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Comet Siding Spring passes closer to Mars than any known comet

Mars

October 1

For all US observers, look west low to the horizon after sunset to find Mars and Saturn. The comet may be too faint to find in binoculars

October 19

If the comet is not visible at your location, it may be visible to our missions at Mars and we hope to get back images.

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October 31

The comet may be visible in late October and November, keep looking through your binoculars.

October 2014 What's Up Blog and Podcast: https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/news/whatsup

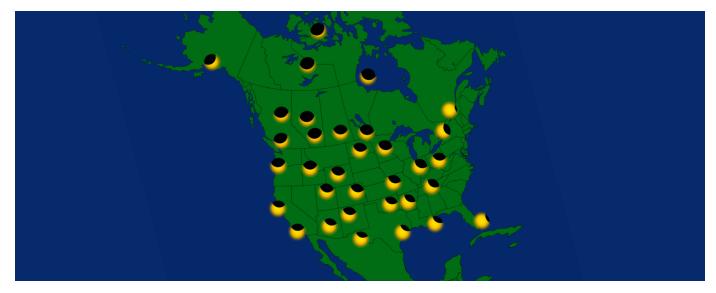
Comet Siding Spring's encounter with Mars: http://mars.nasa.gov/comets/sidingspring/

October Stargazing Highlights

Oct 4, 2014	Astronomy Day
Oct 7, 2014	Uranus at opposition
Oct 8, 2014	Total lunar eclipse, visible predawn
Oct 19, 2014	Comet Siding Spring at Mars
Oct 21, 2014	Orionid meteor shower
Oct 23, 2014	Partial solar eclipse. Visible in most of the U.S. (except ME, MA and NH)



Lunar Eclipse, October 8



Solar Eclipse, October 23

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