Numerous sky events to watch this month, including a meteor shower



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Watch the Eta Aquarids meteor shower, caused by comet 1P Halley, the night of Wednesday, May 5 and before dawn on Thursday, May 6.

It's expected to shoot 15-20 meteors per hour. The moon will be in its waning crescent phase but below the horizon before dawn in the constellation Aquarius, in the southeast-east.

On Wednesday, May 12 look northwest-west after sunset as a thin crescent moon sets with Venus just after 10 p.m.

On Saturday, May 15 look west after sunset as Mars and a crescent moon stay close and set after 1 a.m.

On Monday, May 31 after 1:30 a.m. look southeast-east as Saturn and the moon rise together into the sunrise. Jupiter's just east of them also.

Download this month's sky free chart at whatsouttonight.com/ Resources/2021MaySkyWOT. pdf.

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