

# The Sky This Month

## 10 May – 14 June 2021



## What's On

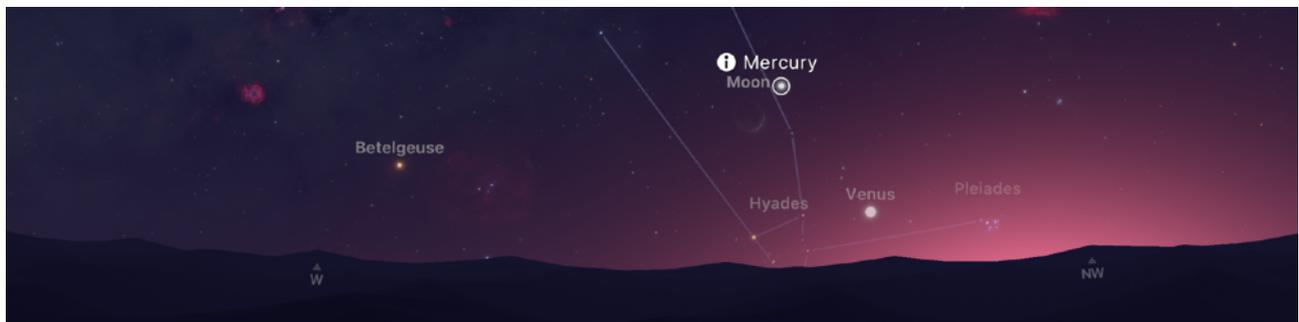
The Moon is putting on a big show in May. The full moon on the night of 25–26 May is not only a supermoon, but it's the best supermoon of 2021. It'll be a little bright and a little larger than average because super Moons are physically closer to the Earth than most full Moon's.

In the east, one of the prime summer constellations is on the rise. Boötes is supposed to be a hunting farmer, but honestly this constellation looks much more like a giant kite on its side, with the very bright star Arcturus at the kite's tail. Arcturus is also the brightest nighttime star available throughout the summer.

Thursday, 13 May 2021

### **The Moon, Venus & Mercury**

Low in the north-west after sunset, the crescent Moon hangs to the upper left of the evening star, Venus. Immediately to the right of the Moon you'll find innermost planet Mercury.



Friday, 14 May 2021

### **The Moon, Mars, Venus & Mercury**

In the evening twilight, the Moon lies below Mars and above Mercury, with Venus low on the horizon.

Wednesday, 26 May 2021

### **The 'Flower Moon'**

We are treated to the biggest and brightest full Moon of 2021, with the Moon just 357,314 km away. This Supermoon is 30% brighter than the faintest Full Moon.

Thursday, 10 June 2021

## **Annular solar eclipse**

While this annular solar eclipse is not visible from the UK – we will experience a partial eclipse (the sun will be obscured approx 20% at 11:13 am, rising to a max of 32% around 11:16 am).

Friday, 11 June 2021

## **Venus beside a narrow crescent Moon**

Soon after sunset, look to the lower right of glorious Venus to spot the narrowest crescent Moon.

Sunday, 13 June 2021

## **Mars, the Moon & Venus**

At 10:00 pm the crescent Moon is close to Mars, with Venus below the stars Pollux and Castor.

