{Tr} \mathrm{A}$ | 15.1 | -68 32 | 2.94 | -0.01 | A0 Vp | 0.005 | +0.2 | 113 | 0.067 | 00 | Europium star |
| $\delta \operatorname{Lup}$ | 18.7 | $-4030$ | 3.24 | -0.23 | B2 IV |  | -3.4 | 680 | 0.032 | +02 |  |
| $\gamma \mathrm{UMi}$ | 20.8 | +7159 | 3.08 | +0.06 | A3 II-III | $-.005$ | -1.5 | 270 | 0.026 | -03.9 |  |
| $\checkmark$ Dra | 24.0 | +59 06 | 3.28 | +1.18 | K2 III | 0.032 | +0.8 | 102 | 0.012 | -11.0 |  |
| $\gamma \operatorname{Lup} A B$ | 32.5 | -41 | 2.80 | -0.22 | $\mathrm{B2} \quad \mathrm{Vn}$ |  | -2.7 | 570 | 0.037 | +06 | $A 3.5{ }^{\mathrm{m}}$ B 3.7 ${ }^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\alpha \mathrm{CrB}$ | 33.0 | +26 51 | 2.23 v | -0.02 | A0 V | 0.043 | +0.4 | 76 | 0.154 | +01.7 | Ecl. R $0.11^{\mathrm{m}}, 17.4^{\mathrm{d}}$ Alphecca |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Ser | 42.3 | +0633 | 2.65 | +1.17 | K2 III | 0.046 | +1.0 | 71 | 0.139 | +02.9 |  |
| $\beta$ TrA | 51.6 | -63 19 | 2.87 | +0.28: | F2 V | 0.078 | +2.3 | 42 | 0.448 | -00.3 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ Sco | 56.4 | -26 00 | 2.92 | -0.19 | B1 V | 0.005 | $-3.3$ | 570 | 0.034 | -03 |  |
| $\eta \operatorname{Lup} A B$ | 57.5 | $\begin{array}{lll}-38 & 17\end{array}$ | 3.45 | $-0.23$ | B2 V |  | $-2.7$ | 570 | 0.042 | +07 | $A 3.47{ }^{\text {m }}$ B $7.70{ }^{\text {m }} 15^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\delta$ Sco | 58.0 | -22 51 | 2.34 | -0.13 | B0 V |  | -4.0 | 590 | 0.032 | -14 |  |


| Star | R.A. 19 | 60 Dec. | $V$ | $B-V$ |  | Type | $\pi$ | MV | D | $\mu$ | R |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | h m | - ' |  |  |  |  | " |  | 1.y. | " | km./sec. |  |
| $\beta$ Sco $A B$ | 1603.1 | -19 42 | 2.65 | -0.09 | B0.5 | V | 0.004 | $-3.7$ | 650 | 0.027 | -06.6 | $A 2.78{ }^{\mathrm{m}} B 5.04^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime}, C 4.93^{\mathrm{m}} 14^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\delta \mathrm{Oph}$ | 12.2 | -03 36 | 2.72 | +1.59 | M1 | III | 0.029 | $-0.5$ | 140 | 0.156 | -19.9 |  |
| $\epsilon \mathrm{Oph}$ | 16.2 | -04 36 | 3.22 | +0.97 | G9 | III | 0.036 | +1.0 | 90 | 0.089 | -10.3 |  |
| $\sigma$ Sco $A$ | 18.8 | -25 30 | 2.86 v | +0.14 | B1 | III |  | $-4.4$ | 570 | 0.030 | -00.4 | $\beta$ CMa R 2.82-2.90, $0.25^{\text {d }}, B 8.49 \mathrm{~m} 20^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\eta$ Dra $A$ | 23.4 | +6136 | 2.71 | +0.92 | G8 | III | 0.043 | +0.9 | 76 | 0.062 | -14.3 | $B 8.7^{\mathrm{m}} 6^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\alpha$ Sco A | 26.9 | $-2621$ | 0.92v | +1.84 | M1 | $\mathrm{Ib}+\mathrm{B}$ | 0.019 | $-5.1$ | 520 | 0.029 | -03.2 | $A 0.86{ }^{\mathrm{m}}-1.02^{\mathrm{m}}$ B $5.07^{\mathrm{m}} 3^{\prime \prime}$ Antares |
| $\beta$ Her | 28.5 | +2135 | 2.78 | +0.92 | G8 | III | 0.017 | +0.3 | 103 | 0.105 | -25.5 |  |
| $\tau$ Sco | 33.4 | -28 08 | 2.85 | -0.25 | B0 | V |  | $-4.0$ | 750 | 0.030 | -00.7 |  |
| $\zeta \mathrm{Oph}$ | 35.0 | -10 29 | 2.57 | $+0.00$ | O9.5 | V | $-.007$ | $-4.3$ | 520 | 0.022 | -19 |  |
| $\zeta$ Her $A B$ | 39.8 | +31 40 | 2.81 | +0.64 | G0 | IV | 0.110 | +3.1 | 30 | 0.608 | -69.9 | $A 2.91{ }^{\text {m }} B 5.46{ }^{\text {m }} 1^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\eta$ Her | 41.5 | +39 00 | 3.46 | +0.92 | G7 | III-IV | 0.053 | +2.1 | 62 | 0.097 | +08.3 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ TrA | 44.4 | -68 57 | 1.93 | +1.43 | K2 | III | 0.024 | $-0.1$ | 82 | 0.044 | -03.6 | Atria |
| $\epsilon$ Sco | 47.6 | -34 13 | 2.28 | +1.16 | K2 | III-IV | 0.049 | +0.7 | 66 | 0.664 | -02.5 |  |
| $\mu^{1}$ Sco | 49.2 | -37 59 | 2.99 v | $-0.20$ | B1.5 | V |  | $-3.0$ | 520 | 0.033 | -25 | Ecl. $R 2.99-3.09,1.4{ }^{\text {d }}$ |
| $\zeta$ Ara | 55.3 | -55 56 | 3.16 | +1.61 |  | K5) | 0.036 | +0.9 | 90 | 0.042 | -06.0 |  |
| $\kappa$ \% Oph | 55.8 | +09 26 | 3.18 | $+1.15$ | K2 | III | 0.026 | $-0.1$ | 150 | 0.293 | -55.6 |  |
| $\eta$ Oph $A B$ | 1708.1 | -15 41 | 2.46 | +0.06 | A2.5 | V | 0.047 | +1.4 | 69 | 0.097 | -00.9 | $A 3.0^{\mathrm{m}}$ B $3.4^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Sabik |
| $\zeta$ Dra | 08.7 | +65 46 | 3.20 | -0.12 | B6 | III | 0.017 | $-3.2$ | 620 | 0.026 | -14.1 |  |
| $\eta$ Sco | 09.3 | $-4311$ | 3.33 | +0.38 | F2 | III | 0.063 | +2.3 | 52 | 0.293 | -28.4 |  |
| $\alpha$ Her $A B$ | 12.8 | +14 26 | 3.10 v | +1.41 | M5 | II | -. 0007 | -2.3 | 410 | 0.032 | -33.1 | A $3.2^{\mathrm{m}} \pm 0.3 B 5.4^{\mathrm{m}} 5^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Ras-Algethi |
| $\delta$ Her | 13.4 | +24 53 | 3.14 | +0.09 | A3 | IV | 0.034 | +0.8 | 96 | 0.164 | -41 |  |
| $\pi$ Her | 13.7 | +36 51 | 3.13 | +1.43 | K3 | II | 0.020 | -2.4 | 410 | 0.029 | -25.7 |  |
| $\theta \mathrm{Oph}$ | 19.6 | -24 58 | 3.29 | -0.22 | B2 | IV |  | -3.4 | 710 | 0.025 | -03.6 |  |
| $\beta$ Ara | 22.0 | $-5530$ | 2.90 | +1.45: | K3 | Ib | 0.026 | -4.6 | 1030 | 0.035 | -00.4 |  |
| $\gamma$ Ara $A$ | 22.0 | -56 21 | 3.32 | -0.16 | B1 | $V$ |  | -3.3 | 680 | 0.017 | -04 | $B 10^{\mathrm{m}} 18^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $v$ Sco | 28.0 | -37 <br> 16 | 2.71 | -0.22 | B2 | IV |  | -3.4 | 540 | 0.039 | +18 |  |
| $\alpha$ Ara | 28.7 | -49 51 | 2.95 | -0.18: | B2.5 | V |  | -2.4 | 390 | 0.083 | -02 |  |
| $\beta$ Dra $A$ | 29.5 | +52 20 | 2.77 | +0.96 | G2 | II | 0.009 | $-2.1$ | 310 | 0.019 | $-20.0$ | $B 11.49^{\mathrm{m}} 4^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Shaula |
| $\lambda$ Sco | 30.9 | -37 05 | 1.60 | -0.24 | B1 | V |  | $-3.3$ | 310 | 0.031 | 00 | Shaula |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Oph | 33.1 | +1235 | 2.09 | +0.16 | A5 | III | 0.056 | +0.8 | 58 | 0.260 | $+12.7$ | Rasalhague |
| $\theta$ Sco | 34.4 | -42 58 | 1.86 | +0.39 | FO | Ib | 0.020 | $-4.6$ | 650 | 0.012 | +01.4 |  |


