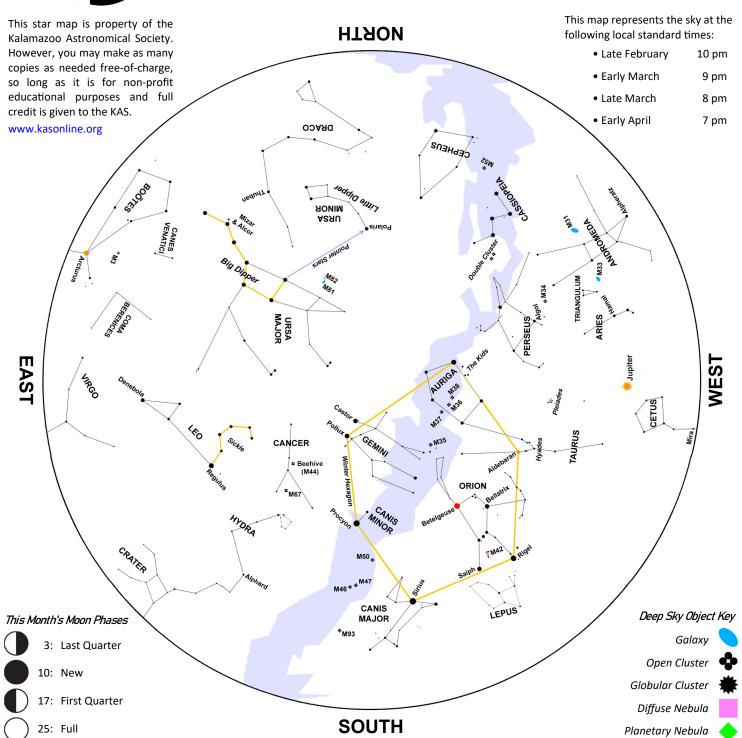


March Night Sky



ntares, the red-orange supergiant star that represents the heart of Scorpius, will only be 17" above the Moon when they rise together in the southeast on the morning of March 3rd. Binoculars may be needed to spot the star. Watch the Moon pull away from Antares until sunrise.

A waxing crescent Moon will be 3° to the upper right of Jupiter at dusk on March 13th.

On the following evening, March 14th, the crescent Moon gleams about 1½° below the Pleiades. Binoculars will add to the enjoyment of both events.

A penumbral lunar eclipse will be observable from west Michigan during the early morning hours of March 25th. During mid-eclipse, at 3:13 am EDT, you will notice an obvious darkening on the southern half of

the Moon's. About 96% of the Moon's disk will reside in Earth's penumbra. This eclipse is related to the total solar eclipse visible from the United States on April 8th.

The Moon, one day past full, and Spica will be about 3° apart on the evening of March 26th. We come full circle on the morning of March 30th. The Moon leads Antares by 4° when they rise in the southeast.