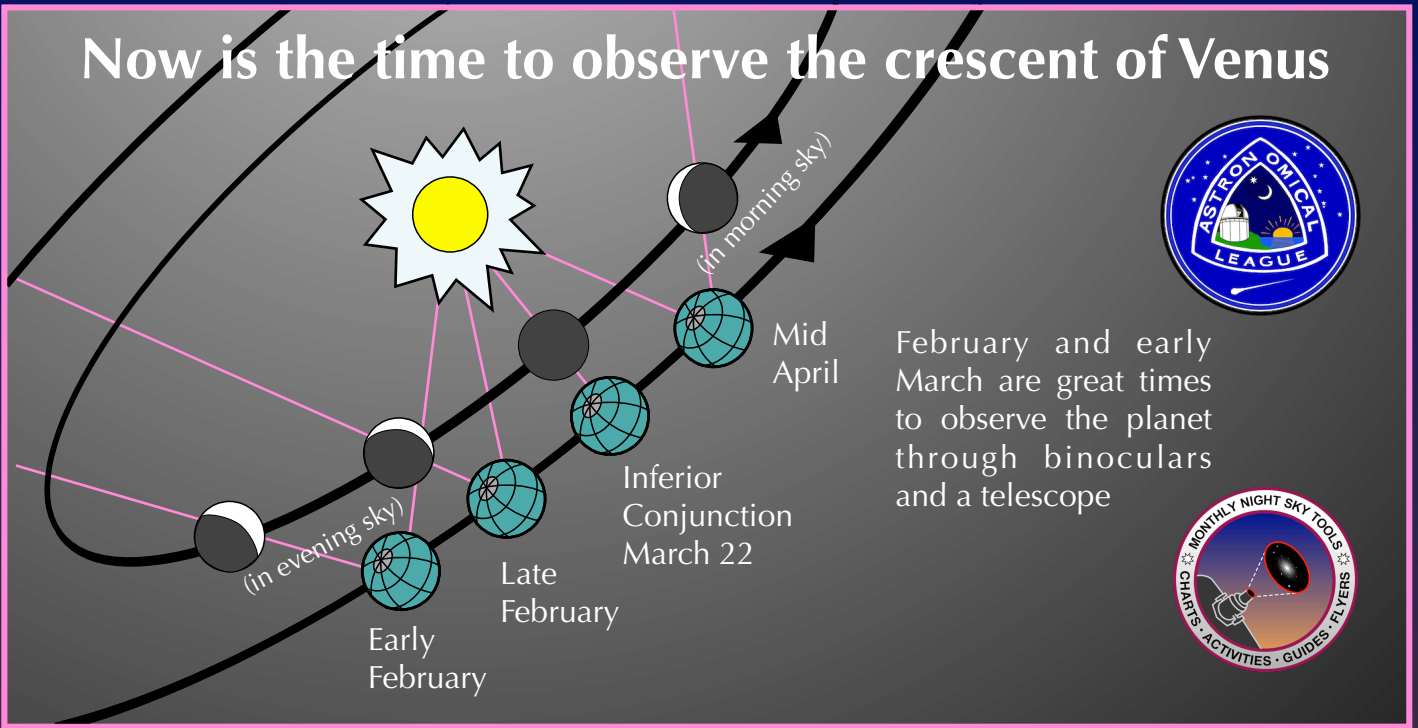
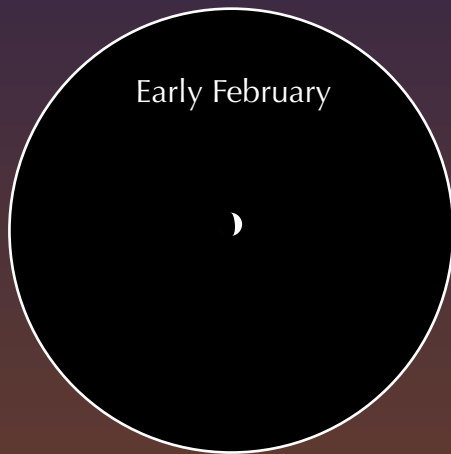


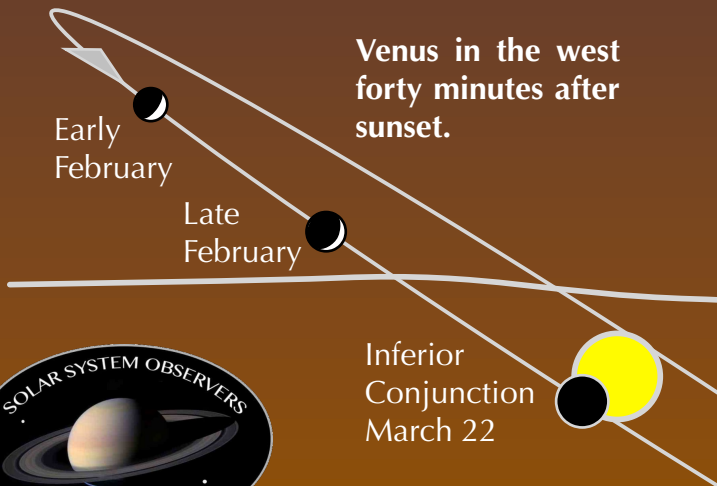
# Now is the time to observe the crescent of Venus



February and early March are great times to observe the planet through binoculars and a telescope



The view through a telescope changes quickly in just six weeks. As the Venus - Earth gap narrows, Venus becomes a thinner, but wider crescent.



If you use a reflector or SCT, placing an off-centered cut-out mask over the optical tube entrance helps give a sharper view.