| Star | R.A. 196 | 60 Dec. | $V$ | $B-V$ | Type | $\pi$ | $M_{V}$ | D | $\mu$ | R |  |
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|  | h m |  |  |  |  | / |  | 1.y. | " | km./sec. |  |
| $\kappa$ Sco | 1739.7 | $-3901$ | 2.39 | $-0.21$ | B2 IV |  | $-3.4$ | 470 | 0.031 | $-10$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ Oph | 41.5 | $+0435$ | 2.77 | $+1.16$ | K 2 III | 0.023 | $-0.1$ | 124 | 0.160 | $-12.0$ |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Sco | 44.8 | $-4007$ | 2.99 | $+0.49$ | F2 Ia | 0.013 | $-7.1$ | 3400 | 0.004 | -27. 6 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ Her $A$ | 44.9 | +27 45 | 3.42 | $+0.75$ | G5 IV | 0.108 | $+3.6$ | 30 | 0.811 | $-15.6$ | $B C 9.78{ }^{\text {m }} 33^{\prime \prime}$ |
| G Sco | 47.1 | $\begin{array}{ll}-37 & 02\end{array}$ | 3.21 | +1.18 | (gK1) | 0.032 | $+0.7$ | 102 | 0.064 | +24.7 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ Dra | 55.7 | +5130 | 2.21 | +1.52 | K5 III | 0.017 | $-0.4$ | 108 | 0.026 | $-27.6$ | Eltanin |
| v Oph | 56.8 | $-0946$ | 3.32 | $+1.00$ | G 9 III | 0.015 | $+0.2$ | 140 | 0.118 | +12.4 |  |
| $\gamma$ Sgr | 1803.2 | $-3026$ | 2.97 | $+1.00$ | $K 0 \quad I I I$ | 0.018 | $+0.1$ | 124 | 0.200 | +22.1 |  |
| $\eta$ Sgr $A$ | 14.9 | -36 47 | 3.17 | $+1.55$ | M3 II | 0.038 | +1.1: | 86: | 0.218 | +00.5 | $B 10^{\mathrm{m}} 4^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\delta$ Sgr | 18.4 | $-2951$ | 2.71 | +1.39 | K2 III | 0.039 | $+0.7$ | 84 | 0.050 | $-20.0$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ Ser | 19.2 | -02 55 | 3.23 | +0.94 | K0 III-IV | 0.054 | $+1.9$ | 60 | 0.894 | +08.9 |  |
| $\epsilon \mathrm{Sgr}$ | 21.5 | -34 24 | 1.81 | $-0.02$ | $B 9$ IV | 0.015 | $-1.1$ | 124 | 0.135 | -11 | Kaus Australis |
| $\lambda$ Sgr | 25.5 | -25 27 | 2.80 | +1.05 | K2 III | 0.046 | $+1.1$ | 71 | 0.194 | $-43.3$ |  |
| $\alpha \mathrm{Lyr}$ | 35.6 | +38 45 | 0.04 | 0.00 | A0 V | 0.123 | $+0.5$ | 26.5 | 0.345 | $-13.9$ | Vega |
| $\boldsymbol{\phi}$ Sgr | 43.2 | -27 02 | 3.20 | $-0.11$ | $B 8 \quad I I I$ |  | $-3.1$ | 590 | 0.052 | +21.5 | Vega |
| $\beta$ Lyr $A$ | 48.6 | +33 19 | 3.38 v | $-0.05:$ | Bpe | $-.011$ | $-4.6$ | 1300 | 0.007 | $-19.2$ | $\text { Ecl. } R 3.38-4.36,12.9^{\mathrm{d}}, B 7.8^{\mathrm{m}} 46^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\sigma$ Sgr | 52.8 | $-26121$ | 2.12 | $-0.21$ | B2 V |  | $-2.7$ | 300 | 0.059 | $-11$ | Nunki |
| $\xi^{2} \mathrm{Sgr}$ | 55.3 | $-2110$ | 3.51 | +1.18: | (gK1) | 0.006 | $+0.0$ | 160 | 0.035 | $-19.9$ |  |
| $\gamma$ Lyr | 57.4 | $+3238$ | 3.25 | $-0.05$ | B9 III | 0.011 | $-2.1$ | 370 | 0.007 | $-21.5$ |  |
| $\zeta \operatorname{Sgr} A B$ | 1900.1 | -29 56 | 2.61 | +0.08 | A2 $\quad I V$ | 0.020 | $+0.1$ | 140 | 0.020 | $+22$ | $A 3.3{ }^{\mathrm{m}}$ B 3.5 ${ }^{\mathrm{m}} 1^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\zeta$ Aql $A$ | 03.6 | +13 48 | 2.99 | +0.01 | $\mathrm{A0}$ V:nn | 0.036 | $+0.8$ | 90 | 0.101 | $-26.3$ | $B 12^{\mathrm{m}} 5^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\lambda$ Aql | 04.1 | -04 57 | 3.44 | $-0.07$ | B9: V:n | 0.025 | $-0.1$ | 160 | 0.092 | $-14$ |  |
| $\tau \mathrm{Sgr}$ | 04.4 | -27 44 | 3.30 | +1.18 | (gK1) | 0.038 | +1.2 | 86 | 0.261 | $+45.4$ |  |
| $\pi$ Sgr $A B C$ | 07.4 | $-2105$ | 2.89 | $+0.35$ | F2 II-III | 0.016 | $-0.7$ | 250 | 0.040 | -09.8 | $A 3.7^{\mathrm{m}} B 3.8^{\mathrm{m}} C 6.0^{\mathrm{m}}<1^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\delta$ Dra | 12.6 | $+6735$ | 3.06 | $+1.00$ | G9 III | 0.028 | +0.2 | 124 | 0.130 | +24.8 |  |
| $\delta$ Aql | 23.5 | +03 02 | 3.38 | $+0.31$ | F0 IV | 0.062 | $+2.3$ | 53 | 0.267 | -29.9 |  |
| $\beta$ Cyg $A$ | 29.1 | +2752 | 3.07 | +1.12 | K3 II: +B : | 0.004 | $-2.4$ | 410 | 0.009 | $-24.0$ | $B 5.11^{\mathrm{m}} 35^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Albireo |
| $\delta$ Cyg $A B$ | 43.7 | +45 02 | 2.87 | $-0.03$ | B9.5 III | 0.021 | $-1.7$ | 270 | 0.060 | -21 | $A 2.91{ }^{\text {m }}$ B $6.44{ }^{\text {m }} 2^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ Aql | 44.4 | +1031 | 2.67 | +1.48 | K3 II | 0.006 | $-2.4$ | 340 | 0.012 | -02.1 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Aql | 48.8 | +08 46 | 0.77 | +0.22 | A7 IV, V | 0.198 | +2.2 | 16.5 | 0.658 | $-26.3$ | Altair |


