



This map shows the sky at 8:30 pm in mid-May.

Orient the map so that the direction you are facing is at the bottom and then hold the map overhead.

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May Sky Events

Jupiter is at opposition on May 4, near the brightest star in Libra, Zubenelgenubi. **Jupiter** rises near sunset and is visible all night long before setting near sunrise. **Saturn**, next to M44, the Beehive Cluster in Cancer, the crab, and **Mars** are visible in the northwest after sunset and will draw closer together during the month of May. On May 30th, **Saturn**, **Mars** and the **Moon** will be within several degrees of each other, next to the bright stars of Gemini, Castor and Pollux. **Mars** will continue moving toward Saturn and the two will be in conjunction on June 18th near the beautiful Beehive Cluster.

Mercury makes a brief appearance in evening twilight at the end of the month, while

Venus can be found in the eastern sky during morning twilight.

