

Spring 2022

Prairie Sky

New Moon		First Quarter		Full Moon		Last Quarter	
March	2nd	March	10th	March	18th	March	25th
April	1st	April	9th	April	16th	April	23rd
April	30th	May	8th	May	15th	May	22nd
May	30th	June	7th	June	14th	June	20th
June	28th						

March
 13th Daylight Saving Time begins
 20th Spring Equinox
 21st-31st Venus, Saturn, Mars close in predawn sky

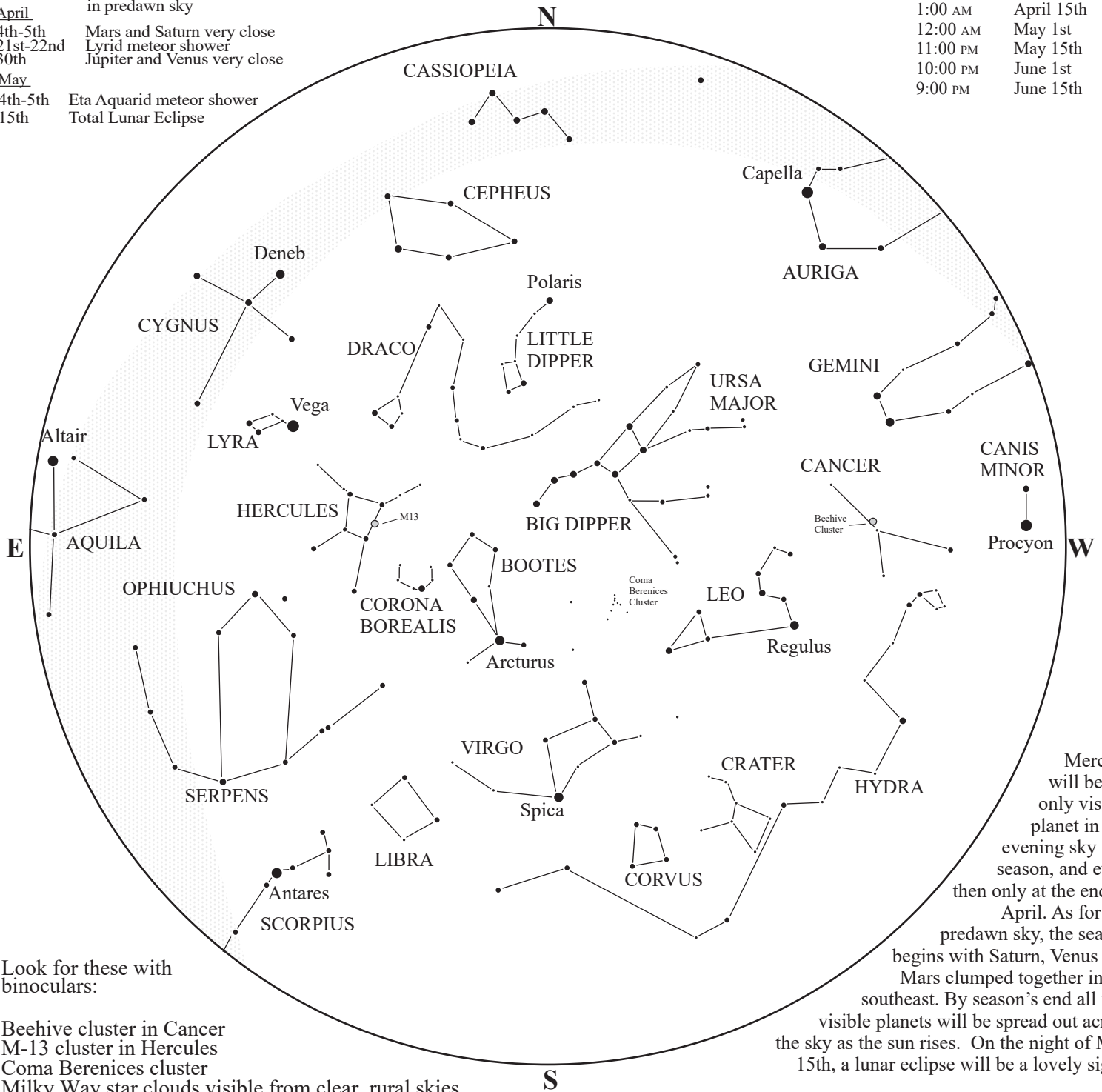
April
 4th-5th Mars and Saturn very close
 21st-22nd Lyrid meteor shower
 30th Jupiter and Venus very close

May
 4th-5th Eta Aquarid meteor shower
 15th Total Lunar Eclipse

June
 21st Summer Solstice

*This is how the sky will appear at these approximate times:

2:00 AM April 1st
 1:00 AM April 15th
 12:00 AM May 1st
 11:00 PM May 15th
 10:00 PM June 1st
 9:00 PM June 15th



Look for these with binoculars:

- Beehive cluster in Cancer
- M-13 cluster in Hercules
- Coma Berenices cluster
- Milky Way star clouds visible from clear, rural skies

Mercury will be the only visible planet in our evening sky this season, and even then only at the end of April. As for the predawn sky, the season begins with Saturn, Venus and Mars clumped together in the southeast. By season's end all five visible planets will be spread out across the sky as the sun rises. On the night of May 15th, a lunar eclipse will be a lovely sight!

For Planetarium schedules and more information about the night sky, call the "showline" at 217/351-2446, or check out our website at www.parkland.edu/planetarium