

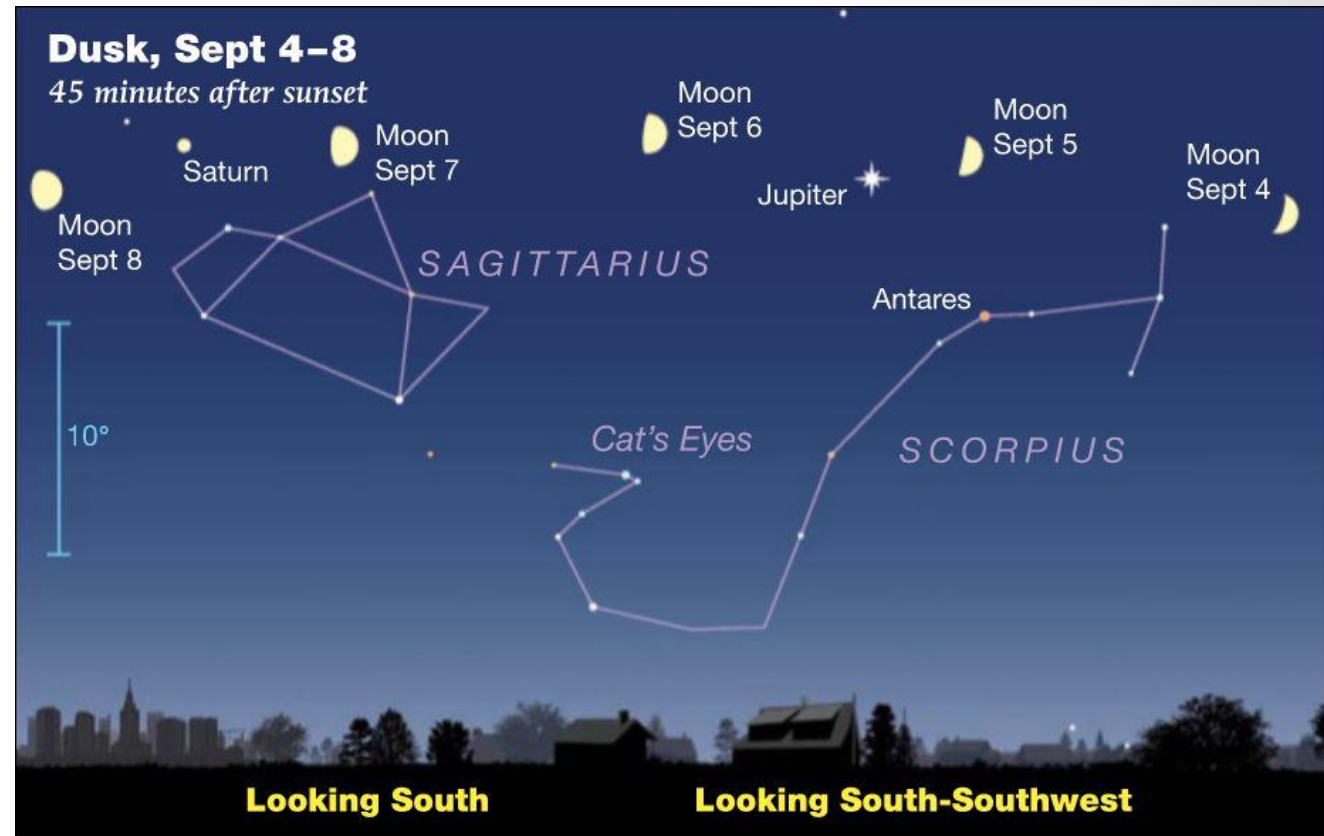
## September 2019 Sky Events

# The Waxing Harvest Moon Sails by Jupiter and then Saturn

On the evenings of **Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**, this month's waxing Moon, called the **Harvest Moon**, sails, along the ecliptic, past the bright, gas-giant planets Jupiter and Saturn.

Although now a few months past their "oppositions" (closest approaches) with Earth for the year, both Jupiter and Saturn will still brilliantly reflect the Sun's light our way this month.

On these nights, dazzling Jupiter is some 478 million miles behind the Moon, while Saturn is 884 million miles behind it.



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**The Harvest Moon is full on the night of Sept. 13/14.**