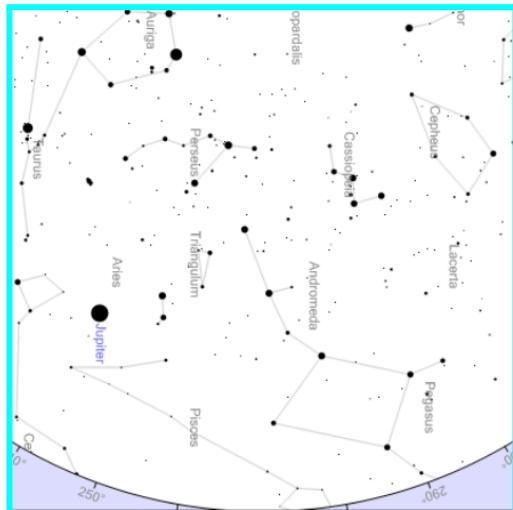
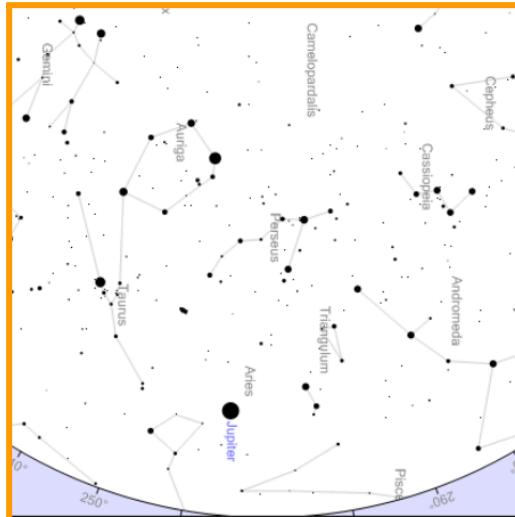


Visual aids to accompany StarDate Susitna 4-7-24, showing why the evening constellations in the western sky vanish so quickly during spring.

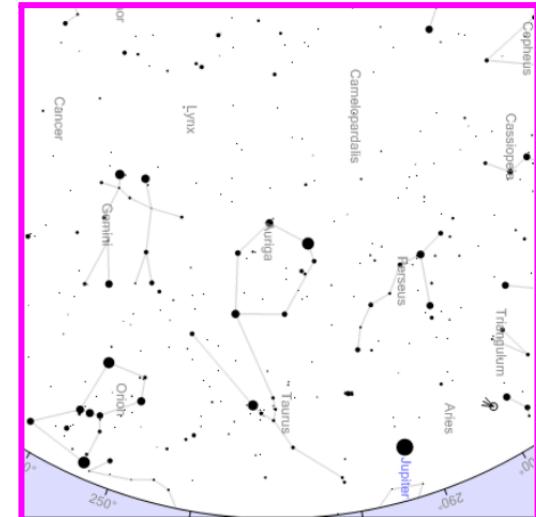
These charts show the sky LOOKING WEST at the same time each night, 10pm. This is to illustrate the normal, continuous westward progression of constellations over the course of months through the year.



10 pm AST Feb 1

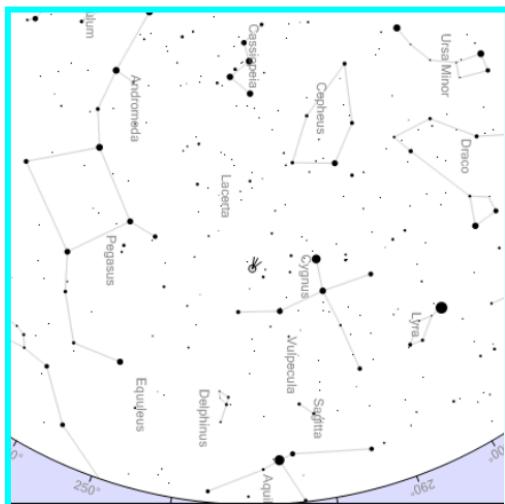


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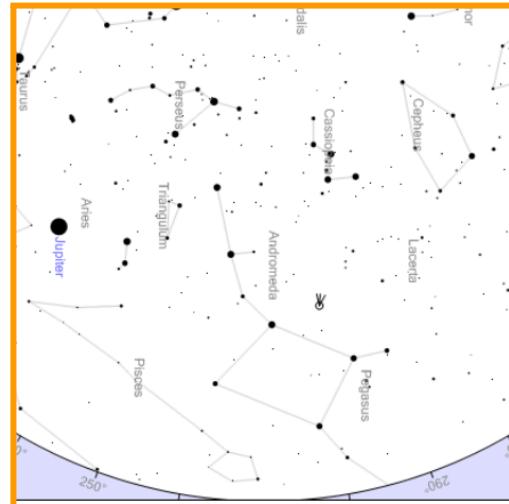


11 pm ADT (same as 10 pm AST) April 1

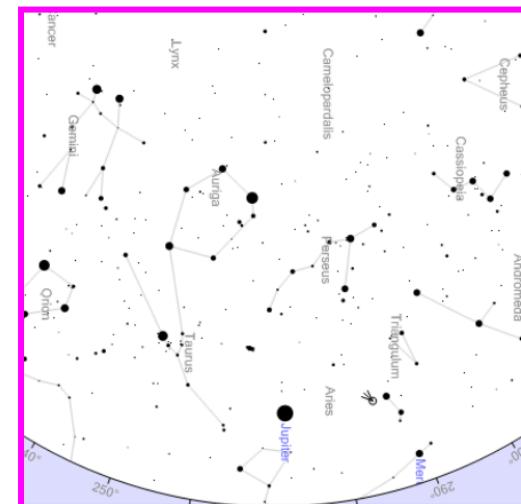
The following charts show the western sky during the same months, Feb Mar Apr, 1 HOUR AFTER SUNSET, early Nautical Twilight. “1 hour after sunset” gets dramatically later each night as our days get longer, causing western constellations to submerge unusually fast.



Feb 1 at 6:00 pm AST



March 1 at 7:25 pm



April 1 at 9:50 pm ADT