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| $\theta$ Aql | 2009.2 | $-0056$ | 3.31 | $-0.07$ | B9.5 III | 0.008 | $-1.7$ | 330 | 0.034 | -27.3 |  |
| $\beta$ Cap $A$ | 18.8 | $-1455$ | 3.06 | +0.76 | comp. | 0.005 | $+0.1$ | 130 | 0.039 | $-18.9$ | Type gK0: + late B; $55.97 \mathrm{~m} 205^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ Cyg | 20.8 | $+4008$ | 2.22 | +0.66 | F8 Ib | $-.006$ | $-4.6$ | 750 | 0.001 | -07.5 |  |
| $\alpha$ Pav | 22.5 | $-5652$ | 1.95 | $-0.20$ | B3 IV |  | $-2.9$ | 310 | 0.087 | +02.0 | eacock |
| $\alpha$ Ind | 34.8 | $-4726$ | 3.11 | $+1.00$ | K0 III | 0.039 | $+1.1$ | 84 | 0.082 | -01.1 |  |
| $\alpha$ Cyg | 40.1 | $+4508$ | 1.26 | +0.09 | A2 Ia | $-.013$ | $-7.1$ | 1600 | 0.003 | -04.6 | Deneb |
| $\beta$ Pav | 41.4 | $-6621$ | 3.45 | $+0.16$ | A5 III | 0.026 | $-0.1$ | 160 | 0.046 | +09.8 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ Cep | 44.5 | $+6141$ | 3.41 | +0.92 | K0 IV | 0.071 | $+2.7$ | 46 | 0.825 | -87.3 |  |
| $\epsilon$ Cyg | 44.6 | $+3349$ | 2.46 | +1.03 | K0 III | 0.044 | $+0.7$ | 74 | 0.481 | $-10.3$ |  |
| $\zeta$ Cyg | 2111.2 | $+3004$ | 3.25 : |  | G8 II | 0.021 | $-2.2$ | 390 | 0.056 | $+17.4$ |  |
| $\alpha$ Cep | 17.6 | +62 25 | 2.44 | +0.24 | A7 IV, V | 0.063 | $+1.4$ | 52 | 0.156 | $-10$ | Alderamin |
| $\beta$ Cep | 28.2 | $+7023$ | 3.15 v | $-0.22 \mathrm{v}$ | B2 III | 0.005 | $-4.2$ | 980 | 0.014 | $-08.2$ | $\beta$ CMa $R$ 3.14-3.16, $0.19{ }^{\text {d }}$ |
| $\beta$ Aqr | 29.5 | $-0545$ | 2.86 | $+0.82$ | G0 Ib | 0.000 | $-4.6$ | 1030 | 0.017 | +06.5 |  |
| $\epsilon$ Peg $A$ | 42.2 | $+0941$ | 2.31 | $+1.55$ | K 2 Ib | $-.005$ | $-4.6$ | 780 | 0.025 | +04.7 | $B 11^{\mathrm{m}} 82^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Enif |
| $\delta \mathrm{Cap}$ | 44.8 | $-1619$ | 2.92 v | +0.29 | A6m | 0.065 | $+2.0$ | 50 | 0.392 | $-06.3$ | Var. $R 2.88-2.95$ |
| $\gamma$ Gru | 51.5 | $-3733$ | 3.03 | $-0.10$ | B8 III: | 0.008 | $-3.1$ | 540 | 0.102 | -02.1 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Aqr | 2203.7 | -00 31 | 2.96 | $+0.96$ | G2 Ib | 0.003 | $-4.6$ | 1080 | 0.016 | +07.5 |  |
| $\alpha$ Gru | 05.7 | $-4709$ | 1.76 | $-0.14$ | B5 V | 0.051 | +0.3: | 64: | 0.194 | $+11.8$ | Al Na'ir |
| $\zeta$ Cep | 09.5 | $+5800$ | 3.31 | $+1.55$ | $\mathrm{K} 1 \quad \mathrm{Ib}$ | 0.019 | $-4.6$ | 1240 | 0.015 | $-18.4$ |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Tuc | 15.8 | $-6028$ | 2.87 | $+1.40$ | K3 III-IV | 0.019 | $+1.5$ | 62 | 0.079 | +42.2 |  |
| $\delta$ Cep $A$ | 27.7 | $+5813$ | 3.96 v | +0.66v | F5-G2 Ib | 0.005 | $-4.0$ | 1300 | 0.012 | $-16.8$ | Cep. $R$ 3.51-4.42, $5.4{ }^{\text {d }}, B 6.19{ }^{\text {m }} 41^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $\zeta \mathrm{Peg}$ | 39.5 | $+1037$ | 3.40 : | -0.08: | B8 V | $-.004$ | $-0.6$ | 210 | 0.077 | +07 | Var R 2.11 2.23 |
| $\beta$ Gru | 40.3 | -4706 | 2.17 v | $+1.59$ | M3 II | 0.003 | $-2.5$ | 280 | 0.134 | +01.6 | Var. R 2.11-2.23 |
| $\eta \mathrm{Peg}$ | 41.1 | $+3001$ | 2.95 | $+0.85$ | G8 II: + F? | $-.002$ | $-2.2$ | 360 | 0.027 | $+04.3$ |  |
| $\delta \mathrm{Aqr}$ | 52.5 | $-1602$ | 3.28 | +0.08 | A3 V | 0.039 | $+1.2$ | 84 | 0.047 | $+18.0$ |  |
| $\alpha \operatorname{PsA}$ | 55.4 | $-2950$ | - 19 | $+0.10$ | A3 V | 0.144 | $+2.0$ | 22.6 | 0.367 | +06.5 | Fomalhaut |
| $\beta$ Peg | 2301.8 | +2752 | 2.5 v | +1.67 | M2 II-III | 0.015 | $-1.5$ | 210 | 0.234 | +08.7 | Var. R 2.4-2.7 Scheat |
| $\alpha \mathrm{Peg}$ | 02.8 | $+1459$ | 2.50 | $-0.03$ | B9.5 III | 0.030 | $-0.1$ | 109 | 0.071 | -03.5 | Markab |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ Cep | 37.7 | $+7725$ | 3.20 | $+1.02$ | K1 IV | 0.064 | $+2.2$ | 51 | 0.168 | $-42.4$ |  |

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## THE NEAREST STARS

By R. M. Petrie and Jean K. McDonald

Perhaps the most difficult problem in observational astronomy is the determination of the distances to the stars. The reason, of course, is that the distances are so enormous as to require the measurement of vanishingly small angular displacements. As the earth goes in its orbit around the sun the stars show a small change in their positions and it is this small apparent movement which is called the annual parallax. If we can measure the parallax we can at once calculate the distance to the star concerned.

