



Looking south Sept. 1 at 8 p.m.

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00:00:00,533 --> 00:00:02,001
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00:00:03,836 --> 00:00:05,405
What's Up for September?

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00:00:05,438 --> 00:00:08,007
Set your sights beyond
the solar system

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00:00:08,040 --> 00:00:11,377
and take a late summertime road
trip along the Milky Way.

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00:00:12,411 --> 00:00:14,614
Hello and welcome. I'm
Jane Houton Jones from

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00:00:14,647 --> 00:00:18,518
NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory
in Pasadena, California.

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00:00:19,452 --> 00:00:21,687
The waning days of summer
are upon us,

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00:00:21,720 --> 00:00:23,423
and the sun sets earlier

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00:00:23,456 --> 00:00:27,026
revealing the starry sky
bisected by the Milky Way.

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00:00:27,860 --> 00:00:29,629
While waiting for the Milky Way

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00:00:29,662 --> 00:00:33,766
check out 2018's outstanding
views of the planets!

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00:00:35,000 --> 00:00:37,670

You'll have to look quickly
after sunset to catch Venus.

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00:00:37,703 --> 00:00:39,872

And through binoculars
or a telescope

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00:00:39,905 --> 00:00:44,110

you'll see Venus's phase change
dramatically during September --

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00:00:44,143 --> 00:00:47,880

from nearly half phase to a
larger, thinner crescent.

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00:00:48,781 --> 00:00:51,084

Jupiter, Saturn and Mars
continue their

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00:00:51,117 --> 00:00:53,419

brilliant appearances
this month.

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00:00:53,452 --> 00:00:55,688

Look southwest after sunset.

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00:00:55,721 --> 00:00:56,956

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00:00:56,989 --> 00:01:00,326

Use the summer constellations to
help you trace the Milky Way.

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00:01:01,427 --> 00:01:03,529

Sagittarius: where stars and
some brighter clumps

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00:01:03,562 --> 00:01:05,765
appear as steam from the teapot.

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00:01:06,833 --> 00:01:09,435
Aquila: where the Eagle's
bright star Altair,

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00:01:09,468 --> 00:01:13,139
combined with Cygnus's Deneb
and Lyra's Vega,

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00:01:13,172 --> 00:01:15,308
mark the Summer Triangle.

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00:01:16,342 --> 00:01:19,679
Cassiopeia: the familiar
"w"-shaped constellation

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00:01:19,712 --> 00:01:21,581
completes the
constellation trail

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00:01:21,614 --> 00:01:23,216
through the summer Milky Way.

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00:01:23,249 --> 00:01:24,283
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00:01:24,316 --> 00:01:26,752
Between September
12th and the 20th

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00:01:26,785 --> 00:01:29,489
watch the moon
pass from near Venus,

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00:01:29,522 --> 00:01:32,125
above Jupiter, to
the left of Saturn,

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00:01:32,158 --> 00:01:34,060

and finally above Mars.

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00:01:36,128 --> 00:01:38,865

Both Neptune and brighter

Uranus can be spotted

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00:01:38,898 --> 00:01:41,601

with some help from a

telescope this month.

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00:01:41,634 --> 00:01:44,670

Look at about 1 a.m.

local time or later

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00:01:44,703 --> 00:01:46,739

in the southeastern sky.

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00:01:47,907 --> 00:01:51,010

You can find Mercury just above

Earth's eastern horizon

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00:01:51,043 --> 00:01:53,179

shortly before sunrise.

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00:01:53,212 --> 00:01:56,616

Use the moon as your guide on

September 7th and 8th.

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00:01:57,884 --> 00:02:01,120

And although there are no major

meteor showers in September,

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00:02:01,153 --> 00:02:04,690

cometary dust appears in

another late summer sight:

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00:02:04,723 --> 00:02:07,093

the morning Zodiacal Light.

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00:02:07,126 --> 00:02:08,961

Try looking for it in the east

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00:02:08,994 --> 00:02:11,797

on moonless mornings

very close to sunrise.

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00:02:12,765 --> 00:02:14,233

To learn more about

the Zodiacal Light,

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00:02:14,266 --> 00:02:17,003

watch "What's Up"

from March 2018.

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00:02:17,870 --> 00:02:19,372

You can catch up on

all of NASA's

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00:02:19,405 --> 00:02:24,010

current and future missions at:

www.nasa.gov

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00:02:25,111 --> 00:02:27,013

That's all for this month.

I'm Jane Houston Jones.

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00:02:27,747 --> 00:02:28,714

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