

The Moon Joins the Pleiades in the Constellation Taurus

On the nights of **April 3-6**, the waxing crescent Moon passes nearby and in front of the Pleiades open star cluster. This action takes place in the zodiac constellation Taurus, the Bull. The Pleiades star cluster, also known as the “Seven Sisters”, is some 440 light years behind the Moon.

As the Moon proceeds eastward along the ecliptic each night, watch its illuminated disk grow (wax), as it approaches the first-quarter phase on April 9th, and then onward, another week later, to the full Moon phase on April 16th.

The Moon moves eastward, about 13° along the ecliptic, from one night to the next, or about ½° per hour. Try following its movement during these early spring nights.