Astronomers speak of stellar distances in terms of light-years or, alternatively, parsecs. A light-year is the distance light travels in one year with its speed of 186,000 miles per second. If we know the parallax in seconds of arc we obtain the distance in light-years by dividing 3.26 by the parallax. Thus the star Sirius, which has an annual parallax of $0 .{ }^{\prime \prime} 375$, is 8.7 light-years distant. The reciprocal of the parallax gives the distance in parsecs; Sirius is 2.7 parsecs from the sun.

The apparent motion, per year, of a star across the sky, called proper motion, is a good indication of a star's distance. Obviously, the nearer stars will appear to move more rapidly than their more distant fellows and this fact has many times been instrumental in the discovery of nearby stars.

The table accompanying this note lists, in order of distance, all known stars within sixteen light-years. Including the sun it contains fifty-five stars, but it does not contain the unseen companions of double and multiple stars entered in the table. The table is taken from a paper by Professor van de Kamp, published in 1953. In addition to the name and position for each star, the table gives spectral type, Sp.; parallax, $\pi$; distance in light-years, D; proper motion in second of arc per year, $\mu$; total velocity with respect to the sun in $\mathrm{km} . / \mathrm{sec}$., $R$; apparent visual magnitude, $m$; and finally, luminosity in terms of the sun, $L$. In column four, wd indicates a white dwarf, and $e$ indicates an emission-line star.

The stars within sixteen light-years form an important astronomical table because the annual parallaxes are large enough to be well determined. This means that we have accurate knowledge of the distances, speeds, and luminosities of these stars. Furthermore this sample is probably quite representative of the stellar population in our part of the galaxy, and as such is well worth our study.

It is interesting to note that most of the stars are cool red dwarfs, of type M. This must be the most populous of all the stellar varieties. Only ten of these nearby stars are bright enough to be seen with the unaided eye (magnitude less than five). Only three stars, Sirius, Altair, and Procyon, are brighter than the sun while the great majority are exceedingly faint. Not one giant star is contained in the list nor is there a B-type star. This is a consequence of the extreme rarity of very hot and very bright stars. One may conclude that stars brighter than the sun are very scarce.

Another striking fact is the prevalence of double and multiple stars, there being sixteen such systems if we count unseen components. Obviously double and multiple stars are quite common in the stellar population, and must be explained by any acceptable theory of stellar formation and evolution.

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| Star | 1950 |  | Sp. | $\pi$ | D | $\mu$ | R | m | L |
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|  | $\alpha$ | $\delta$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Sun |  |  | G0 |  |  |  |  | -26.9 | 1.0 |
| $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ Cen A | $14 \quad 36$ | $-60 \quad 38$ | G0 | 0.760 | 4.3 | 3.68 | 34 | 0.3 1.7 | 1.0 0.28 |
|  | 1426 | -62 28 | ${ }_{\text {M }}^{\text {K }}$ e |  |  |  |  | 11.7 | 0.28 0.000052 |
| Barnard's * | 17 | + 433 | M5 | . 545 | 6.0 | 10.30 | 141 | 9.5 | 0.00040 |
| Wolf 359 | $10 \quad 54$ | + 720 | M6e | . 421 | 7.7 | 4.84 | 56 | 13.5 | 0.000017 |
| Luy. 726-8A | 136 | $-1813$ | M6e | . 410 | 7.9 | 3.35 | 48 | 12.5 | 0.00004 |
|  |  |  | M6e |  |  |  |  | 13.0 | 0.00003 |
| Lal. 21185* | 11 | +36 18 | M2 | . 398 | 8.2 | 4.78 | 103 | 7.5 | 0.0048 |
| Sirius A | $6 \quad 43$ | $-1639$ | A0 | . 375 | 8.7 | 1.32 | 18 | -1.6 7.1 | ${ }^{23} 0.0$ |
| Ross 154 | $18 \quad 47$ | $-2353$ | M5e | . 351 | 9.3 | 0.67 | 10 | 10.6 | 0.00036 |
| Ross 248 | $23 \quad 39$ | +43 55 | M6e | . 316 | 10.3 | 1.58 | 84 | 12.2 | 0.00010 |
| $\epsilon$ Eri | $3 \quad 31$ | - 938 | K2 | . 303 | 10.8 | 0.97 | 21 | 3.8 | 0.25 |
| Ross 128 | $11 \quad 45$ | + 107 | M5 | . 298 | 10.9 | 1.40 | 26 | 11.1 | 0.00030 |
| 61 Cyg* A | 2105 | +38 30 | K6 | . 293 | 11.1 | 5.22 | 106 | 5.6 | 0.052 |
|  |  |  | M0 |  |  |  |  | 6.3 | 0.028 |
| Luy. 789-6 | $22 \quad 36$ | -15 37 | M6 | . 292 | 11.2 | 3.27 | 80 | 12.2 | 0.00012 |
| Procyon A |  | + 521 | F5 | . 288 | 11.3 | 1.25 | 20 | 0.5 10.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 5.8 \\ & 0.00044 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 2200 | $-5700$ | K5 | 285 | 11.4 | 4.67 | 87 | 4.7 | 0.12 |
| $\Sigma 2398$ A | $18 \quad 42$ | +59 33 | M4 | . 280 | 11.6 | 2.29 | 38 | 8.9 | 0.0028 |
|  |  |  | M4 |  |  |  |  | 9.7 | 0.0013 |
| Groom. $34 \underset{\text { B }}{\text { A }}$ | 016 | +43 44 | M2e M4e | . 278 | 11.7 | 2.91 | 51 | 8.1 10.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0058 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\tau$ Ceti | 142 | -16 12 | G4 | . 275 | 11.8 | 1.92 | 37 | 3.6 | 0.36 |
| Lac. 9352 | $23 \quad 03$ | -36 09 | M2 | . 273 | 11.9 | 6.87 | 118 | 7.2 | 0.013 |
| $\mathrm{BD}+50^{\circ} 1668$ | ${ }^{7} \quad 25$ | + 529 | M4 | . 263 | 12.4 | 3.73 | 72 | 10.1 | 0.0010 |
| Lacaille 8760 | 2114 | -39 04 | M1 | . 255 | 12.8 | 3.46 | 68 | 6.6 | 0.028 |
| Kapteyn's | 510 | $-4500$ | M0 | 251 | 13.0 | 8.79 | 275 | 9.2 | 0.0025 |
| Kruger 60 B | $22 \quad 26$ | +57 27 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M4 } \\ & \text { M5e } \end{aligned}$ | . 249 | 13.1 | 0.87 | 29 | 9.9 11.4 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0013 \\ & 0.00033 \end{aligned}$ |
| Ross 614 A | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 27\end{array}$ | - 247 | M5e | . 248 | 13.1 | 0.97 | 30 | 10.9 | 0.00052 |
| ${ }^{\text {BD }}$-120 ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |  |  | ? |  |  |  |  | 14.8 | 0.000016 |
| BD-12 ${ }^{\circ} 4523$ | $16 \quad 28$ | $\begin{array}{ll}-12 & 32\end{array}$ | M5 | . 244 | 13.4 | 1.24 | 27 | 10.0 | 0.0013 |
| van Mannen's | 0 ${ }^{16}$ | a +510 +818 | $w d F$ | . 236 | 13.8 | 2.98 | 64 | 12.3 | 0.00016 |
| Wolf 424 A | $12 \quad 31$ | + 918 | M6e | . 223 | 14.6 | 1.87 | 40 | 12.6 | 0.00014 |
| $\text { Groom. }{ }_{1618}^{\text {B }}$ | $10 \quad 08$ | +49 42 | M6e | . 222 | 14.7 | 1.45 |  | 12.6 | 0.00014 0.030 |
| CD-37 ${ }^{\circ} 15492$ | ${ }^{10} 008$ | +39 -36 | M3 | . 212 | 14.9 | 6.09 | 134 | 6.8 8.6 | 0.030 |
| CD-46 ${ }^{\circ} 11540$ | $17 \quad 25$ | -46 51 | M4 | . 213 | 15.3 | 1.15 |  | 8.8 9.7 | 0.0058 |
| $\mathrm{BD}+20^{\circ} 2465^{*}$ | $10 \quad 17$ | +20 07 | M4e | . 211 | 15.4 | 0.49 | 15 | 9.5 | 0.0023 0.0028 |
| CD-44 ${ }^{\circ} 11909$ | $17 \quad 34$ | -44 16 | M5 | . 209 | 15.6 | 1.14 |  | 11.2 | 0.00058 |
| CD- $49^{\circ} 13515$ | 2130 | $-4913$ | M3 | . 209 | 15.6 | 0.78 |  | 9 | 0.0044 |
| AOe 17415-6 | $\begin{array}{ll}17 & 37\end{array}$ | +68 23 | M3 | . 206 | 15.8 | 1.31 | 34 | 9.1 | 0.0040 |
| Ross 780 | $22 \quad 50$ | -14 31 | M5 | . 206 | 15.8 | 1.12 | 28 | 10.2 | 0.0014 |
| Lal. 25372 | 1343 | +15 10 | M2 | . 205 | 15.9 | 2.30 | 55 | 8.6 | 0.0063 |
| CC 658 | $\begin{array}{rr}11 & 43 \\ 4\end{array}$ | $-6433$ | wd | . 203 | 16.0 | 2.69 |  | 11 | 0.0008 |
| $0^{2} \mathrm{Eri}$ A | $4 \quad 13$ | -744 | K0 | . 200 | 16.3 | 4.08 | 105 | 4.5 | 0.30 |
|  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {wdi }}^{\text {M }}$ |  |  |  |  | 9.2 | 0.0040 |
| 70 Oph A | $18 \quad 03$ | $+231$ | K1 | . 199 | 16.4 | 1.13 | 28 | 11.0 4.2 | 0.0008 0.40 |
| , B |  |  | K5 |  |  |  |  | 5.9 | 0.083 |
| Altair | 1948 | +844 | A5 | . 198 | 16.5 | 0.66 | 31 | 0.9 | 8.3 |
| $\mathrm{BD}+43^{\circ} 4305$ | 2245 | +44 05 | M5e | . 198 | 16.5 | 0.84 | 20 | 10.2 | 0.0016 |
| AC $79{ }^{\circ} 3888$ | 1144 | +78 57 | M4 | 0.196 | 16.6 | 0.87 | 121 | 11.0 | 0.0008 |

