

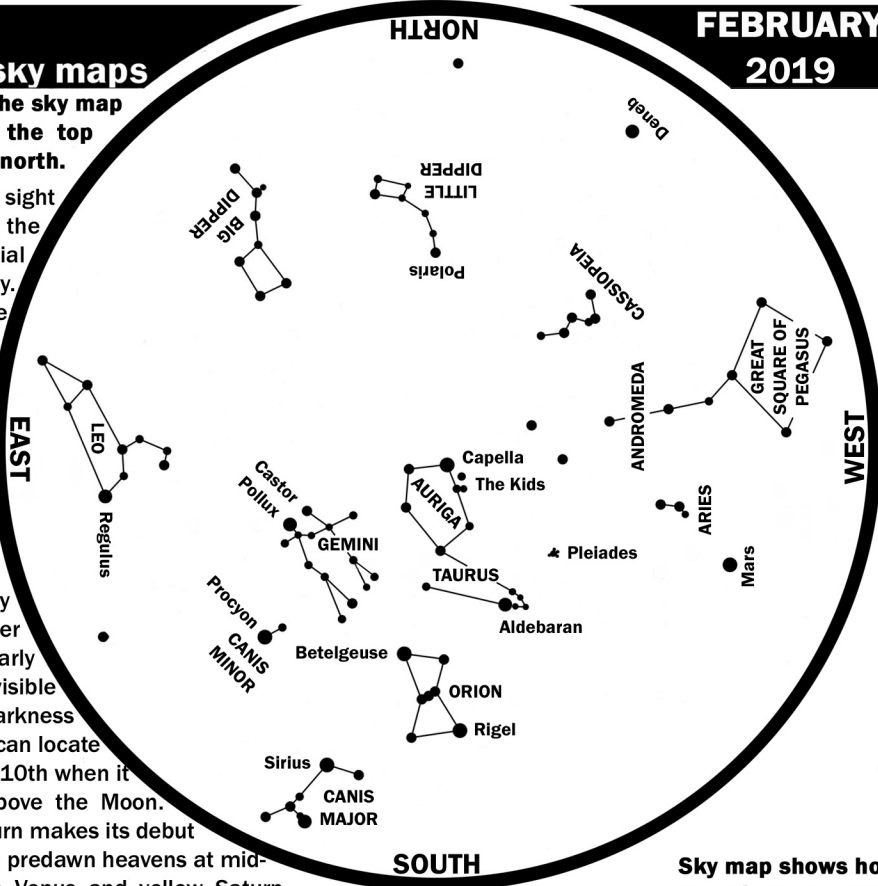
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**Instructions : Hold the sky map
over your head with the top
of the map facing north.**

A strikingly beautiful sight will be created early in the month as three celestial bodies align in the sky. On the 2nd look above the southeast horizon as darkness fades to dawn to glimpse big Jupiter and dazzling Venus forming a line with a slender Moon. Try to spot an ultra-thin crescent Moon on the 5th as it floats low in the southwest sky about 30 minutes after the Sun. Mars is an early evening point of light visible as dusk sky turns to darkness in the southwest. You can locate the Red Planet on the 10th when it will be floating just above the Moon. The ringed planet Saturn makes its debut very low in the eastern predawn heavens at mid-month. Brilliant white Venus and yellow Saturn have a stunning close encounter during morning twilight on the 18th. On the 19th we have both a Full Snow Moon and a Supermoon to flood the night with its silvery beams of light. This will be 2019's biggest Supermoon and it will look slightly brighter than usual when it comes within 356,846 kilometers from Earth.

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**Sky map shows how
the night sky looks
Early Feb. 9 P.M.
Late Feb. 8 P.M.**