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00:00:04,550 --> 00:00:01,990

[Music]

2  
00:00:07,369 --> 00:00:04,560

what's up for January

3  
00:00:10,370 --> 00:00:07,379

planets have some close encounters the

4  
00:00:13,610 --> 00:00:10,380

bright stars of winter and a chance to

5  
00:00:15,530 --> 00:00:13,620

catch a comet all month after Sunset you

6  
00:00:17,810 --> 00:00:15,540

can see four planets without the aid of

7  
00:00:20,630 --> 00:00:17,820

binoculars or a telescope you'll find

8  
00:00:23,870 --> 00:00:20,640

Mars in the East Jupiter High overhead

9  
00:00:26,509 --> 00:00:23,880

and Saturn in the southwest with Venus

10  
00:00:28,609 --> 00:00:26,519

January 2nd finds the moon and Mars high

11  
00:00:30,349 --> 00:00:28,619

in the Southeast after sunset in a

12  
00:00:33,470 --> 00:00:30,359

lovely grouping with the Pleiades and

13  
00:00:36,770 --> 00:00:33,480

aldebaran then from about January 18th

14

00:00:39,889 --> 00:00:36,780

to the 24th watch Venus cross paths with

15

00:00:41,810 --> 00:00:39,899

Saturn as the glow of sunset Fades look

16

00:00:44,209 --> 00:00:41,820

for the pair low in the southwest about

17

00:00:46,610 --> 00:00:44,219

45 minutes after the sun dips below the

18

00:00:49,369 --> 00:00:46,620

Horizon the two planets appear their

19

00:00:51,350 --> 00:00:49,379

closest on January 22nd when they'll be

20

00:00:53,510 --> 00:00:51,360

only a third of a degree apart on the

21

00:00:54,830 --> 00:00:53,520

sky you'll be able to capture both of

22

00:00:57,529 --> 00:00:54,840

them in the same field of view through

23

00:00:59,630 --> 00:00:57,539

binoculars or a small telescope on the

24

00:01:01,910 --> 00:00:59,640

23rd the two planets are still only a

25

00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:01,920

degree apart and will be joined by a

26  
00:01:07,370 --> 00:01:05,280  
slim crescent moon and on January 25th

27  
00:01:09,830 --> 00:01:07,380  
looking to the Southwest 30 to 45

28  
00:01:12,289 --> 00:01:09,840  
minutes after Sunset look high above

29  
00:01:14,510 --> 00:01:12,299  
Venus and Saturn to find the moon only a

30  
00:01:16,609 --> 00:01:14,520  
degree apart from Jupiter about halfway

31  
00:01:19,370 --> 00:01:16,619  
up the sky

32  
00:01:21,950 --> 00:01:19,380  
January nights are filled with bright

33  
00:01:23,749 --> 00:01:21,960  
stars looking toward the South or

34  
00:01:25,490 --> 00:01:23,759  
Southeast in the first few hours after

35  
00:01:27,410 --> 00:01:25,500  
dark you'll spy the bright

36  
00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:27,420  
constellations of winter in the northern

37  
00:01:30,950 --> 00:01:28,560  
hemisphere

38  
00:01:33,710 --> 00:01:30,960

of course there's Orion the hunter the

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00:01:35,990 --> 00:01:33,720

big dog constellation Canis Major and

40

00:01:38,749 --> 00:01:36,000

the lesser-known little dog canis minor

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00:01:41,690 --> 00:01:38,759

with its bright star procyon and

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00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:41,700

y-shaped Taurus the Bull includes the

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00:01:46,370 --> 00:01:44,159

bright hyadis and Pleiades star clusters

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00:01:48,350 --> 00:01:46,380

and just ease the Orion you'll find the

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00:01:50,990 --> 00:01:48,360

bright stars Castor and Pollux which

46

00:01:52,670 --> 00:01:51,000

form the heads of the twins in Gemini

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00:01:54,889 --> 00:01:52,680

make sure you take a moment to

48

00:01:57,050 --> 00:01:54,899

appreciate the beauty of the January Sky

49

00:02:01,249 --> 00:01:57,060

which more than meets the definition of

50

00:02:03,830 --> 00:02:01,259

star-studded with so much to Marvel at

51  
00:02:05,510 --> 00:02:03,840  
recently discovered comet is now passing

52  
00:02:07,429 --> 00:02:05,520  
through the inner solar system and

53  
00:02:10,130 --> 00:02:07,439  
should be visible with a telescope and

54  
00:02:12,850 --> 00:02:10,140  
likely with binoculars the Comet which

55  
00:02:16,670 --> 00:02:12,860  
has a mouthful of a name c

56  
00:02:18,170 --> 00:02:16,680  
2022e3 ztf was first cited in March last

57  
00:02:20,570 --> 00:02:18,180  
year when it was already inside the

58  
00:02:22,970 --> 00:02:20,580  
orbit of Jupiter it makes its closest

59  
00:02:24,650 --> 00:02:22,980  
approach to the sun on January 12th and

60  
00:02:26,030 --> 00:02:24,660  
then passes its closest to Earth on

61  
00:02:29,330 --> 00:02:26,040  
February 2nd

62  
00:02:31,070 --> 00:02:29,340  
comets are notoriously unpredictable but

63  
00:02:33,050 --> 00:02:31,080

if this one continues its current Trend

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00:02:35,390 --> 00:02:33,060

in brightness it'll be easy to spot with

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00:02:37,070 --> 00:02:35,400

binoculars and it's just possible it

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00:02:39,890 --> 00:02:37,080

could become visible to the unaided eye

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00:02:41,210 --> 00:02:39,900

under Dark Skies observers in the

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00:02:43,250 --> 00:02:41,220

northern hemisphere will find the

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00:02:44,809 --> 00:02:43,260

comment in the morning sky as it moves

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00:02:47,030 --> 00:02:44,819

swiftly toward the Northwest during

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00:02:48,729 --> 00:02:47,040

January it'll become visible in the

72

00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:48,739

southern hemisphere in early February

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00:02:53,509 --> 00:02:51,360

this Comet isn't expected to be quite

74

00:02:56,270 --> 00:02:53,519

the spectacle of the Comet neowise was

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00:02:57,710 --> 00:02:56,280

back in 2020 but it's still an awesome

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00:03:00,170 --> 00:02:57,720

opportunity to make a personal

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00:03:03,350 --> 00:03:00,180

connection with an icy visitor from the

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00:03:05,330 --> 00:03:03,360

distant outer solar system

79

00:03:08,089 --> 00:03:05,340

here are the phases of the moon for

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00:03:11,990 --> 00:03:10,009

stay up to date with all of NASA's

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00:03:15,110 --> 00:03:12,000

missions to explore the solar system and

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00:03:16,850 --> 00:03:15,120

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