*Star has an unseen component.

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## VARIABLE STARS

Maps of the fields of four bright variable stars are given below. In each case the magnitudes of several suitable comparison stars are given. Note that the decimal points are omitted: a star 362 is of mag. 3.62. Use two comparison stars, one brighter and one fainter than the variable, and estimate the brightness of the variable in terms of these two stars. Record the date and time of observation. When a number of observations have been made, a graph may be plotted showing the magnitude estimate as ordinates against the date (days and tenths of a day) as abscissae. Each type of variable has a distinctive shape of light curve.

In the tables the first column, the Harvard designation of the star, gives the 1900 position: the first four figures give the hours and minutes of R.A., the last two figures give the Dec. in degrees, italicised for southern declinations. The column headed Max. gives the mean maximum magnitude. The Period is in days. The Epoch gives the predicted date of the earliest maximum occurring this year; by adding the period to this epoch other dates of maximum may be found. The list of long-period variables has been prepared by the American Association of Variable Star Observers and includes the variables with maxima brighter than mag. 8.0, and north of Dec. $-20^{\circ}$. These variables may reach maximum two or three weeks before or after the listed epoch and may remain at maximum for several weeks. The second table contains stars which are representative of other types of variable. The data are taken from "The General Catalogue of Variable Stars"' by Kukarkin and Parenago and for eclipsing binaries from Rocznik Astronomiczny Obserwatorium Krakowskiego, 1959, International Supplement.


LONG-PERIOD VARIABLE STARS

| Variable | $\underset{\mathrm{m}}{\operatorname{Max}} .$ | $\underset{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{Per} .}$ | Epoch 1961 | Variable |  | $\underset{\mathrm{m}}{\operatorname{Max} .}$ | $\underset{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{Per}}$ | Epoch 1961 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001755 T Cas | 7.8 | 445 | May 9 | 143227 | R Boo | 7.2 | 223 | Mar. 12 |
| 001838 R And | 7.0 | 409 | Mar. 30 | 151731 | SCrB | 7.3 | 361 | May 2 |
| 021143 W And | 7.4 | 397 | Nov. 11 | 154639 | V CrB | 7.5 | 358 | Feb. 9 |
| 021403 o Cet | 3.4 | 332 | June 12 | 154615 | R Ser | 6.9 | 357 | Feb. 27 |
| 022813 U Cet | 7.5 | 235 | May 21 | 160625 | RU Her | 8.0 | 484 | Nov. 29 |
| 023133 R Tri | 6.2 | 266 | June 18 | 162119 | U Her | 7.5 | 406 | Oct. 30 |
| 043065 T Cam | 8.0 | 374 | Sept. 17 | 162112 | V Oph | 7.5 | 298 | Feb. 15 |
| 045514 R Lep | 6.8 | 432 | Mar. 4 | 163266 | R Dra | 7.6 | 245 | Apr. 9 |
| 050953 R Aur | 7.7 | 459 |  | 164715 | S Her | 7.6 | 307 | Apr. 5 |
| 054920a U Ori | 6.3 | 372 | May 28 | 170215 | R Oph | 7.9 | 302 | Jan. |
| 061702 V Mon | 7.0 | 335 | Oct. 9 | 171723 | RS Her | 7.9 | 219 | June 8 |
| 065355 R Lyn | 7.9 | 379 | Oct. 29 | 180531 | T Her | 8.0 | 165 | Mar. 29 |
| 070122a R Gem | 7.1 | 370 | Apr. 10 | 181136 | W Lyr | 7.9 | 196 | Mar. 20 |
| 070310 R CMi | 8.0 | 338 | Nov. 19 | 183308 | X Oph | 6.8 | 334 | June 24 |
| 072708 S CMi | 7.5 | 332 | Aug. 13 | 190108 | R Aql | 6.1 | 300 | Apr. 25 |
| 081112 R Cnc | 6.8 | 362 | Mar. 20 | 191017 | T Sgr | 8.0 | 392 | Mar. 11 |
| 081617 V Cnc | 7.9 | 272 | July 11 | 191019 | R Sgr | 7.3 | 269 | May 7 |
| 084803 S Hya | 7.8 | 257 | May 22 | 193449 | R Cyg | 7.5 | 426 | Feb. 7 |
| 085008 T Hya | 7.8 | 288 | July 9 | 194048 | RT Cyg | 7.3 | 190 | Feb. 22 |
| 093934 R LMi | 7.1 | 372 |  | 194632 | $\chi^{\mathrm{Cyg}}$ | 5.2 | 407 | Nov. 21 |
| 094211 R Leo | 5.8 | 313 | Feb. 4 | 200938 | RS Cyg | 7.2 | 418 |  |
| 103769 R UMa | 7.5 | 302 | June 9 | 201647 | U Cyg | 7.2 | 465 | Dec. 14 |
| 121418 R Cry | 7.5 | 317 | Mar. 9 | 204405 | T Aqr | 7.7 | 202 | Jan. 7 |
| 122001 SS Vir | 6.8 | 355 | June 29 | 210868 | T Cep | 6.0 | 390 | Dec. |
| 123160 T UMa | 7.7 | 257 | June 9 | 213753 | RU Cyg | 8.0 | 234 | July 4 |
| 123307 R Vir | 6.9 | 146 | Mar. 20 | 230110 | R Peg | 7.8 | 378 | July 29 |
| 123961 S UMa | 7.8 | 226 | Apr. 23 | 230759 | V Cas | 7.9 | 228 | May 7 |
| 131546 V CVn | 6.8 | 192 | May 1 | 231508 | S Peg | 8.0 | 319 | Jan. 3 |
| 132706 S Vir | 7.0 | 378 | Sept. 5 | 233815 | R Aqr | 6.5 | 387 | Feb. 27 |
| 134440 R CVn | 7.7 | 328 | Jan. 26 | 235350 | R Cas | 7.0 | 431 | Dec. 2 |
| 142584 R Cam | 7.9 | 270 | June 9 | 235715 | W Cet | 7.6 | 351 | July 29 |
| 142539 V Boo | 7.9 | 258 | Jan. 17 |  |  |  |  |  |

