

A Waxing Crescent Moon Visits Venus

On the nights of **April 20-23**, a narrow, lunar crescent waxes as it passes by the brilliant planet Venus. This action takes place in the zodiac constellation Taurus, the Bull.

Although Venus is climbing higher each night in our evening skies this spring, the much closer Moon will easily overtake our “evening star” in their race along the “ecliptic” (the approximate path that the Sun, the Moon, and the planets follow across our skies).

Try to get out on these warmer spring evenings to watch this celestial event, and, with the help of some binoculars and a clear view to the horizon, to also spot the elusive planet Mercury.

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