

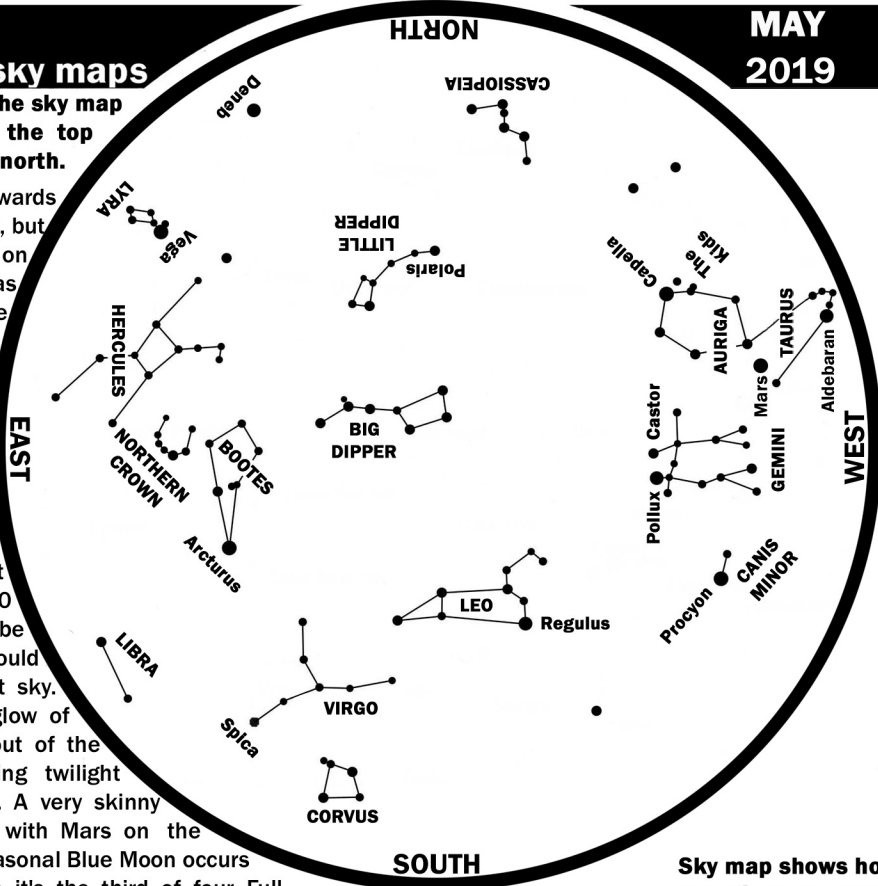
PrairieSky maps

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

Venus is travelling towards the far side of the Sun, but will continue to hold on to a prominent role as "morning star". On the 2nd, look for a razor-thin Moon and Venus floating together at dawn low in the east. A moonless predawn sky will set the stage on the 4th for the Eta Aquarids which has some of the brightest meteors of the year. 10 meteors per hour can be expected and they should light up the southwest sky. Look for the reddish glow of planet Mars to pop out of the western sky as evening twilight gives way to darkness. A very skinny crescent Moon visits with Mars on the night of the 7th. A seasonal Blue Moon occurs on the 18th because it's the third of four Full Moons in a single season. Once on average every 2.4 years we have a seasonal Blue Moon. Mighty Jupiter rises out of the southeast sky around the midnight hour and is followed by the ringed planet Saturn two hours later. The Moon appears close to Jupiter on the 20th and then moves to pair up with Saturn on the 22nd.

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