# The Sky This Month

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Wed 4th March 2020

March

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Fri 20th: Spring/Vernal Equinox

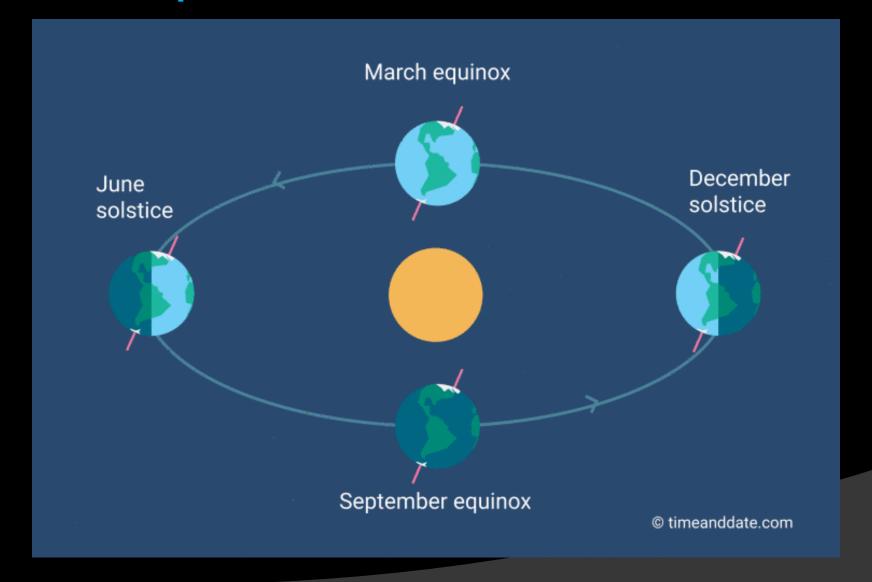
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### Equinoxes and Solstices





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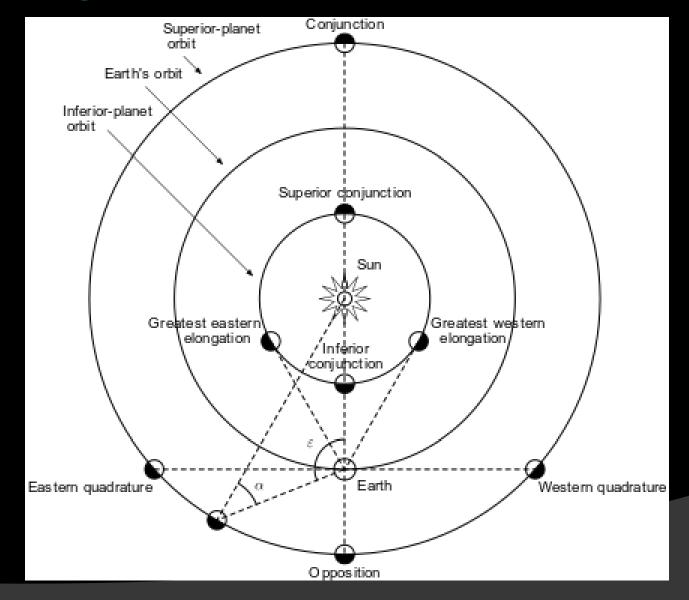
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### Elongation: a brief explanation





**April** 

Wed 8th: Supermoon again!

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thu 23<sup>rd</sup>: Peak of the Lyrids Meteor Shower

