

# The Moon Visits Mars & the Pleiades

At dawn on **June 12-13**, the **waning crescent Moon** will appear to visit the planet Mars and the Pleiades star cluster. Find a location with a view low to the east-northeast to observe this celestial event.

Using binoculars will help you locate both the Pleiades and Mars. On these dates, Mars is a close 18 light minutes away, while the Pleiades star cluster is 430 light years away! And the Pleiades is one of the closest open star clusters to our solar system. And there are over 10,000 “open” star clusters in our Milky Way galaxy!

Enjoy this predawn view.\*\*\*

