

Sky Notes : May 2011

Spring is a favourable time of the year for observing. Although the sky darkens later in the evening, the slightly milder weather makes observing much more comfortable.

There is not much specifically to mention this month, but the Deep Sky opportunities kick off this month – the start of the ‘galaxy season’. There is a huge swathe of galaxies to be found in the area around the constellations of Canes Venatici, Coma Berenices & Virgo.

➤ **Moon** : New on 3rd and Full on 17th

➤ **Planets**

- **Saturn** : The only planet well placed for observing. It will be found in the south-eastern sky in Virgo.