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> New Moon





May

Wed 6th and Thu 7th: Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower

Thu 7th: Supermoon again

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>: New Moon



#### June

Fri 5<sup>th</sup>: Penumbral Lunar Eclipse

Sun 21st: New Moon

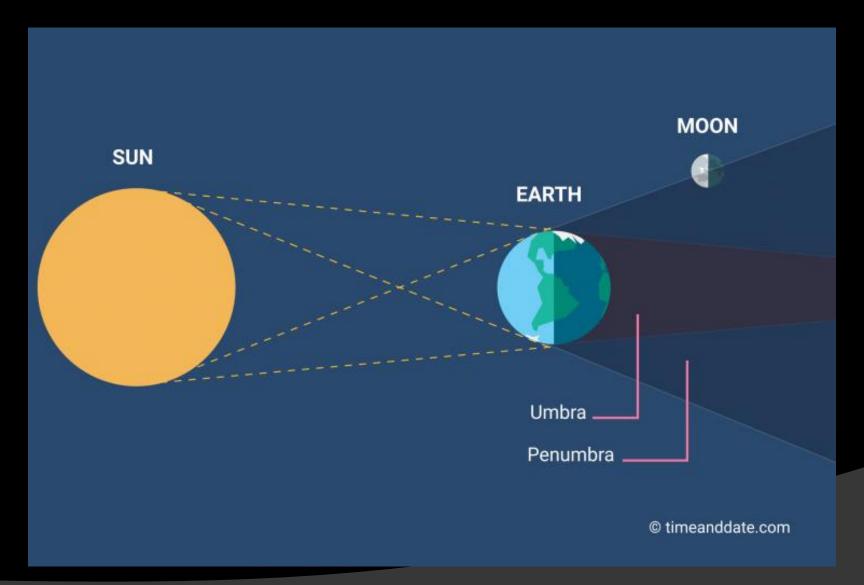
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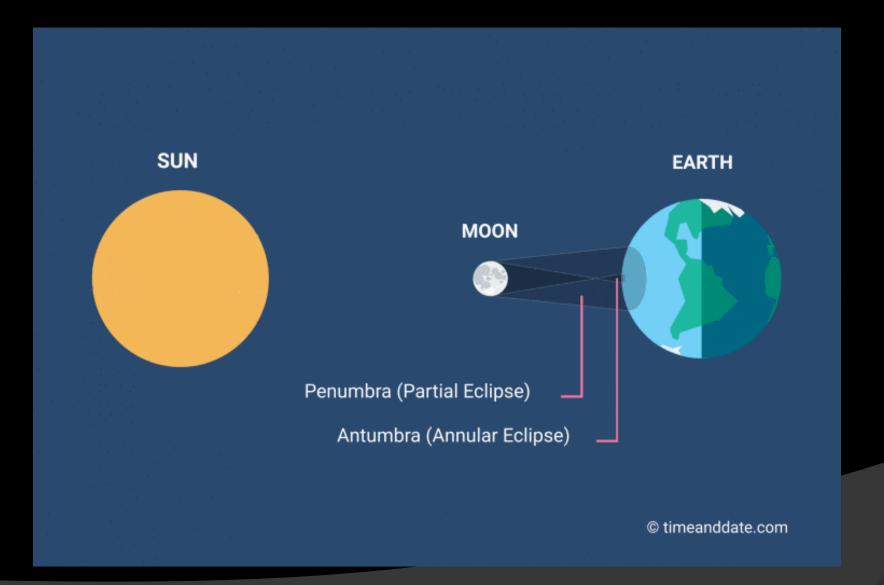


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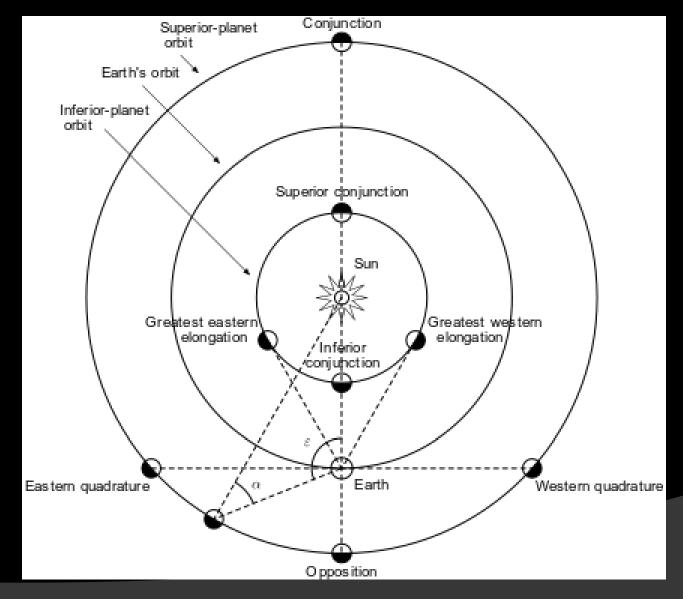
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## Opposition





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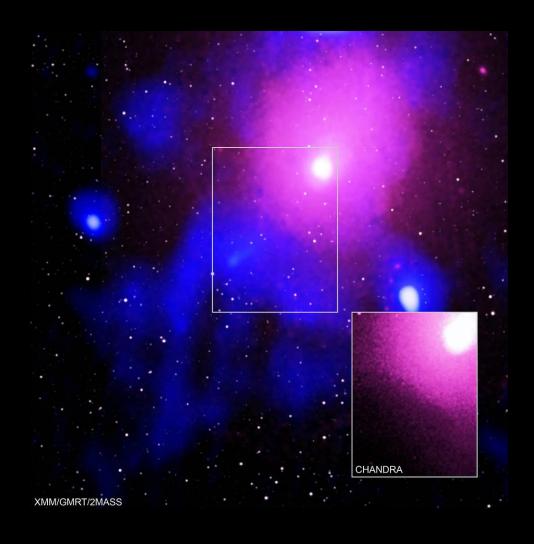
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### Highlight Object!



## Ophiuchus Galaxy Cluster



#### Summary

### March-July

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24<sup>th</sup>: Mercury and Venus

#### <u>April</u>

o 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>: Lyrids

#### <u>July</u>

o 14<sup>th</sup>: Jupiter

o 20th: Saturn

o 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mercury

o 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>: Delta Aquarids



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