

Sky Notes : November 2011

➤ **Moon** : First Quarter – 2nd Full Moon – 10th Last (third) Quarter – 18th New Moon – 25th

➤ **Planets**

- **Venus** : Starts to become obvious in the southwest just after sunset.
- **Mars** : Rises around midnight & achieves a decent altitude. On 11th very close to Regulus in Leo.
- **Jupiter** : Remains very prominent in the east, travelling through the constellation of Aries.

➤ **Comets** : Comet C/2009 P1 (Garradd) continues its slow & lazy journey across the night sky, remaining in Hercules and more difficult to observe due to not very high altitude.

➤ **Meteors** :

- **Leonids** : A reliable shower, with very fast & bright meteors (often leaving trains), but with no clear maximum. Highest activity will be over the nights of 16-18th . The moon will interfere, but Leo rises late so the best time to observe will be after midnight!