

June 2019 Sky Events

The Moon and Jupiter Pair Up near Scorpius

On the evenings of **June 14th – 16th**, the waxing gibbous Moon joins the planet Jupiter near the constellation Scorpius, along with the bright red, super-giant star Antares.

Because the Moon waxes to “full” in the pre-dawn hours of June 17th, the rising Moon on June 16th may be considered this month’s Full Moon – called the Strawberry Moon.

Jupiter reached opposition on June 10th, and it is closest to Earth for the year this month. The star Antares, located some 604 light years behind the Moon and Jupiter, is 700 times the Sun’s diameter!

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