

# Conjunction of Saturn and the Moon

Looking southwest at dawn on **July 14-16**, the waning gibbous Moon appears to pass nearby the planet Saturn. This action takes place in the zodiac constellation of Capricornus, the Sea Goat.

Saturn reaches “opposition” -- opposite the Sun from Earth and its closest approach to Earth -- on August 14<sup>th</sup>. On that date it will rise at sunset and set at sunrise. This is a great time to place Saturn in the eyepiece of a small telescope at 60 magnification or more. The views of the rings and some of its moons are quite spectacular. The ringed planet will continue to adorn our early evening skies for the remainder of 2022.

At some point throughout the fall of 2022, all of our solar systems’ planets will be visible in the early evening sky.

