

## 28/29 July 2021: The Delta Aquariid Meteor Shower Peaks

Bright moonlight will interfere with observing the peak of the Delta Aquariid meteor shower this year.

This long-lasting shower, more formally called the Southern Delta Aquariids (SDA), has a radiant below the celestial equator and thus, like the Eta Aquariids, is best seen from the Southern Hemisphere. However, northerners can view its radiant well above the southern horizon for a couple of hours before and a few hours after midnight. The SDA shower has a reputation for delivering a steady stream of relatively faint meteors over several days, with counts as high as 20 per hour visible from the darkest locations.

This year, the peak actually occurs on the evening of July 28th for North America, but, after midnight, you'll have competition from a waning gibbous Moon.

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