OTHER TYPES OF VARIABLE STARS

| Variable |  | $\underset{\mathrm{m}}{\operatorname{Max}}$ | Min. m | Type | Sp. Cl. | Period d | Epoch 1961 E.S.T. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 005381 | U Cep | 6.8 | 9.8 | Ecl | B8+gG2 | 2.49295 | Jan. 2.01* |
| 025838 | $\rho \mathrm{Per}$ | 3.2 | 3.8 | SemiR | M4 | 33-55 |  |
| 035512 | $\lambda$ Tau | 3.5 | 4.0 | Ecl | B3 | 3.952952 | Jan. 3.15* |
| 060822 | $\eta$ Gem | 3.1 | 3.9 | SemiR | M3 | 233.4 | Jan. 4* |
| 061907 | T Mon | 5.8 | 6.8 | $\delta$ Cep | F7-K1 | 27.0205 | Jan. 25.51 |
| 065820 | $\zeta^{\text {G Gem }}$ | 3.7 | 4.1 | ${ }_{8}{ }^{\text {Cep }}$ | F7-G3 | 10.15172 | Jan. 10.03 |
| 154428 | R CrB | 5.8 | 14 | R CrB | cG0ep |  |  |
| 171014 | $\alpha$ Her | 3.0 | 4.0 | SemiR | M5 |  |  |
| 184205 | R Sct | 5.0 | 8.4 | RVTau | G0-M5 | 144 |  |
| 184633 | $\beta \mathrm{Lyr}$ | 3.4 | 4.3 | Ecl | B8p | 12.931163 | Jan. 10.97* |
| 192242 | RR Lyr | 7.3 | 8.1 | RR Lyr | A2-F0 | 0.56683735 | Jan. 1.19 |
| 194700 | $\eta \mathrm{Aql}$ | 3.7 | 4.4 | $\delta \mathrm{Cep}$ | F6-G4 | 7.176641 | Jan. 4.79 |
| 222557 | $\delta$ Cep | 3.8 | 4.6 | $\delta$ Cep | F5-G2 | 5.366341 | Jan. 4.66 |

[^2]REPRESENTATIVE DOUBLE STARS

|  | Star | a 1950 ס |  | Mag. and Spect. | d | D | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | h m |  |  | " | L.Y. |  |
| $\pi$ | And | 0034.2 | +33 27 | $74.4 \mathrm{B3} 38.5$ | 36 | 470 |  |
| $\eta$ | Cas | 0046.0 | +57 33 | 3.6F8; 7.2M0 | 8 | 18 | 526y; 66AU |
| $a$ | UMi | 0148.8 | +89 02 | 2 var. F8; 8.8 | 19 | 407 | Polaris |
| $\gamma$ | Ari | 0150.8 | +1903 | 34.8 A 0 ; 4.8A0 | 8.3 | 150 |  |
| $a$ | Pis | 0159.4 | +02 31 | 15.2A2; 4.3A2 | 2.4 | 130 | $\dagger \dagger$ |
| $\gamma$ | And | 0200.8 | +4205 | 5 2.3K0; 5.4A0; 6.6 | 10, 0.7 | 410 | 56y; 23AU |
| 6 | Tri | 0209.5 | +30 04 | 45.4G4; 7.0F3 | 3.6 | 330 | $\dagger \dagger$ |
|  | Per | 0247.0 | +55 41 | $13.9 \mathrm{~K} 0 ; 8.5$ | 28 | 540 |  |
| 32 | Eri | 0351.8 | -03 06 | 6 5.0G5; 6.3A | 6.7 | 300 |  |
| $\beta$ | Ori | 0512.1 | -08 15 | 50.3B8; 7.0 | 9 | 540 | $\dagger$ |
| $\theta$ | Ori | 0532.8 | -05 25 | 5 5.4;6.8; 6.8; 7.9; 0 | 13, 17 | 540 | Trapezium |
| $\beta$ | Mon | 0626.4 | -07 00 | 0.7B2; 5.2; 5.6 | 7, 25 | 470 |  |
| 12 | Lyn | 0641.8 | +59 30 | 0 5.3A2; 6.2; 7.4 | 1.7, 8 | 180 |  |
| a | CMa | 0643.0 | -16 39 | -1.6A0; 8.5F | 11 |  | 50y; 20AU |
| $\delta$ | Gem | 0717.1 | +22 05 | 3.5F0; 8.0M0 | 6.8 | 58 | $\dagger$ |
| $\stackrel{a}{ }$ | Gem | 0731.4 | +3200 | 2.0A0; 2.8A0; 9M10 | 4, 70 | 47 | 340 y ; 79AU |
| $\zeta$ | Cnc | 0809.3 | +1748 | 5.6G0; 6.0;6.2 | 1,5 | 78 | 60 y ; 21AU |
| $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ | Leo | 1017.2 | +20 06 | 2.6K0; 3.8G5 | 4 | 160 | 400y |
| $\xi$ | UMa | 1115.5 | +3148 | 4.4G0; 4.9G0 | 2 | 25 | $\dagger \dagger 60 \mathrm{y}$; 20AU |
| $\iota$ | Leo | 1121.3 | +10 48 | 84.1F3; 6.8F3 | 2 | 69 |  |
| $\gamma$ | Vir | 1239.1 | -01 10 | 3.6F0; 3.7F0 | 6 |  | 171y; 42AU |
| $a$ | CVn | 1253.7 | +38 35 | 2.9A0; 5.4A0 | 20 | 140 | $\dagger \dagger$ |
| $\zeta$ | UMa | 1321.9 | +55 11 | 12.4 A 2 ; 4.0A2 | 14 | 78 |  |
| $\pi$ | Boo | 1438.4 | +16 38 | 4.9A0; 5.1A0 | 6 | 360 |  |
| $\epsilon$ | Boo | 1442.8 | +2717 | 2.7K0; 5.1A0 | 3 | 220 |  |
|  | Boo | 1449.1 | +1918 | 4.8G5; 6.7 | 3 | 22 | 151y; 31AU |
|  | Ser | 1532.4 | +10 42 | 4.2F0; 5.2 F 0 | 4 | 170 |  |
| $\xi$ | Sco | 1601.6 | -11 14 | 5.1F3; 4.8; 7G7 | 1, 7 | 84 | 44.7 y ; 19AU |
| $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{a}$ | Her | 1712.4 | +1427 | var.M5; 5.4G | 5 | 540 | $\dagger$ |
| $\delta$ | Her | 1713.0 | +24 54 | 3.2A0; 8.1G2 | 11 | 100 | $\dagger$ Optical |
|  | Lyr | 1842.7 | +39 37 | 5.1, 6.0A3; 5.1, 5.4A5 | 3, 2 | 200 | Pairs 207" |
|  | Cyg | 1928.7 | +2751 | $13.2 \mathrm{K0} 05.4 \mathrm{~B} 9{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 34 | 410 |  |
|  | Cap | 2014.9 | -12 40 | 3.8G5; 4.6G0 | 376 |  | Optical |
|  | Del | 2044.3 | +15 57 | 4.5G5; 5.5F8 | 10 | 110 | Optical |
|  | Cyg | 2104.6 | +38 30 | 5.6K5; 6.3K5 | 23 | 11 |  |
| $\beta$ | Cep | 2128.1 | +70 20 | var.B1; 8.0A3 | 14 | 540 | $\dagger$ |
|  | Aqr | 2226.2 | -00 17 | 4.4F2; 4.6F1 | 3 | 140 |  |
|  | Cep | 2227.3 | +58 10 | var.G0; 7.5A0 | 41 | 650 |  |
|  | Lac | 2233.6 | +39 23 | 5.8B3; 6.5B5 | 22 | 1100 | $\dagger$ |
|  | Cas | 2356.5 | +55 29 | 5.1B2; 7.2B3 | 3 | 820 |  |

