

Spring 2023

Prairie Sky

Full Moon		Last Quarter		New Moon		First Quarter	
March	27th	March	14th	March	21st	March	28th
April	5th	April	13th	April	19th	April	27th
May	5th	May	12th	May	19th	May	27th
June	3rd	June	10th	June	17th	June	26th

March
1st Venus and Jupiter close in early evening sky
12th Daylight Saving Time begins
20th Spring Equinox

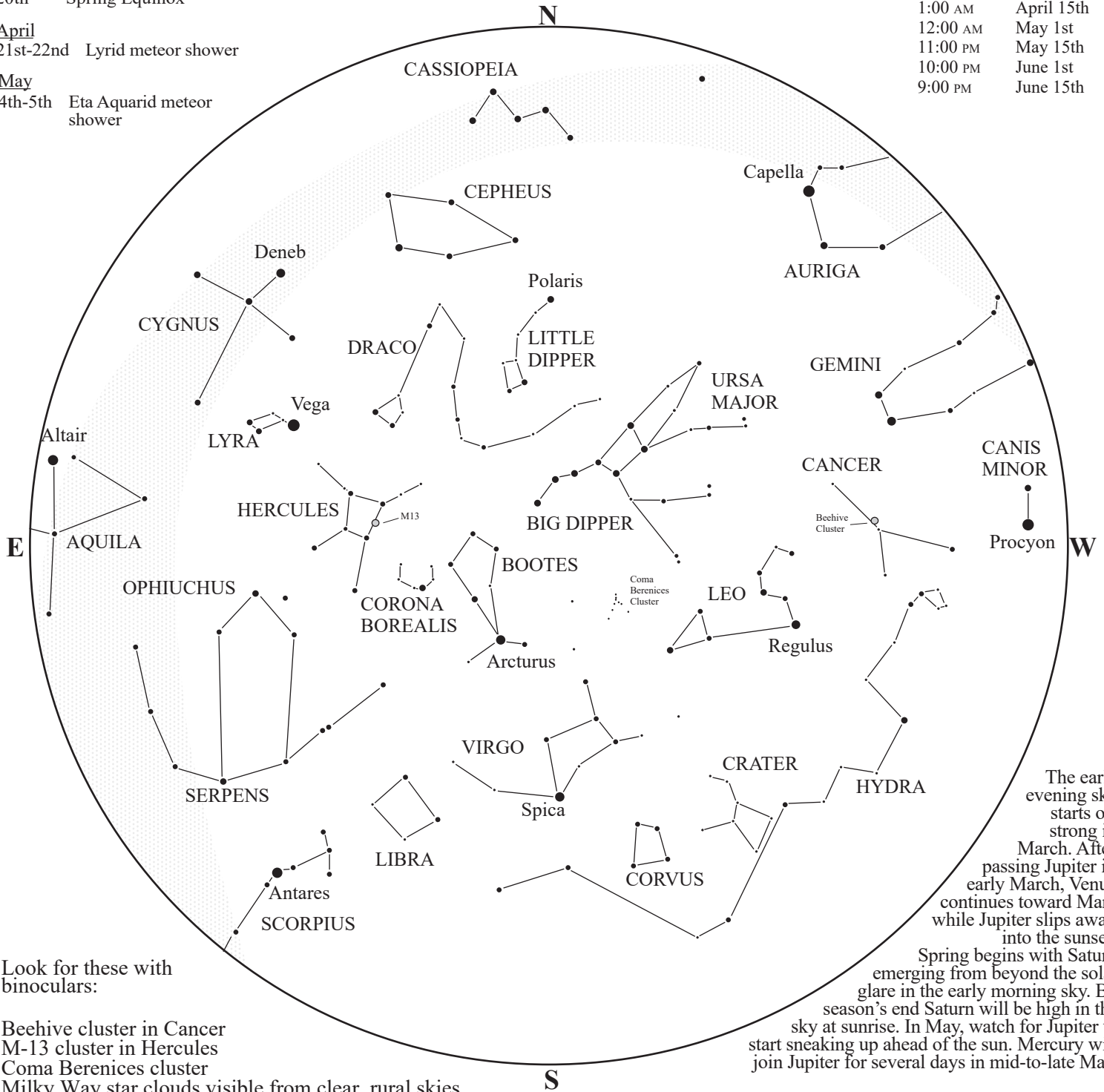
April
21st-22nd Lyrid meteor shower

May
4th-5th Eta Aquarid meteor shower

June
21st Summer Solstice
21st Moon, Mars and Venus together in evening sky

*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

The early evening sky starts off strong in March. After passing Jupiter in early March, Venus continues toward Mars while Jupiter slips away into the sunset. Spring begins with Saturn emerging from beyond the solar glare in the early morning sky. By season's end Saturn will be high in the sky at sunrise. In May, watch for Jupiter to start sneaking up ahead of the sun. Mercury will join Jupiter for several days in mid-to-late May.

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