

Southern Sky Almanack 2010

The premiere astronomical events, from a southern hemisphere perspective, listed for each day of the year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Julian Date at 02:00 SAST = 2,455,255.5 + day of month March Mercury starts the month in Aquarius and crosses over into Pisces on the 16th. Venus spends the first three days in Aquarius, and is in Pisces from the 4th to the 13th. It is in Cetus on the 14th and 15th before returning to Pisces until the 30th. On the last day of March it is in Aries. Mars is in Cancer, Jupiter is in Aquarius, Saturn is in Virgo, and Uranus is in Pisces the entire month. Neptune is in Capricornus until March 23, crossing over into Aquarius.				Comets in March Comet 81P/Wild is at its brightest in March (around 9th mag) and is located in Virgo.		
Meteor showers active during March The gamma Normid meteor shower is active from February 25 to March 22 with maximum around Mar 13.	01 dawn: ♀ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂	02 dawn: ♀ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂	03 dawn: ♀ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ Spica 3.0°N of ♄ (18 ^h)	04 dawn: ♀ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♀ 0.6°S of ♂ (06 ^h) George Gamow's birthday (1904).	05 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂	06 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ Joseph Fraunhofer's birthday (1787).
07 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♄ Last Quarter (17:42) Antares 1.3°S ♄ (04 ^h) ♄ furthest south (-25.6°) John Herschel's birthday (1792).	08 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♀ 1.1°S of ♃ (03 ^h)	09 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂	10 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ Anniversary of the discovery of the rings of Uranus (1977, Cape Town).	11 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♂ stationary (11 ^h)	12 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♄ apogee (12 ^h)	13 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ 3.6°S of ♄ (14 ^h)
14 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♀ superior conjunction ♃ 5.0°S of ♄ (23 ^h) Albert Einstein's birthday (1879).	15 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♄ New Moon (23:01) ♀ 0.6°S of ♂ (23 ^h)	16 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♂ 5.4°S of ♄ (01 ^h) Caroline Herschel's birthday (1750).	17 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♂ conjunction (09 ^h) ♃ dimmest (mag -2.0) Makemake nearest Earth (51.28 AU)	18 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂	19 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂	20 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ⊕ equinox (19:32)
21 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂	22 dawn: ♃ ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ opposition (03 ^h) ♄ furthest north (+25.4°)	23 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♂ ♃ ♄ First Quarter (13:00)	24 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Walter Baade's birthday (1893).	25 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♂ 4.4°N of ♄ (14 ^h)	26 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃	27 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Regulus 3.9°N of ♄ (12 ^h)
28 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♄ perigee (06 ^h)	29 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♀ perihelion	30 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♄ Full Moon (04:25) ♂ aphelion	31 dawn: ♃ dusk: ♀ ♀ ♂ ♃ Spica 2.9°N of ♄ (04 ^h)	Constellations prominent during March Culminate at 21:00: Cancer, Canis Minor, Lynx, Puppis, Pyxis & Volans. Midnight culmination: Antlia, Chamaeleon, Crater, Leo, Leo Minor, Sextans & Ursa Major. Culminate at 03:00: Boötes, Canes Venatici, Centaurus & Virgo.		Astronomical symbols ☉ Sun ♂ Mars ♀ Mercury ♃ Jupiter ♀ Venus ♃ Saturn ⊕ Earth ♂ Uranus ☾ Moon ♃ Neptune