

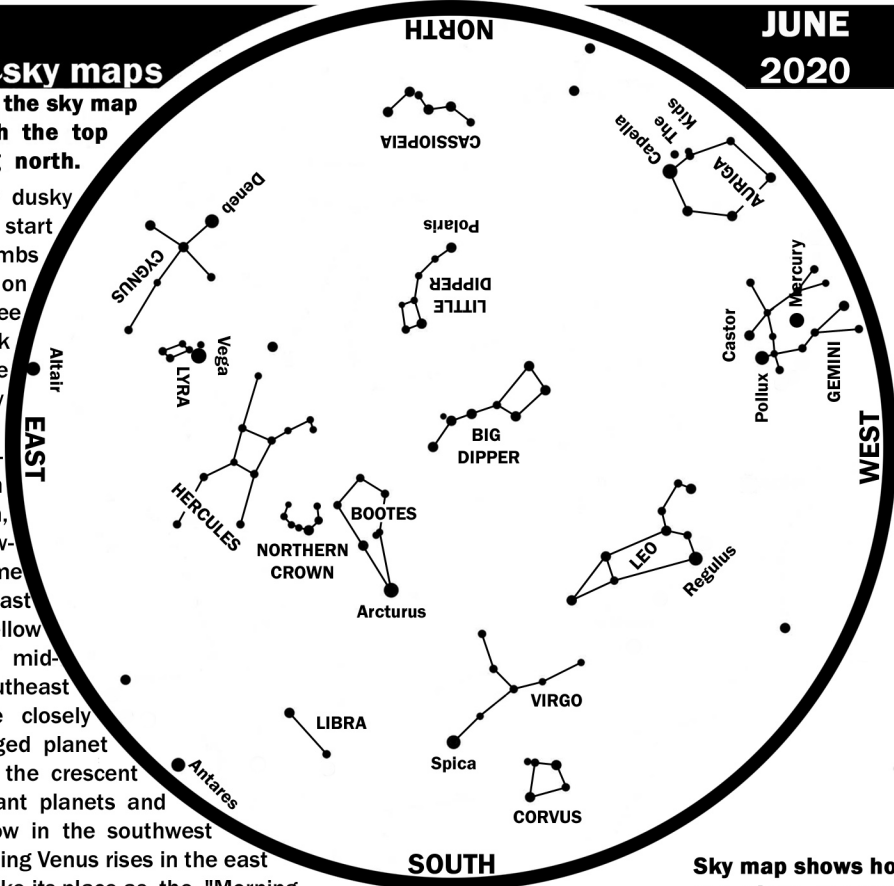
PrairieSky maps

**JUNE
2020**

Instructions : Hold the sky map over your head with the top of the map facing north.

Mercury will float in dusky western skies at the start of the month and climbs to its highest point on the 4th. It's best to see this elusive little pink planet early in the month as day by day it will start to sink sunward. After sunset on the 5th, watch for June's Full Moon, known as the Strawberry Moon to come over the southeast horizon. Bright yellow Jupiter rises around midnight out of the southeast horizon and will be closely followed by the ringed planet Saturn. On the 8th, the crescent Moon joins both giant planets and creates a triangle low in the southwest dawn heavens. Dazzling Venus rises in the east at night in June to take its place as the "Morning Star". A thin slice of the Moon makes a close approach to Venus low in the predawn eastern sky on the 19th. The summer solstice arrives on the 20th, and marks the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. Look for a beautiful young crescent Moon low in the northwestern sky about 30 minutes after sundown from the 22nd to 24th.

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Sky map shows how the night sky looks
Early June 10 P.M.
Late June 9 P.M.