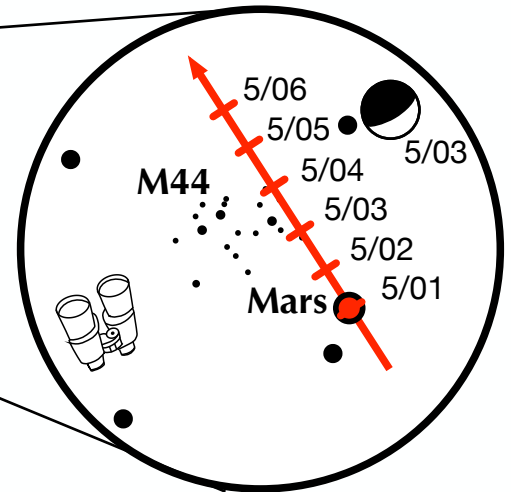
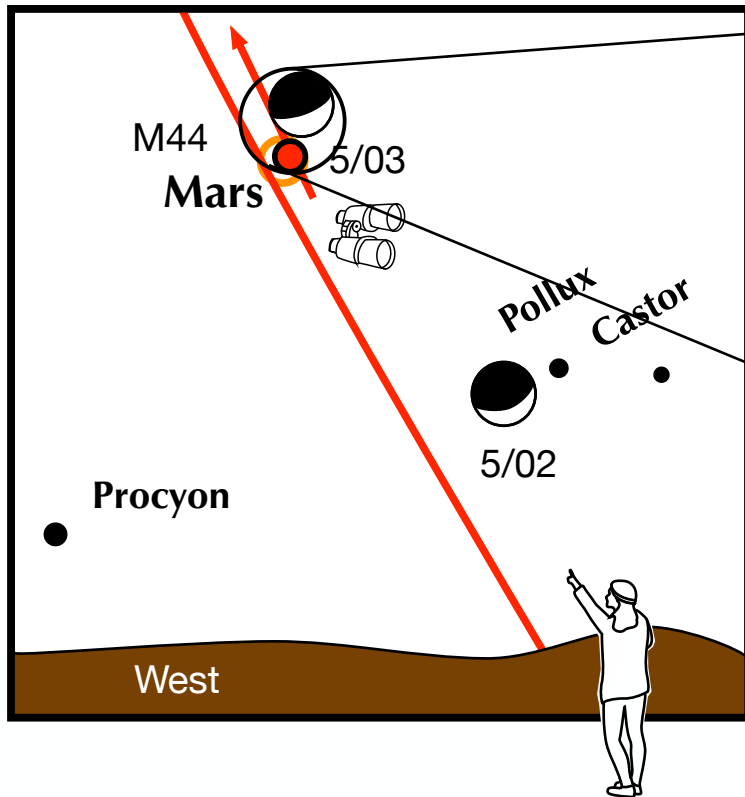




If you can see only one celestial event this month, see this one.



View through
10x50 binoculars

Beginning on May 1, look to the west-northwest 90 minutes after sunset.

- The twin stars of Gemini, Castor and Pollux, will be found forming a horizontal bar low above the horizon.
- On the following evening, the crescent moon moves near Pollux, almost forming a straight line with it and Castor.

- Red Mars slides toward M44, aka the Beehive Star cluster. Use binoculars to find Mars inching closer to the many stellar bees.

- On May 3, the thick crescent moon joins Mars sitting to the upper left of the red planet and above the bees.

- Over the next few evenings, the Red Planet moves past M44, leaving it on May 5.