$\dagger$ or $\dagger \dagger$, one, or two of the components are themselves very close visual double or more generally, spectroscopic binaries.

## STAR CLUSTERS

The star clusters for this observing list have been selected to include the more conspicuous members of the two main classes-open clusters and globular clusters. Most of the data are from Shapley's Star Clusters and from Trumpler's catalogue in Lick Bulletin No. 420. In the following table N.G.C. indicates the serial number of the cluster in the New General Catalogue of Clusters and Nebulae; $M$, its number in Messier's catalogue; Con., the constellation in which it is located; $\alpha$ and $\delta$, its right ascension and declination; Cl., the kind of cluster, $O p$ for open or galactic and $G l$ for globular; Diam., the apparent diameter in minutes of arc; Mag. B.S., the magnitude of the fifth brightest star in the case of open clusters, the mean of the 25 brightest for globulars; No., the number of stars in the open clusters down to the limiting magnitudes of the photographs on which the particular clusters were studied; Int. mag., the total apparent magnitude of the globular clusters; and Dist., the distance in light years.

| N.G.C. | M | Con. | $\mathrm{h}^{\boldsymbol{a}} \mathrm{m}^{19}$ | 60 \% , | Cl . | Diam. | Mag. B.S. | No. | Int. mag | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dist } \\ & \text { 1.y. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 869 |  | h Per | 0216.2 | +56 58 | Op | 30 | 7 |  |  | 4,300 |
| 884 |  | $\chi \mathrm{Per}$ | 0219.6 | +5656 | Op | 30 | 7 |  |  | 4,300 |
| 1039 | 34 | Per | 0239.4 | +4237 | Op | 30 | 9 | 80 |  | 1,500 |
| Pleiades | 45 | Tau | 0345.1 | +23 59 | Op | 120 | 4.2 | 250 |  | 490 |
| Hyades |  | Tau | 0418 | +1531 | Op | 400 | 4.0 | 100 |  | 120 |
| 1912 | 38 | Aur | 0526.0 | +35 48 | Op | 18 | 9.7 | 100 |  | 2,800 |
| 2099 | 37 | Aur | 0549.7 | +32 33 | Op | 24 | 9.7 | 150 |  | 2,700 |
| 2168 | 35 | Gem | 0606.4 | +2421 | Op | 29 | 9.0 | 120 |  | 2,700 |
| 2287 | 41 | C Ma | 0645.3 | -20 42 | Op | 32 | 9 | 50 |  | 1,300 |
| 2632 | 44 | Cnc | 0837.8 | +2007 | Op | 90 | 6.5 | 350 |  | 490 |
| 5139 |  | $\omega \mathrm{Cen}$ | 1324.3 | -47 16 | Gl | 23 | 12.9 |  | 3 | 22,000 |
| 5272 | 3 | CV | 1340.4 | +28 35 | Gl | 10 | 14.2 |  | 4.5 | 40,000 |
| 5904 | 5 | Ser | 1516.5 | +02 13 | Gl | 13 | 14.0 |  | 3.6 | 35,000 |
| 6121 | 4 | Sco | 1621.2 | $-2626$ | G1 | 14 | 13.9 |  | 5.2 | 24,000 |
| 6205 | 13 | Her | 1640.2 | +36 32 | G1 | 10 | 13.8 |  | 4.0 | 34,000 |
| 6218 | 12 | Oph | 1645.2 | -01 53 | G1 | 9 | 14.0 |  | 6.0 | 36,000 |
| 6254 | 10 | Oph | 1655.0 | -04 03 | G1 | 8 | 14.1 |  | 5.4 | 36,000 |
| 6341 | 92 | Her | 1715.9 | +4311 | Gl | 8 | 13.9 |  | 5.1 | 36,000 |
| 6494 | 23 | Sgr | 1754.6 | -19 01 | Op | 27 | 10.2 | 120 |  | 2,200 |
| 6611 | 16 | Ser | 1816.6 | -13 48 | Op | 8 | 10.6 | 55 |  | 6,700 |
| 6656 | 22 | Sgr | 1834.0 | -23 57 | Gl | 17 | 12.9 |  | 36 | 22,000 |
| 7078 | 15 | Peg | 2128.0 | +1159 | Gl | 7 | 14.3 |  | 5.2 | 43,000 |
| 7089 | 2 | Aqr | 2131.4 | -01 00 | Gl | 8 | 14.6 |  | 5.0 | 45,000 |
| 7092 | 39 | Cyg | 2130.8 | +48 15 | Op | 32 | 6.5 | 25 |  | 1,000 |
| 7654 | 52 | Cas | 2322.4 | +6123 | Op | 13 | 11.0 | 120 |  | 4,400 |

## GALACTIC NEBULAE

The galactic nebulae here listed have been selected to include the most readily observable representatives of planetary nebulae such as the Ring Nebula in Lyra, diffuse bright nebulae like the Orion nebula and dark absorbing nebulosities such as the Coal Sack. These objects are all located in our own galactic system. The first five columns give the identification and position as in the table of clusters. In the Cl column is given the classification of the nebula, planetary nebulae being listed as $P l$, diffuse nebulae as $D i f$, and dark nebulae as Drk. Size indicates approximately the greatest apparent diameter in minutes of arc; and $m n$ is the magnitude of the planetary nebula and $m^{*}$ is the magnitude of its central star. The distance is given in light years, and the name of the nebula is added for the better known objects.

