

A Crescent Moon Visits Antares

Shortly after sunset on **September 26-28**, a waxing crescent Harvest Moon will pass the super red-giant star Antares in the constellation Scorpius – the Scorpion. Because this Moon will be the closest full Moon to the September Equinox (Sept. 22nd), it is designated as the 2025 Harvest Moon.

This Harvest Moon is full on the night of October 6/7, and it reaches “perigee” (its closest approach to Earth in its elliptical orbit) on October 8th. It will be one of the year 2025’s larger full Moons.

Put this misleading 2-dimensional scene into its 3rd dimension by pondering that the star Antares is sending those reddish photons of light our way from some 550 light years behind the Moon!

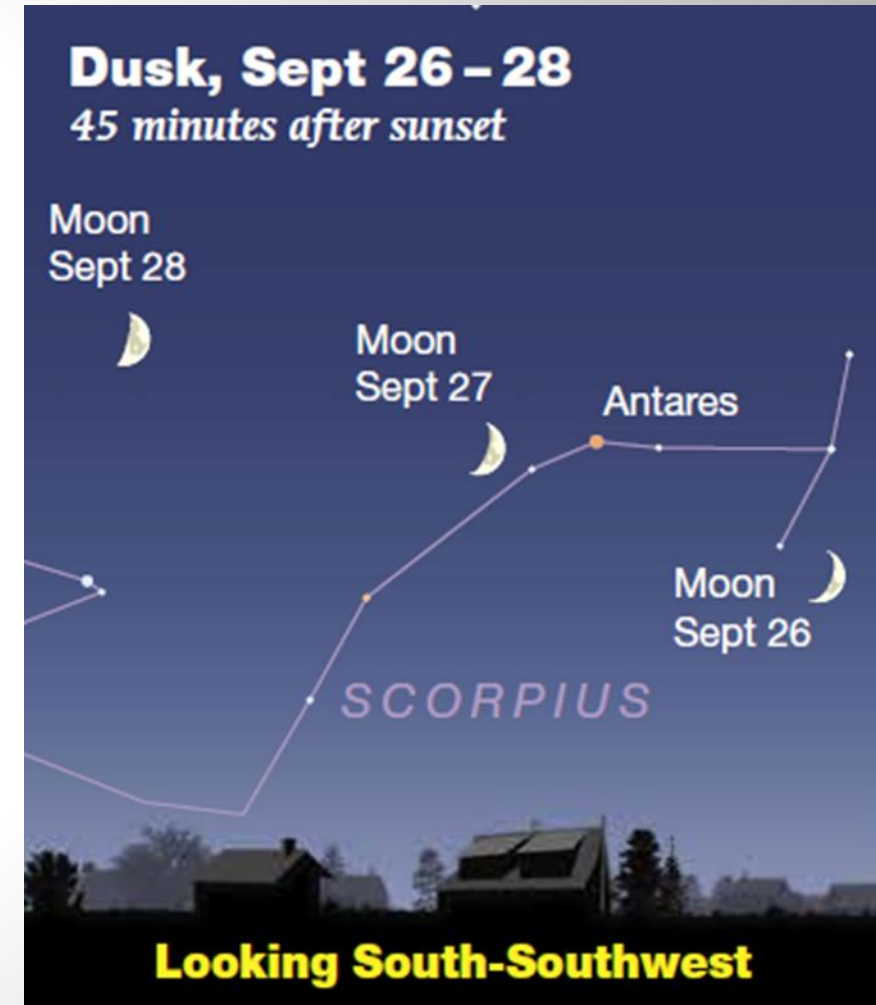


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