| N.G.C. | M | Con | $\mathrm{h}^{\boldsymbol{a}} \mathrm{m}$ m | 60 。 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Cl | Size | m | ${ }^{\text {m }}$ | Dist. 1.y. | Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 650 | 76 | Per | 0139.7 | +5122 | Pl | 1.5 | 11 | 17 | 15,000 |  |
| 1952 | 1 | Tau | 0532.1 | +2200 |  | 6 | 11 | 16 | 4,100 | Crab |
| 1976 | 42 | Ori | 0533.3 | -05 25 | Dif | 30 |  |  | 1,800 | Orion |
| B33 |  | Ori | 0538.9 | -02 29 | Drk | 4 |  |  | 300 | Horsehead |
| 2261 |  | Mon | 0637.0 | +08 46 | Dif | 2 |  |  |  | Hubble's var |
| 2392 |  | Gem | 0726.8 | +2100 | Pl | 0.3 | 8 | 10 | 2,800 |  |
| 2440 |  | Pup | 0740.1 | -18 07 | Pl | 0.9 | 11 | 16 | 8,600 |  |
| 3587 | 97 | UMa | 1112.5 | +55 14 | Pl | 3.3 | 11 | 14 | 12,000 | Owl |
|  |  | Cru | 1249 | -63 | Drk | 300 |  |  | 300 | Coalsack |
| 6210 |  | Her | 1642.8 | +2352 | P1 | 0.3 | 10 | 12 | 5,600 |  |
| B72 |  | Oph | 1721.2 | -23 35 | Drk | 20 |  |  | 400 | S nebula |
| 6514 | 20 | Sgr | 1800.0 | -23 02 | Dif | 24 |  |  | 3,200 | Trifid |
| B86 |  | Sgr | 1800.5 | -2753 | Drk | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| 6523 | 8 | Sgr | 1801.2 | -24 23 | Dif | 50 |  |  | 3,600 | L.agoon |
| 6543 |  | Dra | 1758.6 | +66 37 | Pl | 0.4 | 9 | 11 | 3,500 |  |
| 6572 |  | Oph | 1810.2 | +0650 | Pl | 0.2 | 9 | 12 | 4,000 |  |
| B92 |  | Sgr | 1813.2 | -18 15 | Drk | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| 6618 | 17 | Sgr | 1818.5 | -16 12 | Dif | 26 |  |  | 3,000 | Horseshoe |
| 6720 | 57 | Lyr | 1852.1 | +32 59 | Pl | 1.4 | 9 | 14 | 5,400 | Ring |
| 6826 |  | Cyg | 1943.7 | +50 26 | Pl | 0.4 | 9 | 11 | 3,400 |  |
| 6853 | 27 | Vul | 1957.9 | +22 36 | Pl | 8 | 8 | 13 | 3,400 | Dumb-bell |
| 6960 |  | Cyg | 2044.0 | +30 34 | Dif | 60 |  |  |  | Network |
| 7000 |  | Cyg | 2057.4 | +44 10 | Dif | 100 |  |  |  | N. America |
| 7009 |  | Aqr | 2102.0 | $-1132$ | Pl | 0.5 | 8 | 12 | 3,000 |  |
| 7662 |  | And | 2324.0 | +42 19 | Pl | 0.3 | 9 | 13 | 3,900 |  |

## EXTERNAL GALAXIES

Among the hundreds of thousands of systems far beyond our own galaxy relatively few are readily seen in small telescopes. The following list contains a selection of the closer brighter objects of this kind. The first five columns give the catalogue numbers, constellation and position on the celestial sphere. In the column $C l, E$ indicates an elliptical nebula, $I$ an irregular object, and $S a, S b$, $S C$ spiral nebulae, in which the spiral arms become increasingly dominant compared with the nucleus as we pass from $a$ to $c$. The remaining columns give the apparent magnitude of the nebula, its distance in light years and the radial velocity in kilometers per second. As these objects have been selected on the basis of ease of observation, the faint, very distant objects which have spectacularly large red shifts, corresponding to large velocities of recession, are not included.

| N.G.C. | M | Con |  |  | Cl | Dimens. | Mag. | Distance millions of l.y. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Vel. } \\ \mathrm{km} / \mathrm{sec} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 221 | 32 | And | 0040.5 | +40 39 | E | $3 \times 3$ | 8.8 | 1.6 | - 185 |
| 224 | 31 | And | 0040.5 | +4103 | Sb | $160 \times 40$ | 5.0 | 1.6 | - 220 |
| SMC |  | Tuc | 0053 | $-7235$ | I | $220 \times 220$ | 1.5 | 0.17 | + 170 |
| 598 | 33 | Tri | 0131.6 | +3028 | Sc | $60 \times 40$ | 7.0 | 1.4 | - 70 |
| LMC |  | Dor | 0521 | -69 26 | I | $430 \times 530$ | 0.5 | 0.17 | + 280 |
| 3031 | 81 | UMa | 0952.4 | +69 16 | Sb | $16 \times 10$ | 8.3 | 4.8 | - 30 |
| 3034 | 82 | UMa | 0952.7 | +69 53 | I | $7 \times 2$ | 9.0 | 5.2 | + 290 |
| 3368 | 96 | Leo | 1044.6 | +1202 | Sa | $7 \times 4$ | 10.0 | 11.4 | + 940 |
| 3623 | 65 | Leo | 1116.8 | +13 19 | Sb | $8 \times 2$ | 9.9 | 10.0 | + 800 |
| 3627 | 66 | Leo | 1118.2 | +13 13 | Sb | $8 \times 2$ | 9.1 | 8.6 | + 650 |
| 4258 |  | CV | 1217.0 | +4732 | Sb | $20 \times 6$ | 8.7 | 9.2 | $+500$ |
| 4374 | 84 | Vir | 1223.0 | +1306 | E | $3 \times 2$ | 9.9 | 12.0 | +1050 |
| 4382 | 85 | Com | 1223.4 | +1825 | E | $4 \times 2$ | 10.0 | 7.4 | $+500$ |
| 4472 | 49 | Vir | 1227.8 | +08 13 | E | $5 \times 4$ | 10.1 | 11.4 | $+850$ |
| 4565 |  | Com | 1234.4 | +26 12 | Sb | $15 \times 1$ | 11.0 | 15.2 | +1100 |
| 4594 |  | Vir | 1237.9 | $-1124$ | Sa | $7 \times 2$ | 9.2 | 14.4 | +1140 |
| 4649 | 60 | Vir | 1241.7 | +1146 | E | $4 \times 3$ | 9.5 | 15.0 | +1090 |
| 4736 | 94 | CV | 1249.0 | +4120 | Sb | $5 \times 4$ | 8.4 | 6.0 | $+290$ |
| 4826 | 64 | Com | 1254.8 | +2154 | Sb | $8 \times 4$ | 9.2 | 2.6 | $+150$ |
| 5005 |  | CV | 1309.0 | $+3716$ | Sc | $5 \times 2$ | 11.1 | 13.2 | + 900 |
| 5055 | 63 | CV n | 1314.0 | +42 14 | Sb | $8 \times 3$ | 9.6 | 7.2 | + 450 |
| 5194 | 51 | CV | 1328.2 | +4724 | Sc | $12 \times 6$ | 7.4 | 6.0 | + 250 |
| 5236 | 83 | Hya | 1334.8 | -29 40 | Sc | $10 \times 8$ | 8 | 5.8 | + 500 |
| 6822 |  | Sgr | 1942.7 | -14 52 | I | $20 \times 10$ | 11 | 2.0 | - 150 |
| 7331 |  | Peg | 2235.2 | +34 12 | Sb | $9 \times 2$ | 10.4 | 10.4 | $+500$ |



The above map represents the evening sky at

| Midnight 11 p.m. | Feb. $\quad 6$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 | . Mar. 7 |
| 9 | 22 |
| 8 | .Apr. 6 |
| 7 | 21 |

The centre of the map is the zenith, the circumference the horizon. To identify the stars hold the map so that the part of the horizon you are facing is down.


The above map represents the evening sky at

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Midnight.............May } 8 \\
& 11 \text { p.m.............. " } 24 \\
& 10 \text { " ..............June } 7 \\
& 9 \text { " ............." " } 22 \\
& 8 \text { " ..............July } 6
\end{aligned}
$$

The centre of the map is the zenith, the circumference the horizon. To identify the stars hold the map so that the part of the horizon you are facing is down.


The above map represents the evening sky at

| Midnight | Aug. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $11 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. | " 21 |
| 10 " | Sept. 7 |
| 9 " | 23 |
| 8 " | . Oct. 10 |
| 7 | 26 |
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The above map represents the evening sky at

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